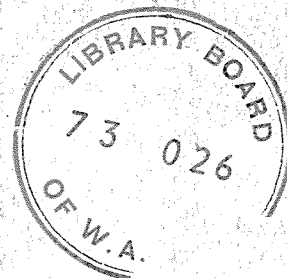


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- (1) Diary of W.S. Hall as a member of F.T. Gregory's expedition to the Ashburton, Fortescue and DeGrey districts, 1861.
- (2) Letter from John Wellard to W.S. Hall, June, 1863.
- (3) Diary of W.S. Hall, as manager of the first station in the Roebourne district, 1863-64.
- (4) Obituary notice of W.S. Hall from the "North West Times", Feb. 16, 1895.
- (5) Notes by Messrs H.E. and H.A. Hall and Mrs. G. Clifton, based chiefly on information gained from their father.

EXPLORATION OF THE NORTH - WEST.

April - November,

1861.

A DIARY

kept

by

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as a member of the North West Australian
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F.T. GREGORY,

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NOTES ON TEXT.

(By J.M. Clifton).

- (a). I think that this flower is what is now known as the cork bark tree.
- (b). The Sherlock River. There is also a Sherlock Station now.
- (c). The water tree, I believe, is the same as the cork bark tree and blossoms referred to in note (a).
- (d). The hills were called Redan Fortress & Malahoff Tower as they so resembled the originals.
- (e). Pyramid is now the site of a well-known station. The town of Roebourne now stands on the site described as "old noon halt".
- (f). ?

1861.

APRIL 23.

Went on board the "Dolphin" at 7 a.m. & by 11 got under weigh with a fresh breeze from the E.N.E. The portion of the party embarked comprised the following persons.

F.T. Gregory, Commander, J. Turner second in command, E. Brockman, J. McCourt, W.S. Hall, Assistants, & A. James Parrier.

Supplies for 8 months were provided; & 10 horses were put on board in Fremantle.

APRIL 27.

Anchored in Champion Bay about 10 a.m.

APRIL 28.

Sunday.

APRIL 29.

Party employed in filling up ship's water casks.

APRIL 30.

The same.

MAY 1.

Swam 10 horses off to the ship about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile, one of them old Joe the Miller, as awkward as the devil, attempted to commit suicide by drowning & as I prevented him from doing that, gave me a good ducking.

MAY 2.

Sailed at 4 p.m.

MAY 6.

Sighted Cape Cuvier at noon.

MAY 7.

Sighted North West Cape at 10 a/m.

MAY 10.

Sighted Le Gendre Island at daylight & dropped anchor at 6 p.m. in 13 fathoms - between DeCambre & Hiray Island (I think).

MAY 11.

At 2 p.m. weighed anchor and stood in S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W & anchored in 2 fathoms in Nicol Bay; manned boat at 3 p.m. to take soundings up Bay, S.W. course; myself acting as coxwain under Mr. Gregory's directions; after dark endeavoured to land on Eastern shore, got into broken water, with rocky bottom, boat going bump! bump! bump! which I reckon "Cupid" did not much admire on his $\frac{1}{2}$ inch pine bottom. Shoved off, breakers ahead hard a port, & more by good luck than good management, got out the way we got in - ship sent up a rocket, & burnt blue light, endeavoured to make her, but too dark, too late, too windy; & ship too distant. Sailors tired out at midnight, & hove up; so we spent the night in the middle of the bay, all wet through. About 4 p.m. boat in broken water again, as

we had all been asleep & she drifting; tried to pull through it, but the farther we pulled the worse we made of it, breakers everywhere, & we in the midst of them, clear of them after an hard pull for an hour or two, at daylight found ourselves on a lee shore, & blowing hard, ship about 9 miles to windward, after pulling hard till noon we were more abreast of her, but had not made an inch, except lee way.

Sailors wished to beach the boat, but the surf was too heavy, at last a boat came from the ship, with biscuits, brandy & a tow rope, three things which we all very much required as we had not taken any food with us, arrived on board at 3 p.m.

MAY 13.

Went on shore in full force & armed with two boats, to the Eastern side of the bay. Captain Dixon returned to the ship with his boat; we remained & slept on oars & etc in the boat, with a wet sail to cover us, not first rate lodging by any means.

MAY 14.

McCourt and I were left in charge of the boat, while Mr. Gregory & some of the party went on a tour of inspection; & came back at 3 p.m. well tired and much in want of water, not having found any. The tide rose from 5 ft to 21 feet.

MAY 15.

Mr. G. & party went on shore on west side of Bay, dug a well & obtained water, rather brackish, & good feed near it. Two natives came on board, one 6ft 4 inches (height) on logs like a canoe in shape, they paddled with their hands; & managed them well & expeditiously; they came about 5 miles to the ship.

MAY 16.

Weighed anchor at 8 a.m. & stood in for Sandy Cove (Hearson) where the party had found water the previous day; & anchored in $2\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms at low water, 3 miles from the shore. As we were about to land with 2 horses, a gun in the boat in advance of ours went off & shot Mr Hearson the 2nd mate through both thighs; with a ball. (I saw the poor fellow fall) it was done accidentally; & as such things usually are, through carelessness.

MAY 17.

Landed 4 horses. Many natives came to the camp. Mr. Gregory & Browne drove them away; & fired at one who seemed to have a longing for horse flesh.

MAY 18.

Landed two horses - rather rough; natives about; much rain.

MAY 19.

Sunday. Much rain during previous night. Landed two horses.

MAY 20.

6 horses. Messrs Gregory & Browne rode out to inspect intended route.

MAY 21.

Last four horses were landed; as we had to swim them all three miles, we were fortunate in getting them all safely on shore. Landed some stores; James shoeing Heavy rain through the night (Winter rains unusual in these parts).

MAY 22.

Landed remainder of provisions; & Smith shoeing. Mr. G & Brown out reconnoitring route; had to leave horses (their horses) on account of rise of tide.

Camp in Hearson Cove Nicol Bay.

Lat - $20^{\circ} 54'$. Long - $116^{\circ} 45'$

(Doubtful).

MAY 23.

Preparing to start. Brown & Harding brought in horses left out by Mr. Gregory. Mr. Hearson removed to on board ship.

MAY 24.

Started from Camp in Bay. The horses not being used to packs, commenced such jumping, rearing & rearing, as would have astonished the natives had there been any about; so we returned to camp to repair damages & alter pack saddles.

MAY 25.

Started better prepared; & travelled for about 9 miles

through rocky hills & valleys, with little grass, which brought us to a salt marsh 2 miles in extent; this we crossed with some little difficulty, had to unload our horses; country beyond extensive plains, with rocky hills, no timber, feed in patches; camped in dry watercourse with stunted gums; obtained water in clay pans on plain.

Course S. by N & S 16 miles.

(Camp 2)

MAY 26.

Sunday. Travelled 1 mile & camped on Maitland (or) (Sunday) River, fine pool of water, with plenty of good grass; 30 cockatoos shot by Brockman & McCourt at two shots.

(Camp 3) Lat $20^{\circ} 54'$ Long $116. 36'$.

MAY 27.

18 miles S.S. West by S over large plains with rocky ranges; & Triodia; heavy rain through the night, turned out to save stores from flood; as we had camped in a dry creek.

(Camp 4).

MAY 28.

12 miles about S.W. Hills less stony, low ground, very soft with much Triodia - Crossed a stream with water, saw 2 rose cockatoos; & 2 beautiful crested Pheasants.

(Lat $21^{\circ} 7'$ Long $116^{\circ} 4'$ Water in clay pans 'Camp 5).

MAY 29.

15 miles S.W. & S. Struck on large watercourse (Fortescue River) drift 20 feet high in trees. Shot 2 Pelicans, awfully strong food, at least in scrub. River 150 yards wide, & much serpentine in it. Cliffs of Metamorphic sandstone, very high. Lat $21^{\circ} 18'$ Long $116. 4'$.

(Camp 6).

MAY 30.

About 16 miles following up bends of river in all directions, but made only about 6 miles in E. & S. course. We endeavoured to travel the bed of the river; but had to return in consequence of the hills being too rough for the horses, saw some natives. Camp 7. Lat $21^{\circ} 19' 29''$.

Very bad travelling for the horses.

MAY 31.

About 16 miles up river a little to the S of E but probably not more than half that distance in a direct line. Bad travelling, all stones, principally Serpentine; & Granite, with some Flint, & Quartz: One little tributary to the river from S. (Camp 8)

Brown hunted a black into the river. Cajeput trees, Flooded guns; & some grass on river.

JUNE 1.

Course up river, 16 miles, fine pools of water more frequent, large tributary from the S. We found the Queen

of Australian flowers today ; & called it the White Dragon or water tree (by account).

(a).

Camp 9. Lat $21^{\circ} 28'$. Long $116^{\circ} 31'$.

General remarks on country. Hills metamorphic sandstone frequently very rough & broken, with some Granite & Trap changed by heat.

The plains for miles covered with debris from hills, & producing little else but triodia, which the horses will not eat, except when in seed, no timber on either hills or plains; but some gum, cajeput trees, & other strange shrubs in the river bed; & many sorts of grass. Several lots of natives seen, & white ant hills all over the country 9 to 10 feet high.

JUNE 2.

Sunday. Camped for the day, excellent feed, the best since we left the bay.

JUNE 3.

13 miles E by S little till noon, after which the river led us to the northward of E. The country presenting the same aspect as previously. Camp 10 Lat $21^{\circ} 27'$.

JUNE 4.

9 miles course the same as before. The hills as rough as usual; & bed of river almost impassable, on account of narrowing; as some considerable branches were passed. The horses continually falling heavily & getting bogged, lost 5 shoes.

Today the river turned more to the S.E. in the afternoon.

(Camp 11 Lat 21° 33' L 117° by account)

JUNE 5.

10 miles about S. We were compelled to brave the river; as after starting we soon found ourselves locked in, with steep cliffs on one hand; & deep water on the other.

We travelled over very rough steep ranges, for 5 miles; & a plain for about 5 more, with some grass, which brought us to the foot of a fine bold range of hills (named the Hamersley) where we camped without water.

The ranges we traversed in the early part of the day, have something of the auriferous character, with however but little quartz, & the trap horizontal.

Light shower or two through night. Camp 12.

JUNE 6.

3 miles N.E. We returned to the river for water, & struck it 7 miles above where we left it.

The plain at the foot of the Hamersley Range is excellent soil, rich deep brown loam, with excellent feed up to our saddle flaps. We passed over much quartz, some covered with a calcareous looking substance. Here the river is a very fine stream, & on its banks we first met with an extraordinary palm tree, with branches 7 feet wide, & 8 feet long. (*Syagrus revoluta*) 4 ft High. The party caught a bucketful of fish, some 2½ lbs weight, somewhat resembling a cobbler. Fine grass & good soil on river. The plain at the foot of Hamersley Range was named the

Chichester Downs. Camp 13.

JUNE 7.

12 miles S.E. by E. Fine feeding ground most of the day. The river presented a fine sheet of water, which to our surprise terminated rather abruptly.

The ration was reduced to 1 lb of flour per diem & little enough too.

Camp 14. Lat $21^{\circ} 40'$ Long $117^{\circ} 17'$

JUNE 8.

20 miles E.S.E. Much good grass & land till noon; after which inferior. Here we first found a wild plum. After dark the horses commenced rushing along at a furious pace. I thought they smelt water, camped without any for them, or feed either, as they were tied up we had water in our flasks. Camp 15 Lat $21^{\circ} 49'$.

JUNE 9.

Sunday. In about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile came on water & camped.

Found remains of native in tree. Camp 15.

Camp 15.

JUNE 10.

23 miles E.S.E. Much good feed. Saw 8 or 10 natives; & came on a little miserable child, & gave him some

Damper. Found very productive melons. No water except in flasks. Camp 17. Lat $21^{\circ} 55'$, 118°

JUNE 11.

20 miles S. Good feed & some triodia, water in clay pans

none at night except in flasks. Camp 18. Lat $22^{\circ} 12'$

JUNE 12.

Came on water at 10 a.m. Ascended two gullies & found them impassable, last one running water. Main channel of the Fortescue River. 3 miles S.E. Camp 19. Lat $22^{\circ} 15'$ Long $118^{\circ} 4' 30''$.

JUNE 13.

17 miles S. Crossed very steep ranges, on to plain, with fine grass, & plenty of water, but not permanent.

Camp 20. Lat $22^{\circ} 26'$.

JUNE 14.

17 miles S S W no water for horses since 2 p.m. Very steep ranges crossed, could not keep the horses together after dark, as the country was so very rough, lost one, but found him after much trouble, poor feed. Camp 21. Lat $22^{\circ} 41'$.

JUNE 15.

15 miles W $2\frac{1}{2}$ N - which brought us to water at 4 p.m. horses very much in need of it. We had water in our flasks but were afraid to drink much of it. Poor feed & rocky ground. Camp 22.

JUNE 16.

Sunday. Read prayers & repaired harness.

JUNE 17.

13 miles S & 7N Course down large dry creek, through

poor country, found water, at foot of large white & pink trap cliff at 10 a.m. & again at noon by digging in gravel. We saw an extraordinary cave like a Gothic arch. Tracks of several natives seen. No water for horses at night. (Camp 23).

JUNE 18.

9 miles S.W. Following down dry creek; till McCourt & I went in search of water (of which we stood in much need) & found plenty on a plain 1 mile off, (not permanent) with excellent feed. Camp 24. Lat $22^{\circ} 56'$. Long by acct $117^{\circ} 21'$.

JUNE 19.

Unable to proceed as Mr. Gregory was very ill from, having eaten, some Mesembryanthemum. It had no bad effect on me.

JUNE 20.

10 miles N a.m. & 10 S W p.m. Left old Lennard (a horse) done up. Followed down dry creek. I hope those black rascals, will not eat him; as we may want him ourselves. Poor country & feed, no water for horses at night. Permanent water at noon. (Camp 25).

JUNE 21.

6 miles N.W. In which direction the creek seemed to bend. No appearance of any water; so we returned to yesterday's noon halt, & for depot camp. - Camp 26. Lat $22^{\circ} 58'$ Long $117^{\circ} 10'$.

JUNE 22.

Mr Gregory - with light party of 3 & 7 horses, started to finish exploration to river Lyons.

JUNE 23.

In camp with Turner, McCourt, & James living first rate, on cockatoos, crested doves, pigeons &c. (Camp 27)

JUNE 24.

In camp repairing harness, washing, looking after horses.

JUNE 25, 26, 27, 28.

The same.

JUNE 29.

Gentle rain all the morning. Mr. G & party returned having sighted Mt. Augustus; & the Lyons flats; they travelled about 60 geographical miles S & discovered three rivers, one the Ashburton, larger than the Fortescue.

JUNE 30.

Sunday. As usual.

JULY 1.

Homeward bound. 12 miles on outward track to old Lennard's flat, where we found him much improved.

JULY 2.

22 miles Found water in gravel (on outer track) very low at 2 p.m. Camped at white & pink. Plenty of water

Camp 34.

JULY 3.

15 miles, left old track to the S.E. returned to it at

noon; & found just enough water in rocky water hole for horses. No water for horses at night but fine feed. Some of party fired at emu quite close ; & missed him. Could have done as much myself.

Camp 35 Lat $22^{\circ} 32'$.

JULY 4.

24 miles we gradually neared outward track to within 2 miles, when we came on plenty of water & feed at 5 p.m. horses much in want of it. Camp 35.

JULY 5.

18 miles. We found a good pass into the Hamersley Range & struck old track at 11 a.m. Dined on S.W. branch of Fortescue River & followed it out, much better, than the way we came in. Left on plain, no water for horses.

Camp 37.

JULY 6.

20 miles. Struck river in an hour, plenty of water; passed bullrush pool at 10.30 a.m., followed river down for 13 miles. Camp 38.

64 geographical miles south of Bay.

JULY 7.

Sunday. Made jam of wild plum. Turner & self had a long walk after 6 horses, did not find them, I killed a snake close to my feet while bathing. Many cockatoos shot. Caught a strange little animal. ((Marginal note: This animal was rare, furry, generally seen at deserted camps, sitting, with its hind legs hooked over its shoulders;

never more than one at a time seen ++.

A comet which had disappeared for some time since, made its appearance, not so bright as previously.

JULY 8.

In camp. Maitland Brown, Brockman, & McCourt, out after horses (6) brought them in at about 3.30 from 15 miles off on back track.

JULY 9.

15 miles. 4 horses out till 11 a.m. 8 miles off near old camp. Passed several pools of water during the day.

Lat 21° 41' Long 117. 47 Camp 39.

JULY 10.

12 miles N. Fine grassy undulating plains (but very stony) till 10. 3 a.m. After which rocky ranges. Made a creek at noon, with running water; & almost impassable bed &

banks. Horses very much tried; but few with a set of

shoes; & many very lame. Left old track. Made about

7½ miles Westering. Lat 21° 29' 10" Bay about 75 miles

by account - Camp 40 (Sherlock)

JULY 11.

15 miles N.N.E. The stream gradually became larger till

it is now a river of considerable size & named the

Sherlock. Much trouble to get the horses over the stones

Shot a Pelican. (Camp 40)

JULY 12.

15 miles N.N.W. at first bed of river very stony; after which deep sand, more suitable to horses. Saw several natives; & peculiar mode of catching birds under boughs. Our own & the horses' shoes nearly worn out.

Brackish water at 5 p.m. Camp 42.

JULY 13.

7 miles W. Large sheet of water, with plenty of wild fowl. Mr. Gregory shot a fine swan; & Mr. Brown a beautiful strange teal. Plenty of fish in river. Horses very lame. Tree never seen before with long nut smelling like garlic.

We called this part of the "Sherlock" Lake Plenty. Lat $21^{\circ} 6'$ Long $117^{\circ} 32'$. Camp 43.

JULY 14.

Sunday. Mr. Brockman shot a swan, 7 ducks, 6 cockatoos & 2 swamp hens. Mr. Brown shot three ducks & a rock kangaroo & James & myself caught about 40 lbs weight of fish, one $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

A strange bird; in some parts (ways) it resembles a gowl. A large white crane was also seen with many black shags. Many tracks of natives. Emus, dogs (dingos) turkeys & other wild animals.

JULY 15.

15 miles N.N.W. compelled to leave one of our best horses (Rocket) quite done up in his feet; & but for the drift

sand would soon have had to leave more; as he is a sample of the mah.

Water in claypan; in river; very poor country. Camp 44

Lat $20^{\circ} 54' 45''$

JULY 16.

15 miles N.W. & S.W. Making about 10 miles of westing
Extensive grassy plain for 3 hours, which ran to the N.E.

as far as the eye could reach. At 11 a.m. a little
water in river (fresh) & saw an extensive sheet of water
running into an estuary at 2 p.m. Much triodia; & a little
grass, with poor sandy loam. We passed many salt water
creeks; & at 5.30 found sufficient water to give horses a
gallon each (in small dry water course) Much grass, but
no wood, cooked with brush.

Saw 8 or 9 natives fishing with nets who all ran away; they
had large nets; & small wooden troughs; & mutton fish
shells of great size, for water vessels. Also a ring
cushion to carry them on their heads. We found much grass
seed in their camp; in course of preparation for food, &
a meat tin; & pine board. Camp 45. Lat $20^{\circ} 52'$ Long
 $117^{\circ} 15'$.

JULY 17.

18 miles W. by S. Large plains with pretty good feed
through the morning; water at 11 a.m. in granite, also
water in clay water course at 3 p.m. land and feed about
the same as above; but triodia & poor land at night;

without water Camp 46.

JULY 18.

25 miles W. Extensive plains, with some grass & much triodia, water 11 a.m. in creek; at 3 p.m. passed very large quartz reef. Sighted ship at 4 o'clock; crossed marsh & camped on Island. Camp 47.

JULY 19.

6 miles W to old camp in Hearson Cove. On firing a shot the boat which was about 1 mile on her way to the ship returned. The Bay & ship by far the prettiest part of country.

In camp from 19th to 29th shoeing horses, repairing harness &c &c

EXPEDITION TO ROEBUCK BAY.

JULY 29.

4 miles S by W. Started at 5 p.m. to shorten distance to find water (about 25 miles). Camped near little brackish pool, poor feed. I found my knee very painful from having run many horse shoe nails into it.

JULY 30.

2 miles. On old track; as soon as we were on the march the horses stuck in the mud, 3 or 4 at once; but by quickly unloading them they did not seem to be injured much.

We camped at water, which found at 11 a.m.

Dug for some water for horses. Camp 48.

JULY 31.

16 miles. On old track; but a little nearer range, camped at 3 p.m. on river of considerable size, one branch of which is most likely the granite water hole, struck on route in. Now named the Harding. Excellent feed Camp 49.

AUGUST 1.

17 miles a little to the S.E. of old track. Mr G shot a kangaroo very different from those west. About 30 seen today. Came on large pool of fresh water one of many in river; not seen on in track. Camped at 3 p.m. & found water very cold, when bathing. Pigeons, cockatoos, ducks & black shags in abundance. Camp 50 Lat $21^{\circ} 54'$.

AUGUST 2.

23 miles. Struck old track about 8 miles, to the west of Lake Plenty; we found the remains of our horse Rocket. Shot two native dogs. Strong S.E. winds about this time very cold (named this river the Sherlock) Camp 51.

AUGUST 3.

10 miles on old track to water at bird cages till noon halt (10 miles) After which course more easterly; & struck another branch of the Sherlock; with water in flags; but poor feed. Camp 52 Lat $21^{\circ} 7'$

AUGUST 4.

Sunday.

AUGUST 5.

20 miles E.S.E. neither feed or water all day. Granite

hills all bare; & plains almost as bad; all hands in search of water, without success. A native told us we should find no water to the east; but plenty to the south. This we found correct. Camped in dry gully in ranges. Camp 53 Lat $21^{\circ} 10'$.

AUGUST 6.

7 miles S.W. Struck water about 10 a.m. Horses much in want of it. Followed bed of stream up for about 5 miles (or 7) Found it quite dry. No water for horses at night. Camp 54. Shot 10 cockatoos 3 ducks.

AUGUST 7.

4 miles down stream to water; & found depot camp. Caught a number of perch with our hands. Camp 55 Lat $21^{\circ} 14' 28''$

AUGUST 8.

Mr. Gregory started with two of the party in search of a practicable route; leaving 5 in camp, repairing harness &c. A little light rain today.

AUGUST 9.

As above.

AUGUST 10.

Mr. Gregory returned at 5 p.m. having discovered a large river 30 miles off; which he named the Yule.

AUGUST 11.

Shooting & fishing with McCourt with little success. Shot a large kingfisher, (Sunday) Long $118^{\circ} 3' E$.

AUGUST 12.

23 miles E. Started from depot camp, for Yule River, came on rocky water hole, at 3.30 p.m. in dry creek. We slept on plain, plenty of feed.

AUGUST 13.

7 ms E to Yule where we found many large pools of water, with large beds of drift sand between. Party shot some ducks & cockatoos. Lat $21^{\circ} 6' 22''$

AUGUST 14.

20 miles. Starting on a S.S.E. course; but finding no water on the branch we were following, left it when after some hours finding no water, returned to the river by a S.W. course; & made it many miles above last camp.

Mr. G shot a fine emu. Country very barren, red granite hills; & across sandy plains, covered with triodia.

Obtained water by digging. Camp 58. Lat 21. 23. 23.

AUGUST 15.

15 miles S.E. up river, the country the same as yesterday, passed 2 small pools of water; & dug for some at noon; had a little feed for horses on river bank. Camp 59.

Lat $21^{\circ} 32' 13''$.

AUGUST 16.

18 miles E. Country same as above, very extensive plain. Scanty feed supply of water, for horses at noon by digging.

Branch of river almost run out. Towards evening feed much improved about native well on plain. Camp 60

Lat $21^{\circ} 34'$

AUGUST 17.

13 ms E by S country somewhat improved, found water for noon halt, under high cliff, very difficult of approach. P.m. country very poor, struck stream, & followed it down. Plenty of feed in small patches, with water; saw 9 natives today. Camp 61.

AUGUST 18.

Sunday. Lat $21^{\circ} 36' 8''$ Long $119^{\circ} 13'$.

AUGUST 19.

15 ms: N & E The river increased much in size. one very fine pool, where the party shot 6 teal & 2 ducks. Several tributaries to river; & led us about 7 miles E, when it changed its course N, which we followed about 8 miles. Some good feed on its banks; but country generally very poor and rough, with bare granite hills; & but little of it flat, much quartz for some days (now auriferous) today laminated & feldspathic granite & quartz. The horses begin to show fatigue. Camp 52. Lat $21^{\circ} 26'$.

AUGUST 20.

18 miles: 16 E on course. Route from N.E. to E.S.E. over rocky undulating country. We left the river Strelley & passed over several other streams till we found one trending East, which we followed & camped in Glen Herring. Camp 63. Lat $21^{\circ} 20' 35''$.

AUGUST 21.

(22½ ms) 18 on course. Mr. G shot a turkey, & we caught

5 young emus. Came on river of considerable size named it the Shaw. Good feed on flats. (poor land between) plenty of water now at night for horses. Camp 64, Lat $21^{\circ} 20'$
AUGUST 22.

(20 ms) About 16 E. found small pool of water in dry stream bed 10 a.m. & running water at noon halt. Also at 4 p.m. & sundown. Country rough & hilly with much triodia Camp 65. Lat $21^{\circ} 28'$ (Emu Creek)

AUGUST 23.

(17 ms) 10 E. Travelling S.E. & N. water at noon & again at dusk by digging. Camp 66 Lat $21^{\circ} 23'$.

AUGUST 24.

(5 ms) 3 ms Lasting Camped at 10.15 a.m. to rest horses. (As they were looking very bad) On creek running into the hills instead, as it appeared out of them with plenty of feed & water. We saw one native man & three women; who as usual ran away. Camp 67. Lat $21^{\circ} 20'$

AUGUST 25.

Sunday. Longitude by observation $120^{\circ} 17' 30''$ E.
Caught an opossum.

AUGUST 26.

12 ms E & about 15 with northing. We followed the creek down till it received several tributaries; & became one of the finest rivers in these parts (Named it the Merival) With running water & more luxuriant feed; here it is about 60 yards broad & appears to be deep, extending in

a sheet further than the eye can reach; & is bordered with a margin of bamboo; & water tree in full blossom (c). At noon halt turned out under the largest gum tree we had seen; up which a native had concealed himself. Saw 7 red tailed cockatoos. Camp 68.

AUGUST 27.

10 ms northerly & 7 ms E.S.E. after we left the main stream (which was named the DeGrey) at 3.30 p.m. Shot 6 whistling ducks; & caught a number of perch at noon halt, fine river for wild fowl. We struck another creek more on our course with water; but dug for it at night; Horses scarcely able to move forward. Camp 69.

AUGUST 28.

12 ms E over some of the roughest ranges we have crossed, composed of quartz metamorphic sandstone & trap. Found a little water, also at 1 p.m. by digging in same creek. Turpin & Old Joe quite done up. Compelled to leave them. 3 more but little better. Camped on flat with good feed; & plenty of spring water. Saw three native women who tried to hide their heads in the grass. Camp 70

Lat $21^{\circ} 9'$.

AUGUST 29.

10 ms E. The horses left behind were brought in at 10 a.m. At 2 p.m. started for another River (Oakover) which we made about dark. Horses much done up, plenty of feed & water. Camp 71.

AUGUST 30.

8 ms E.E. up the river, plenty of feed & water 6 ducks & 3 cockatoos shot; did not travel till p.m. Caught 147 little perch; 4 of party dismounted; & their horses packed. Camp 72.

AUGUST 31.

10 ms. S. We travelled about 15 miles before we made a halt; but lost some distance in having to return to the river for water (westward) We saw two chockalocks & 6 red tail cockatoos. River bearing westward of South Camp 73 Lat $21^{\circ} 23' 43''$.

SEPTEMBER 1.

Sunday. Brockman & Brown shot 18 pigeons.

SEPTEMBER 2.

16 ms E Route at first over about 7 miles of plain, of a poor description, then ranges till noon, where we found water in a creek; with plenty of feed, p.m. climbing barren hills of bare rock, which we got through, about sundown; & found water in a sandy creek. We then travelled on to a native camp; & rode through it shouting to them; as it was dark, they thought we were other blacks; & almost ran over us when they found out their mistake. Camped about a mile below them; & kept a sharp look out. Camp 74. Lat $21^{\circ} 21' 30''$.

SEPTEMBER 3.

E.S.E. 18 ms. Travelling up sand plain, with low sand

ridges on either hand. Country very barren & appeared the same from the hills all round. Horses much in want of water. So we were compelled to retrace our steps, leaving Old Joe behind. Camp 75.

SEPTEMBER 4.

13 ms back on outward track to water at native camp, which we made at noon. The horses had been without water since the previous morning, 2 other horses were left some distance out.

SEPTEMBER 5.

In camp, as the horses were unable to proceed. Brockman & M Brown shot 3 kangaroos.

SEPTEMBER 6.

Mr. Gregory having started with two of the party, 6 horses & 16 days rations to the S.E. left 5 of us in depot camp at native water hole. B shot a rock kangaroo.

SEPTEMBER 7.

In camp.

SEPTEMBER 8.

Same (Sunday) Mr Brown returned at 8 p.m. for assistance as Mr. Gregory was obliged to fall back on depot for want of water, having left 2 horses to die, with rations packs &c; & he & Harding were alone, 18 miles out with about 1 pint of water each; & much fatigued.

SEPTEMBER 9.

Brown & Brockman started with first horses to Mr Gregory

(with water &c.) James & self out after the horses they had turned adrift; we tracked them over some of the roughest country I ever saw but found them at last. The one I found had been 84 hours with only 2 quarts of water. -

Mr. G & party arrived at 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10.

1 mile back on outward track for better camp.

SEPTEMBER 11.

6 miles on outward track to previous noon halt; when old Skueball detained us for the remainder of the day. We caught about 50 small fish in this tributary to the Oakover; which was named the Davis. Camp 78.

SEPTEMBER 12.

10 miles a little to the north of old track. Compelled to shoot old Skueball; as we could not get him on by any possible means. I was away from the party most of the day; but made the camp; at the junction of the Davis & Oakover; about sundown. Camp 79.

SEPTEMBER 13.

7 miles down Oakover we saw some pretty good timber & came to a halt on a deep creek with excellent feed caught about 20 lbs of fish Camp 80.

SEPTEMBER 14.

14 miles down bed of river, passed the first place, we struck it at 10.30 a.m. & junction of large S. tributary at 11.30. its banks now present a most beautiful appear-

ance, with plenty of feed & water. Camp 81. Lat 20° 59'.

SEPTEMBER 15.

Sunday. Enjoying a little of the "otium cum dignitate" often talked of; but seldom found (Thermometer 122 Degrees)

SEPTEMBER 16.

18 ms: N.W. Sown bed of Oakover, scenery very beautiful.

Killed a large green sanke, about 6 feet long. Camp 82

Lat 20° 46'.

SEPTEMBER 17.

18 ms: W. by N. Our route today has been partly in river bed; & partly from bend to bend. On the plains we observed hills resembling the ruins of old fortresses (d).

to the N. by E. Camp 83 Lat 20° 4'

SEPTEMBER 18.

Route as above (12 miles) Oakover joined the Degrey at about 7 miles distant We passed some fine pools of water in both; fine feed. We caught about 30 lbs of fish.

During my watch at 1.30 a.m. I heard low report like a big gun. Here I saw the first vampire. Camp 84.

SEPTEMBER 19

18 miles W. We shot 5 ducks Camp 85 Lat 20° 36'.

SEPTEMBER 20.

18 ms: W There appeared to be a considerable extent of good feeding land on large plain; as we followed down river for the last 2 or three days. We camped on one of the largest pools seen abounding in wild fowl & fish; of

which we caught about 30 or more. Many ducks were seen at 11 a.m. in tributary & large flocks of pigeons.

Camp 86. Lat $20^{\circ} 31'$.

SEPTEMBER 21.

13 ms N.W. Soon after starting river received a tributary or two. large pools more frequent; with plenty of fish & fowl; of the former we caught about 40 lbs weight. We came on a camp of natives about sundown, who seemed rather inclined to show fight but after a little decided that discretion is the better part of valour; & ran away.

Camp 87. Latitude $20^{\circ} 25'$.

SEPTEMBER 22.

1 m W. We moved to better feed. About noon the horses came galloping into the camp; and we heard natives shouting in pursuit; so we lost no time in answering & confronting them, which brought them to a halt. Mr G fired a ball at a tree; & as soon as they saw it strike they went off in quick time. Camp 88 Lat $20^{\circ} 25'$.

SEPTEMBER 23.

15 ms N.W. Over plains with much good feed. The Shaw joined the DeGrey at about 11 a.m. The bed of the former (Shaw) was about 300 yards wide, with plenty of water. We saw the track of many natives going down river.

Breaker Inlet distant about 18 miles. Camp 89.

SEPTEMBER 24.

We remained in camp as Mr. Gregory wished to take a round

of bearings. B & B shot 8 ducks (whistlers).

SEPTEMBER 25.

15 ms W. Course of DeGrey about same, deep loam on banks & extensive plain, with fine grass. Water below noon halt brackish; but obtained some fresh enough for use by digging. Camp 90.

SEPTEMBER 26.

4 ms: W. We moved to the other channel of the DeGrey; as our well had turned too salt in the night. The whole Island (called Ripon) or delta, is a plain with fine grass.

SEPTEMBER 27.

Mr. G out with two others; to inspect Breaker Inlet coast; found two channels of DeGrey meet, & form Ripon Island. (Brockman shot 12 ducks). McCourt shot a flamingo 6 feet high 7 ft 2 inches across wings, legs 32 inches long & red, plumage purple & white. (About 10 ducks were also shot).

SEPTEMBER 28.

Turner & Brockman brought in about 13 ducks & two waders with a lapel on their beaks; & claws on wings.

SEPTEMBER 29.

Sunday, All in camp. McCourt & self out shooting, & brought in 13 cockatoos & 3 ducks. Camp 91.

SEPTEMBER 30.

Route up river for a few miles; after which more to the west - noon halt at 10 m on deep branch ~~of~~ running out of

DeGrey where party shot many ducks & caught plenty of fish, fine feed & ranges within a short distance
Camp 92.

OCTOBER 1.

18 miles South. Struck sandy bed of stream, of considerable size at 9 a.m. Obtained water by digging at 10 a.m. again at noon, at 4 p.m. Also at 5 p.m. (in abundance for horses) Turner & Brockman very ill. Much triodia, sandy plain with little grass. Lat $20^{\circ} 30' 30''$ Camp 93.

OCTOBER 2.

16 ms S. Description of country about as yesterday; procured water for horses in abundance by sinking in river bed at 11 a.m. followed river up all day. (river supposed to be the Strelley) Saw tracks of many natives in it; dug for water at night without success. Turner & Brockman still very unwell. Camp 94 Lat $20^{\circ} 45'$

OCTOBER 3.

18 miles s. we followed up south branch of river all day found water at about 9 a.m. in abundance in shallow pools in granite & sand, water very acceptable as it prevented us retracing our steps; water again a little before sundown, in small pools. Camp 95.

Lat $20^{\circ} 56'$ 119. 10 by account.

OCTOBER 4.

23 miles S.W. & W. At 8 a.m. came on water in abundance in river; also at 10 a.m. in small creek, we supposed we were about 14 miles from the Yule; but to our surprise

Mr Gregory informed us, we were about 40 - by no means a very pleasant surprise, as we had but little water with us & that blazing hot; some of the party did not expect to find water between this and the Yule; for what reason I could not tell - at 3.30 found water in gully by digging; we watered our six horses in a hat; & I drank 5 quarts in about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. -

Mr. Gregory would not allow the other horses to have water, though they had had none since 10 a.m., & we did not know where we should get any more, went on till after dark, without water, Mr. G. makes us about 20 miles from the Yule. Always receding it should be called the phantom river. Camp 95. Lat $21^{\circ} 4'$.

OCTOBER 5.

21 miles W. We started at 6.5 a.m. & travelled nearly 12 miles in 3 hours, when Lucy (the mare) knocked up, she was stripped & 2 hands & a horse left to bring her on. Bob gave up soon after & his load was put on Turner's horse & I lent mine to Turner as he was ill.

Many of the horses had not drunken since Thursday night & none since Friday at 10 a.m.

Soon after we reached the Yule the horses came up and dashed headlong into the pool, & it was as much as we could do to drag them out. - As is generally the case when many are in fault every one blamed every one else, & the affair terminated very satisfactorily in a general row. Bob was

brought in at 2 p.m. & McCourt & I brought Lucy in at 10.30 p.m. Only half the number for sentry tonight.
C 97.

OCTOBER 6.

$\frac{1}{2}$ mile down river (Sunday) to old camp 57 as the feed is better. Bn shot 8 teal & 4 ducks.

OCTOBER 7.

In camp to rest horses. Shot 4 ducks & 2 teal.

OCTOBER 8.

10 miles west on old track to depot. Trying a new plan with horses, instead of starting early, starting late, when they will be full of feed & water. 4 natives came & made a speech & told us to go away. Camp 98.

OCTOBER 9.

18 miles. On old track. Horses travelling very fresh, taking into consideration the heat; (& they having no water till 11 a.m.) when each had 2 quarts, which we carried for them. Arrived at camp 55 Eastern Sherlock about noon. Horses much fatigued.

OCTOBER 10.

15 miles N. From old depot (Camp 55) to Sunday (52) Camp, where Turner & I ate the eagle. About 6 hours coming. Left old Lucy on the plains.

OCTOBER 11.

About 16 miles W on old track to Lake Plenty down Eastern Sherlock. Mr. G. shot 5 ducks Brown 3. McCourt & self

about 35 lbs of fish, in camp for remainder of day. Eleven (11) natives accompanied us and stole some of my traps. The natives who for good conduct were allowed close to our camp, began to be very troublesome, & stole my towel, soap, comb toothbrush etc last evening I went to their camp early & found the brush & comb; but was obliged to put up with the loss of the other articles; as the fellow who had them was away; though I made most unmistakable signs ; of my thorough disapproval of their conduct. When I returned to camp the natives there did not seem pleased with the recovery of the things; & commenced burning the grass around the camp; as they did not desist when told to do so Mr. G. fired a shot at them, at a distance, which had the effect of driving them off.

OCTOBER 13.

Sunday: 12 miles W. On route to Kangaroo Pool, started at 4 p.m. as it would be cooler, & the horses watered fully; camped on plain with grass near (no water) Black Hill, the position of which is shown on the charts. Camp 99.

OCTOBER 14.

19 miles (8 on old track) at 6 & at 7 a.m. struck the G George with permanent water. made old camp (50) at 9 a.m. Kangaroo Pool. Started at 4, & camped at (Camp 100) 8 p.m. on grassy plain near Harding Passed Pyramid at (E). 7 a.m. & old noon halt at 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 15.

We made the Harding in 6 miles; & remained the day to

recruit the horses; as we had no certainty of the water; for the 30 miles to the Bay. Numbers of large bats or vampires were flying about 130 of them.

OCTOBER 16.

10 miles on old track, started at 4 p.m. & came to a halt at 8.30 on small branch of Nicol River, with a little water in it; the last to the Bay. I lost my blanket & clothes, in passing through some of the thickets; went back, & tracked for some miles, by moonlight without success. Returned at 12 & had 30 mins watch & 30 mins sleep; & then started again.

OCTOBER 17.

(About 20 miles) Started at 2 a.m. with a fine moon to light us - at 7 a.m. sighted "Dolphin", breakfast at 8 & watered horses (which we carried with us) & arrived in old camp in Hearson Cove at 1 p.m. Very very thankful to find all right; & the old ship safe: in my opinion the conclusion of an expedition is the best part of it. -

OCTOBER 18.

In camp. -

OCTOBER 19.

Same. Mr. Gregory started in life boat to Cape Lambert at 4 a.m.

OCTOBER 20.

In camp.

OCTOBER 21.

Same - Party returned from Cape Lambert; & moved ship.

OCTOBER 22.

Shipped 8 horses swimming them $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

OCTOBER 23.

Swam off remaining 6 horses; & under weigh at 4 p.m. Wind from W (light) stood out between Huay & Delamore Islands.

NOVEMBER 8.

Sighted Cape Naturaliste.

(f).

NOVEMBER 9.

At 10 a.m. off Rottnest Island; & at noon anchored in Gage's Roads. When I immediately obtained my discharge & landed with Mr. Gregory.

Copy of Letter
from

MR. JOHN WELLARD

to

MR. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE HALL.

June, 1863.

Fremantle, June 20, 1863.

My Dear Sir,

I presume you have heard ere this that it is my intention to go to the North West Coast of Australia, at all events, if you have not heard, this will quietly intimate my intentions.

I have chartered the "Tien Tsin", and hope to leave t this about the first week in August next. I load the vessels with sheep, horses and cattle &c &c, in fact every necessary requisite, for the formation of a new settlement. I have carefully observed the progress of events in the other colonies and am satisfied the coast line north will shortly be settled, & it will be short sighted policy on our parts, to allow others the benefits, (if any) in the occupation of Lands, that we are justly entitled to.

I certainly think there is every prospect, of that part of our Colony, eventually proving of vast importance to the world at large (& us I hope in particular). As regards Agricultural, Pastoral and Mineral Pursuits, at all events, I should not like to be laughed at, by my Eastern friends, in fact I am rather thin skinned on that subject.

I shall be leaving on Tuesday afternoon next for the Serpentine farm and if you can conveniently meet me there on the Wednesday or Thursday next, I should like it, for I am anxious to see you before I leave. I see you are

inclined to have a route overland. You had better take a trip down in the dhip, with me, & then if you like, you can come back the way you propose. At all events, I should like to see you.

Remember me very kindly to you Brothers and believe me to be

Yours very Truly,

John Wellard.

THE FIRST SETTLEMENT AT ROEBOURNE.

August, 1863, - July, 1864.

A DIARY

kept

by

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE HALL,

(who established Andover Station for Mr. J. Wellard)

Copied from the original by

J. M. Clifton.

NOTE.

(By J.M. Clifton).

Before copying the diary, it will make it more lucid if a few explanations are given. W.S. Hall established the first station in the Roebourne (Cossack) district for Mr. John Wellard of "Lowlands", Serpentine. S.W. The station was called Andover and remains so to this day. Mr. Padbury and his party, which included Mr. Charles Nairn, also landed at North Beach, Cossack, about six weeks earlier but pushed on further into the DeGrey district. I make these statements to settle the heated controversy that has been waged in a well-known weekly newspaper in Perth regarding the names of the first men to land at Cossack and the name of the first station in the Roebourne district.

March, 1928.

NOTES ON TEXT.

(By J. M. Clifton)

- (a). Tien Tsin Harbour was the original name of Cossack. The name of Cossack was derived from a British man of war.
- (b). The party decided to take up a run nine miles from the present site of Roebourne. They named the station Andover.
- (c). Dig Down was a hole near a rock on the north beach, where mails were left by settlers and by ships.
- (d). Hall's Hill is now known as Mount Hall.
- (e). Evidently the killing of a sheep was an event. See later entry on May 31, 1864.
- (f). The remains of these walls are, I believe, still to be seen at Andover Station.
- (g). This was the first post office known in the district.

- (h). The flats by the river are referred to.
- (i). This native, Mooligum seems to have been a very distinguished man among his countrymen, & was admired for his truth and honesty by the white people. M's wives were numerous.
- (j). There were two men of the name of Taylor - the one referred to in this entry and the hand employed on Andover.
- (k). This may be Kangan Pool.
- (l). It would appear that Mt. Welcome was an early name for Roebourne, which is built at the foot of the mount of that name.
- (m). Rocket was the name of a horse on Gregory's expedition.
- (n). Squatters had to depend on each other to help eat a beast when one was killed for meat.

A Copy of Notes in the Diary of W.S. Hall (1863).

AUGUST 5, 1863.

I joined Mr. Wellard's party about to proceed to the De Grey, N.W. Coast

AUGUST 8.

"Tien Tsin" sailed from Fremantle with party, stock &c.

AUGUST 17.

Arrived at Tien Tsin Harbour. (a)

AUGUST 18 to 28.

Landing stock, stores and exploring the country.

AUGUST 29.

I came on shore to remain. (b)

AUGUST 30.

Mr. Wellard left. I wrote three letters.

AUGUST 31.

Boating timber from lower landing, carrying it up the hill, coopering casks and securing provisions.

SEPTEMBER 1.

Carrying timber, Putting up buildings.

SEPTEMBER 2 and 3.

Same as above.

SEPTEMBER 4.

Self taken ill with influenza; hands as above.

SEPTEMBER 5

The same as above.

SEPTEMBER 6.

Dixon and Lang taken very ill, only Joe able to work.

SEPTEMBER 7 and 8.

About the same.

SEPTEMBER 9.

Party sufficiently recovered to finish building.

SEPTEMBER 10.

Removing provisions up the hill to house, coopering, stowing &c.

SEPTEMBER 11.

Went with McCourt in small boat across the Bay to the west of Jarman Island (about 7 miles) & up a creek, to find a way to convey provisions to station. (As the marsh appeared too boggy). Found Creek navigable & good landing. Returned at 2 p.m. and went with 2 horses to examine marsh and crossings in water courses, between head of creek and sheep station. Found marsh much too soft for dray, on account of late spring tides, but found a good route to station, though it made the distance very great.

SEPTEMBER 12.

McCourt and I ascended creek, & found good landing, at about 200 yards from hills S.W. by S. from house; returned at noon and went with horses and found good way for dray.

SEPTEMBER 13.

Sunday.

SEPTEMBER 14.

Packing, Loading, flat; carrying up McCourt's stores.

SEPTEMBER 15.

Sent McCourt with three hands in flat, loaded with dray & stores; to be landed at head of creek. Having previously ordered bullocks to be herded in the vicinity. - I was unable to go myself, as I was suffering terribly from Tic-douloureux & Influenza; & had been from the 4th.

SEPTEMBER 16.

Carting stores to station (after much trouble in carrying them over 200 yards of bog). Fixing tent, making yard &c for dipping sheep.

SEPTEMBER 17.

Dipping sheep.

McCourt brought more down in flat.

SEPTEMBER 18.

Same.

SEPTEMBER 19.

Finished dipping.

Went with McCourt and Green and found place to move sheep to, & crossing place on river, to 49.

SEPTEMBER 20.

Sunday.

SEPTEMBER 21.

Removed sheep and dray load of stores 1 mile above "Dig Down" camp. (c)

Sent three hands and dray to get wood and help McC dip sheep.

SEPTEMBER 22

Dipping sheep.

SEPTEMBER 23.

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SEPTEMBER 24.

Finished dipping.

SEPTEMBER 25.

Moved McCourt's party to "Dig Down" camp; and men to ours.

SEPTEMBER 26.

Clearing round camp. Cattle hunting.

SEPTEMBER 27.

Sunday.

SEPTEMBER 28.

Sent fro three men to come to house; 1 to take Laing up who was now very ill; and 2 to help me pack goods, & load flat.

Took stock.

SEPTEMBER 29.

Same as above.

SEPTEMBER 30.

Landed stores at head of creek, hard work to get them through the mud and water to the dray; loaded and went to McCourt's camp.

OCTOBER 1 to 9.

Boating and carting stores still, mustering sheep, horses and bullocks, men erecting temporary yards. Self writing, in which I am rather in arrears, still weak from sickness, from 4th to 30th.

OCTOBER 10.

McCourt and self preparing for DeGrey trip. Dixon and Joe putting up shade for men; & stores which cannot be put in tent. Barrigal out after stallion (in hobbles, not seen for a day or two; though sought.) Barrigal brought news of arrival of "Mystery" with letters and stores from Fremantle.

OCTOBER 11.

Started for Bay to board ship, too late and vessel too distant to board at night. Went on board at 7 a.m. to make inquiries of intended movements etc.

OCTOBER 13.

Started at 3.30 to inspect run with Mr Taylor and McCourt; camped on plain 3 miles S.E. of conical hill, now named "Hall's Hill".

(d)

OCTOBER 14.

About E.S.E. to Kangaroo (fine pool of Gregory's Expedit-

ions) 10 miles then E.N.E. 6 ms to George River & thence 7 miles to Sherlock River, followed its downward course about 2 miles, surprised a party of natives at a shallow water hole; & camped on plain at junction of "George" and Sherlock.

We crossed the junction; but little water; & that very salt; then made about a N.E. course 5 miles to east branch of Sherlock; travelled up it a few miles; but finding it very dry up to where N & S line would pass near it, we returned to W branch and on to main branch of George, followed it up south about 8 miles - came on running water & many natives, not far from Black Hill; from which a w course brought us after dark to the head water in "Taylor's Creek", upper part of "Kangaroo" (a fine pool) We camped at 8 p.m. on one of three large pools not seen before, which take their rise at the foot of Mt. Wellard (Wellard Range) a high and abrupt table-topped hill to the N. of King's Pyramid.

OCTOBER 16.

On to "Kangaroo" after having spent much of the morning examining ground for homestead. Thence after a rest of three hours home.

We found no suitable place for a head station; & no permanent water except in the S George & perhaps Taylor's Creek. S. George would not be on run & is rough and thick

with poor feed & the high grounds up Taylor's Creek, above Kangaroo Pool does not lay well for feeding at flood time; & should it not prove permanent, all the stock would have to come to the Harding for water.

OCTOBER 17.

Examined map with Mr. Taylor & McCourt; & went over our route; & all considered or concluded that 49 was the best place for a homestead.

OCTOBER 18.

Sunday. Returned home as far as McCourt's.

OCTOBER 19.

Cattle hunting.

OCTOBER 20.

Dixon and Joe making additional shade for all the stores from the house. Barrigil ill. Self taking lines of this end of run & writing.

OCTOBER 21.

Dixon after cart mare. Joe making temporary stock yards. Barrigil ill and sent down to Bay to change places with Billy.

OCTOBER 22.

As above.

OCTOBER 23.

McCourt & I came from station at 5 p.m. Coopered casks and loaded flat by 11.30.

OCTOBER 24.

Started at 5 a.m. upcreek, unloaded and conveyed stores across marsh; loaded dray & returned in small boat, with much labour; as the water was so low that we had to drag her over dry sand banks for nearly a mile; the flat we were compelled to leave as she was aground & all our water finished; & only Lewington in charge of the house till 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 25.

Sunday.

OCTOBER 26.

Brought flat across and loaded her.

OCTOBER 27.

Up with load, much trouble to cross marsh, as it was very wet and boggy; it took 1 hour for 3 hands to roll 2 tierces 200 yards.

The flat was aground in a small creek branch, where we left her & returned in small boat to house; as it was spring tide (high tide) & our only chance of getting her for perhaps some time. We started at 10.30 p.m. to bring her down; it took us just 1 hour to get up.

OCTOBER 28.

We returned with flat at 1.18 a.m.

OCTOBER 31.

One man with sore eyes. Native paid the camp a visit at 49.

NOVEMBER 2.

Bullocks resting on account of sore feet.

NOVEMBER 5.

Wind prevented us taking Paabury's wool to Jarman Island (for shipment). Remained at home writing.

NOVEMBER 6, 7, 8.

Same work.

NOVEMBER 9.

Another man ill, with knocked-up bullocks (foot sore). I walked to McCourt's camp & rode out to the station.

NOVEMBER 10.

Having remainder of stores & also house carted up; as it will save one hand remaining to mind it.

NOVEMBER 11.

As usual all at work.

NOVEMBER 12.

Making pigsty; adding to shade &c.

NOVEMBER 13.

Men as before. Self making troughs, putting saws in order, & other tools.

NOVEMBER 14.

Nairn and 3 hands arrived at noon - $4\frac{1}{2}$ days from DeGrey.

NOVEMBER 15.

Laing shot two turkeys.

NOVEMBER 16.

Rode down to Bay & shipped Dixon & 2 natives per "Mystery"

with provisions 13 lbs of flour & 21 pieces of pork supposed to weigh 4 lbs each. Sent 4 letters to Mr. Wellard with copy of journal; & 5 other letters.

NOVEMBER 17.

Went home with Nairn; & rode out with him, and found station for his sheep; sent Joe down with team to cart Nairn's stores up; having previously sent McCourt & Jack to bring them up to head of marsh with remainder of our own things.

Laing refused to cook, as he said he had taken an oath against it.

NOVEMBER 18.

Out with Nairn horse hunting on river. (could not find them) & cattle hunting at "Dig Down".

NOVEMBER 19.

Men as above. Laing at work at house. Bullocks better, Sawed piles for house.

Found excellent place to put horses and cattle, where they would be likely to remain.

NOVEMBER 20.

Working on foundation of house with Laing. Joe making shafts to cart.

NOVEMBER 21.

Working at house and horse hunting.

NOVEMBER 22.

Found Jinnette with foal & horses. Two natives were seen driving two heifers with calves.

NOVEMBER 23.

Went down to Nairn's, collected all the cattle with Nairn; divided them; & took 14 head of station cattle to river grass, where there is plenty of green feed for calves; returned home at 9 p.m. Nairn had preceded me.

NOVEMBER 24, & 25.

Started with Nairn for Sherlock River; found after 6 or 7 miles up one side of the river; & down the other; excellent feed, with I think permanent water; but no suitable site for a homestead, as the plains are subject to very heavy inundations, probably 3 or 4 feet deep or more in places.

NOVEMBER 26.

Started home, slept on plain near white hill; when the mare left me during the night.

NOVEMBER 27.

Tracked mare to water; after having hid my saddle & traps; found other horses but not mare; came home at 3 p.m.

NOVEMBER 28.

Men carting with teams & building; self at work on latter. Found tracks of natives in the vicinity of the cattle, which makes us apprehend they may have disturbed them; saw 3 natives who ran away; also one heifer lost her calf.

NOVEMBER 29.

Sunday. Went out for the saddle I had left; found the mare Dolly & Ney.

NOVEMBER 30.

Hunting cattle; guarding them from natives, usual station work for all hands. (Many natives camped near cattle).

DECEMBER 1, 2, and 3.

Same as usual.

DECEMBER 4.

Collected all cattle (for safety)
(with exception of 2).

DECEMBER 5.

Found all the horses (A long day's ride)
Last load of timber carted.

DECEMBER 7.

Putting up frame of building.
1 sheep dead up the river.

DECEMBER 8.

Still working on the building. Green ill.

DECEMBER 9.

Same routine

While we were at dinner a whirlwind passed through the building & put much of our work out of place; with however no further damage, than the loss of time to put the frame in place again.

DECEMBER 10.

Regular routine

DECEMBER 11.

The same.

DECEMBER 26.

Working at fold, quarrying &c.

Lechun (?) brought in a fine emu.

DECEMBER 27.

Sunday.

DECEMBER 28.

Splitting timber for hurdles a.m. p.m. Too much rain to work; the first fall we have had since we came into the country; Stock, particularly lambs, much in need of it.

Lewington shot an emu.

DECEMBER 29.

Making hurdles.

DECEMBER 30

The same.

DECEMBER 31.

Finished hurdles; & quarrying stone in fold. Making gun covers & carpentering.

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JANUARY 1.

Clearing stone out of fold (hilly ground).

JANUARY 2.

Joe at work on fold. Lewington & self horse hunting; found them.

JANUARY 3.

Sunday.

DECEMBER 12.

Ditto.

DECEMBER 13.

Sunday.

DECEMBER 14.

Working at house.

DECEMBER 15.

Hanging doors, &c; & putting in clay floors.

DECEMBER 16.

The same, & putting up fixtures.

DECEMBER 17.

Men after ewes & lambs & horses. Abraham shot 3 emus, sent us 2. Carting stores, coopering casks & driving in all our horses.

DECEMBER 18.

Hunting horses, stowing stores, fitting up house.

DECEMBER 19.

The same & making furniture.

DECEMBER 20.

Unpacking stowing stores.

DECEMBER 21.

Making mauls.

DECEMBER 22 and 23.

Splitting for fold, boring, trimming etc.

DECEMBER 24.

Killed a sheep 43 lbs.

DECEMBER 25.

Christmas day, excellent dinner.

JANUARY 4.

Went with Green to find station for sheep; moving flour; & preparing casks for water. Joe building stone walls at fold.

JANUARY 5.

Took Green to inspect Nairn's sheep; as they appear to be quite clean, I think it advisable to unite the two parties, as the advantage to us^e will be very considerable. Joe with sheep. Lewington shot two turkeys. (The absence of fences caused much work & vigilance of stock on account of natives).

JANUARY 6.

Marking sheep &c. Carting water & traps to Green's sheep station.

Joe building stone wall.

JANUARY 7.

Repairing dray. Counting & marking sheep.

Ditto Nairn's sheep previous to mixing the two flocks.

JANUARY 8.

Working at dray & carting Nairn's stores from "Mount Lazarus" (?).

JANUARY 9.

Cutting bushes for fold & clearing about house, drains &c
Rain p.m. (with Schum (?)).

JANUARY 10.

Sunday. Heavy rain at 4.30 p.m. Green obliged to bring

sheep in.

JANUARY 11.

Securing tents on roof of house as it was very leaky.
P.M. went with McCourt horse hunting, as the plains are getting very boggy.

JANUARY 12.

Slept on the horse run last night as we could not find them. Finally brought them down the range; heavy rain.

JANUARY 13.

Usual station work.

JANUARY 14.

No change in routine.

A kangaroo shot & an emu

JANUARY 15.

Quarrying stone with McCourt, station hands as above.
This day makes a week of rainy weather. Cool delightful weather.

JANUARY 16.

The same work

A turkey shot.

JANUARY 17.

Sunday. Went to the top of Mt. Jasper with McCourt, who shot a turkey.

JANUARY 18.

Working at stone wall, fetching wood and water, station

hands as above.

A shooting match came off today.

Abraham shot an emu.

JANUARY 19.

Hands as above. Self ill.

JANUARY 20.

Hands ditto.

Laing & self ill. Abraham shot 2 emus.

JANUARY 21.

McCourt went after the horses in the hills & found the river running strong; he returned with one at 10 a.m. to go in search of those down the river; which Yeranyeou had neglected to do (by persuasion) as I ordered yesterday; he also has his catch at the far side of the plain, & cannot bring them in home, as the plains are too boggy. I have ordered him to put them on this side of the plain every night as the weather has evidently been breaking for some time; & the country might be flooded at night. I have had the cattle & horses well looked after for many weeks, that they should not be cut off from the homestead but a fool advised by a rogue has upset my plans; (& should the rain continue) put all the stock in jeopardy. McCourt found horses but river too high to bring them across.

Hands as above & securing wood & odd things from the flood.

Self the same but not well enough to do heavy work.

JANUARY 22.

Started McCourt after horses, P & W (Self) want to work compelled to give in. We brought in all the stray horses; as the river has been falling rapidly since yesterday brought them home; & put them 5 miles down home ranges. Cattle all mustered at home. After a good shower, fine, cool, cloudy weather, of which we have had much of late. Most of the men attacked with dysentery lately; gave them doses of laudanum; and put them right. Hands as usual.

JANUARY 23.

I had a great row with Green, not a man but a thing that has always annoyed me; he said threw the sheep on to my hands and said he; would have nothing more to do with them I told him I would take them & he had nothing more to do with them or the party; but could board with the men as usual.

Schum (?) could not work at all; as his foot was bad. McC. keeping horses from going off home run. Self not fit for work but spent some time in learning how far Green might have spread his venom, through the camp; much to my satisfaction found they were not such fools to be led or misled by him -

JANUARY 24.

Sunday. McC after horses.

JANUARY 25.

Ditto.

JANUARY 26.

Schum (?) making tables. Joe at wall. Self no better.

JANUARY 26.

McC Joe & self & Laing at wall. Schum(?) and Jack ill. (f).

JANUARY 27.

McC and self in search of horses and fresh place to put them, as last has become boggy. Hands as previously stated. (found both).

JANUARY 28.

Schum (?) and Jack better; & at work; & others as before.

JANUARY 29.

At work at wall.

JANUARY 30.

McC after horses; tracked them off run; & saw tracks of natives crossing theirs, to & fro; as though driving them; followed them till late; but could not come on them (natives or horses) Joe and Schum(?) at wall; self painting dingy.

JANUARY 31.

Sunday. Started after missing horses found them far off at 3 p m, natives had not molested them. 2 turkeys shot.

FEBRUARY 1.

Joe laid up with sore eyes. McC and Schum (?) at wall.
Self at dingy.

FEBRUARY 2.

Joe and Schum at wall. McC after horses. Self at boat and
ill. Red heifer with calf broke her leg in bog.

FEBRUARY 3.

Making splints and attending to heifer; & odd work. Hands
the same. Mc after saddles horses; not found. Weather so
hot men cannot work after 10 a.m. -

FEBRUARY 4.

The bull Durham missing found; with a broken leg; not
likely to recover, or fit for meat; sent him home; & told
Joe to sling get him slung; & do what he could for him.
Started (self) after horses, as Mc could not find them.
Schum and Joe clearing stone out of yard -

FEBRUARY 5.

Slept on house run; searched all day, could not find them;
tracks many miles from home; & then within three miles of
house. Mc brought them in. Hands as before. Endeavoured to
sling bull; but did not succeed.

FEBRUARY 6.

Men making slings, slinging bull. Quarrying stone in fold.

FEBRUARY 7.

Sunday.

FEBRUARY 8.

McC and self cutting posts for stockyards. Joe & Schum clearing stones in fold.

FEBRUARY 9.

All the same work for hands. Self cutting lambs.

FEBRUARY 10.

All at work at posts/ Lewington after Dolly, Lucy & Tom; & brought in an emu (for meat).

FEBRUARY 11.

Laying out yard and fetching wood and water. After horses as usual.

FEBRUARY 12.

Men as above. McC and self felling rails.

FEBRUARY 13.

The same.

FEBRUARY 14.

Sunday.

FEBRUARY 15.

Men finishing posts. McC ill, self carting timber for yard.

FEBRUARY 16.

McCourt very ill; self after horses; as I said they had left upper run. Joe clearing stones off cart road. Schum making tool handles.

FEBRUARY 17.

McCourt went out and found horses, L being mistaken in

their tracks; & Fan with a fine horse foal 5 days old.
Joe ill. Schum and self working about station. Laing
& Green had a row; & Laing punched his head, which he
(Green) very much required. -

FEBRUARY 18.

Schum & self carting timber. Joe clearing roads. McC
better but weak. All the horses seen.

FEBRUARY 19.

Jinnette left the run Mc after her. Schum doing odd work,
with bad leg. Joe at road; self trimming rails.

FEBRUARY 20.

Went with Mc C down to Port; found flat all right. Deposit-
ed letters in bottle at "Dig Rock" (g)

FEBRUARY 21.

Burned the spinnifex near former site of house; & more on
plains. Found timber and returned.

FEBRUARY 22.

Cutting rails & searching all over the country for more;
but none. Joe and Schum digging post holes (ground very
hard. Killed a sheep 47 lbs.

FEBRUARY 23.

Trimming & carting rails. Men as above.

FEBRUARY 24.

Ditto. Lewington came to me & said a native (Mullandee)
had made a most murderous attack on him with a stone axe;
on the bank of the river, while minding his cattle and
fishing. I came home with the team, sent McC for the
saddle horses; in the interim prepared traps &c; &

started in pursuit; going by the place of attack; to see the tracks and recover the gun which L said he had taken with him, we found the gun in the river, under water, also the axe; mustered the cattle and went on, found first tracks 9 miles down the river; & went on to "Jones" Creek where we arrived at 9 p.m. and found the track of a single native (very tired) which we took to be Mullan-dee's, had tea and were about to turn in when a fire blazed up; but we could not discover him (or the others) till day broke; as we might threaten to shoot the wrong man in the dark; at 4 ^op.m. got close to fire, without being observed, & waited for day to break; when sufficiently light, called out his name to stop; having him under the muzzle of our guns at 10 yards; but to our great disappointment a stranger got up; & a woman by his side; the man of course was much surprised, & terrified, while the woman being in a perfect state of nudity, quickly arranged the very spare toilet with which Dame Nature had provided her; & went off (in haste).

FEBRUARY 25.

Had breakfast; & seeing signal fires eastward, started for the Sherlock River, with the idea of taking Mullan-dee; very disappointed in that; finding & catching Burges's black mare Lucy (left by Gregory & ourselves) Crossed the two branches of George River, when on going to look for water, which we found, struck a fresh horse track, followed it for

a few miles; & saw the mare, when near her, she came to the horses, & went off at a gallop; & we after her, taking the precaution to run her towards home. I soon found (my horse) old Ney could run 2 miles to her one; ~~so we~~ only had to let her go, till she was a little tired when I rode Ney up beside her ~~hxxxx~~ & ahead, & away she came at a gallop after him, when I thought she had had the run out, I pulled up & grabbed her by the forelock & McC came up & put his bridle on her; & mounted, (leaving his horse to follow) The old mare came away from her solitude with as much pleasure, as we did with her. She intends to write a sequel to the adventures of Robinson Crusoe. Men as before. At 5 p.m. struck a fresh horse trail, which we knew to be Nairn's/

FEBRUARY 26.

Returned. Mr. Nairn had arrived a few hours before us, with Mr. Heard and Dougall, 4 days from the "DeGrey"

FEBRUARY 27.

Men at yard. McC after horses. self writing & settling a/cs &c.

FEBRUARY 28.

Sunday.

FEBRUARY 29.

Drawing off sheep and lambs. McC after horses (Lucy left run). Green having found out his error acknowledged it;

returned him his flock; he Green agreeing to pay Rob Laing £3 as compensation for that which Laing was to have had his pay raised to (Order to be drawn on Mr. J. Wellard for £3.0.0) Engaged John McCourt at £3.0.0. per month, until Mr. Wellard arrived or an opportunity offers of his going to the Swan; as since the attack on Lewington I may require the services assistance of an experienced bushman.

MARCH 1.

Men cutting rails. Nairn made a start; but his horses ran away with the packs; so he had returned and repaired them. Mc after horses, self after bull and heifer. Men the same.

MARCH 2.

Nairn's party left. McC and I accompanied them in search of a mare; & native Mullundee. Men the same as before.

MARCH 3.

Found the mare Lucy on the George, returned to Nairn's camp on little creek, 3 miles beyond Jones' creek.

Men quarrying stone at house.

MARCH 4.

Lucy off again in hobbles, tracked her 10 miles; & overtook her on western Sherlock & came home.

Men are same duties.

MARCH 5.

Men cutting rails. McC after horses. Green heard two

heavy explosions at 11 a.m. Like ship's guns. (Thought to be volcanic).

6 p.m. started for Bay with MacCourt; & slept at "Dig Down", near native camp; kept watch always.

MARCH 6.

Sunday. Fell in with Mulligunn; & a few others, who offered to take us to native camp, where Mullandee was, he took us to a camp with over 50 in it; but as the river was wide and boggy, we could not get to him, went on to hill at head of marsh, where we had a fine view of the Bay; but no ship; so we returned. 3 natives at house 5 at pool; the former followed Lewington with spears; & concealed themselves in the scrub while he was collecting his cattle. I must keep a sharp look-out for the stock, as I think those fellows intend mischief.

MARCH 7.

Two men & self at yard, McCourt looked up horses; & supposed natives were following him -

MARCH 8.

Laing & self trimming rails, Mc & Joe carting them in.

MARCH 9.

The same work.

MARCH 10.

Much the same routine,

MARCH 11 & 12.

All working at same. C & I started for Bay at 4 p.m.

MARCH 13.

Sunday. Started from "Dig Down", went to Bay the ship "Mystery" not having arrived deposited a 2nd letter at Dig Rock & returned home. (Looking up horses on the way, did not find them).

MARCH 14.

Three hands & self putting up stockyards. A false report of Mr. Wellard's arrival; great sensation.

MARCH 15.

At work as usual.

MARCH 16.

Same.

MARCH 17.

The same.

MARCH 18.

The same as above, & clearing round yard of stard; & watering round posts.

MARCH 19.

Two hands finishing yard, Joe at wall, watching horses, Green brought in a kangaroo.

MARCH 20.

Sunday. (Birth of a calf).

MARCH 21.

Started for Dig Down to repair flat.

MARCH 22.

Went down to marsh; & took flat down to within about 1

mile of house site, where she grounded -

MARCH 23.

Flat sunk during night; tide kept her down; so we could do nothing until it fell, accomplished work during night.

MARCH 24 & 25.

Working at flat; loaded her with timber bought of Nairn. Carting with bullock &c, also walking to "Dig-down".

MARCH 26.

Same.

MARCH 27.

Same work.

MARCH 28.

Came home quite tired of our trip; as we were almost devoured by flies during the day and mosquitoes kept us awake most of the night; & I had a sore foot from a cut. We gave the flat a good coat of pitch, calked her and put patches on her bottom.

Joe & Laing commenced an oven, the day I left; & were employed at it and quarrying during my absence.

MARCH 29.

Station routine.

MARCH 30.

2 men cutting hay, Mc & self riding Pilot & Jennette; as they had been out of hand for months; & were getting wild. Lewington shot 2 fine turkeys (more meat).

MARCH 31.

Same work.

APRIL 1.

As above.

APRIL 2.

Mc C & Laing fetched last of hay. Joe at wall (still)

Self ill.

APRIL 3.

Sunday.

APRIL 4.

Laing and self with team to marsh for timber; others same as usual.

APRIL 5.

From "Dig-down" to marsh, moved timber above flood tide & returned to "Dig-down" hands the same.

APRIL 6.

Returned to station with team. Hands the same as above p.m.

APRIL 7.

Usual work.

APRIL 8.

The same. Self after horses.

APRIL 9.

Men the same.

Mc & self cutting posts for shed, carting them & wood & water.

APRIL 10.

Sunday. Horse hunting; found bull with broken leg doing well.

APRIL 11.

Same work as usual.

APRIL 12.

Two hands at wall, a large piece of which fell in the night.

APRIL 13 & 14.

Men hunting stock, shoeing horses, fetching wood & water. Self in search of ram which Green had been compelled to leave the night before, too ill to walk; found him late; & carried him home a long way; & did what I could for him.

APRIL 15.

Horse hunting, quarrying stone, carting hay.

Withnell arrived at station at about 7 p.m.

Heard 1 gun from the "Ripple" at 8 p.m. previous night & would have gone down, had there been a second.

APRIL 16.

Went down with two horses & Withnell to render what assistance I could; as the poor fellow was much in need of some, after his heavy losses. Told McCourt & Green to start down with bullock dray & dingy at 2 p.m. Met flock of sheep south of marsh; men & sheep scarcely able to walk, or move, for want of water; left one horse with them & told one man to ride with their bucket 6 miles to Dig-

down, & fetch water for others; which would not take him more than 3 hours; after some delay got on board "Sea Ripple", about 5 miles out from site of house; saw Cringle, bought 6 lbs of Tobacco, dined, borrowed some books; & went on shore after sundown; told Withnall to remain; & see the ship cleared of his goods; (as the Captain talked of starting early in the morning) & his wife & family landed. I returned to sheep & found them near Dig-down; men already there, in better spirits; & only 3 sheep left by the way. McCourt & Green arrived with dray at the same time as I did.

APRIL 17.

Sunday. Went down to Inlet with Green, to look after 7 sheep left there; & write letter to Mr. "ellard; found 5 sheep ~~dyin~~ dead in a heap, 1 dying & 1 strong. Two boats came on shore, one with Mrs. Withnall & children without breakfast; ora drop of water; & it blazing hot; poor little children crying for some. I told Mrs. Withnall the bullock dray was at the head of the marsh, with 8 gallons, of water, waiting for her, & the lost sheep about 2 miles off. I had a row with 2 of the sailors - one because he asked for water; & said the women could do as well without as he, (wrote a hasty letter) Collected traps together, put Mrs. Withnall's sister on one horse, with one child, carried the other; & gave Mrs. Withnall my horse with bundles on to lead; so off we went , the men

following with such little things as they could carry. I may here remark that the crew of the "Sea Ripple", which I saw, were the greatest blackguards one can have any idea of; & looked more like the rakings of "hell" than decent sailors. I brought the horses up to feed as soon as possible; & the dray came in about 2 hours later; the whole party in much better spirits, at being, once more on terra firma, with plenty of water. -

APRIL 18.

Went down to Landing (marsh) with 4 hands, team & boat, with some difficulty raised flat, which had a habit of being submerged, on above high water mark. Returned with Hancock, with dray load of our timber, leaving McC with Withnall & 2 men to work boats. I then moved the party with belongings 1 mile above Dig-down to the nearest fresh water; as it was brakish (at the former).

APRIL 19.

Went down with Hancock & team to marsh, moved 3 loads of goods above high water, brought up last load, with 1 sheep fowls, ducks & provisions for party, & traps & utensils for women. Started for home sundown, which made rather a long day, as I had to ride 14 miles after the bullocks in the morning.

APRIL 20.

Joe & Laing had been at work on stone wall during my

absence & also today. I sent Lewington down with 2 horses for Mc C & Withnall to come up when they could, Lewington to remain & work the boats till all the provisions were out of danger.

All horses mustered from lower run.

APRIL 21.

Men at work on pigsty. Self hunting stock.

APRIL 22.

Men the same work. Self after stock. Brought in 10 cows with calves, home. Withnall & Hancock came here with provisions to go in search of his horses. A large piece of our stone wall fell down at night, during the rain.

APRIL 23.

Withnall, Hancock & McCourt started with stallion, Bobby & Ney, after horses left by "Sea ripple" at Port Hedland. Men as previously & self attending to their wants. Went down to "Dig-down" with horse to assist Mrs. Withnall & family up to station; as the weather has the appearance of much rain; & they have no tent.

APRIL 24.

Sunday. Went down to marsh with 2 horses for dray, brought up such things as would be required ~~wik~~ by Mrs. W, with much difficulty; as the horses were too weak.

APRIL 25.

Came home with women & traps; just in time to avoid a complete deluge of rain, which would have drenched them.

Much of Joe's stone wall fell during night.

APRIL 26.

Too much rain for working or stock hunting.

APRIL 27.

2 hands at stone work. Self hunting up stock; but could not cross the river; as it had risen about 10 feet. Heavy shower.

APRIL 28.

Started with 2 men to assist me in extricating any cattle, which might be bogged; as the plains had become very so soft, that one could scarcely walk through them the day previously; after crossing much water up to one's middle & neck, found the river still impassable. Sent the men home & started for "Dig-down", with the intention of looking to my own affairs; & the state of Withnall's party. Also hunting cattle en route, up the other side of river. -

APRIL 29.

Crossed river early, when I found a good breakfast very acceptable; as I had started quite unprepared for being out for the night. Finding party, bullocks, boats &c all right, came up & camped on the horse run. Found it rather too cool (cold) at night, in only shirt & trousers.

APRIL 30.

After a good tramp round of inspection of stock, put them

together, & returned home. It was well I was on foot as the country was too soft for a horse; though it dries quickly. -

MAY 1.

Sunday.

MAY 2.

Out on foot stock hunting.

MAY 3.

Men as before repairing portions of wall, which had fallen down. Seven days after the fall of rain the whole of the run was quite green.

MAY 4.

Out after cattle all looking very well, since the rain: & in fine grass. Lewington came home from Withnall's & reported that the flat had gone adrift.

MAY 5.

Went with Laing in search of flat, taking team with us to bring up dingy to Withnall's & 2 bags of flour home.

MAY 6.

Still searching for flat in all directions, down to Inlet without success.

(The only cargo boat).

Shot a native dog.

MAY 7.

Still searching.

MAY 8.

Sunday. Still looking, found today.

MAY 9.

Compelled to wait at "Dig-down" for team; as Sherlock had taken it up with flour without my consent.

MAY 10.

Brought up small boat & left her in river at camp. Bullocks feet very tender.

MAY 11.

Returned. During my absence men employed at wall; making a garden; & other work.

MAY 12.

Men the same. Self inspecting western run & looking at land. fine kangaroo brought in (kangaroos not too plentiful)

MAY 13.

Men as usual, self at work &c. Withnall's party returned after an unsuccessful search for horses. L brought in a kangaroo.

MAY 14.

As before Self & Mc at odd jobs.

MAY 15.

Sunday.

MAY 16.

Men as above. Mc at work shed. Self making nose boards.

MAY 17.

Same as usual.

MAY 18.

Men finished garden. Mc & self nose boarding calves ; & looking out site for field.

MAY 19.

2 men on stone wall, repairing bullock dray, cutting handles for tools.

MAY 20.

Making tubs & tool handles.

MAY 21.

Men working, self writing.

MAY 22.

Sunday.

MAY 23.

Horse hunting. Mrs Withnall & sister left.

MAY 24.

Two men as above. McC started for plough at Withnall's, seed wheat & seeds. Self making up Nairn's things; & getting wood for harrow.

MAY 25.

Good water in well but not enough of it. All as above.

MAY 26.

Men tried for water in another place, not as good. Worked at old well. Self repairing churn &c.

MAY 27.

Men all employed. I lost most of the day making butter.

MAY 28.

Two men quarrying stone for floor of shed to shear on. I went out some miles with Nairn, feed very good and an abundance. L. went to Dig-down (Post Office).

MAY 30.

Men at usual work, cutting battens for sheds. Self clearing out house, looking to provisions & other things; resalting beeg, making butter.

MAY 31.

2 men as before. McC & self ploughing. Lewington brought in all horses. Sheep counted. 354 or 5, which is right with 3 dead & nine killed.

JUNE 1.

1 man digging trench to fold. 2 ploughing; 1 clearing bushes.

JUNE 2.

As above.

JUNE 3.

men as above. Self making a harrow. Lewington shot a turkey.

JUNE 4.

All employed. First ewe lambs.

JUNE 5.

Sunday.

JUNE 6.

2 men ploughing (First attempt to grow corn) Self cutting steps & blocks &c.

JUNE 7.

Men as above. Self seeking lost sheep; (not those of the house of Israel) but 2 with lambs. Lewington came home

much hurt, from a severe fall with his horse.

JUNE 8.

1 man & self ploughing McCourt horse hunting, & with cattle, Lewington ill. Laing at drains. Mooelingunn with lambs.

JUNE 9.

2 men at plough. Lewington the same. Self looking after lost sheep, butter & mare; measuring land.

JUNE 10.

Two men harrowing self sowing McC repairing saddles.

Lewington shot 2 turkeys at 1 shot.

JUNE 11.

Men as above. Attending to mare butter logs stools &c &c

JUNE 12.

Sunday 10 hours steady rain. (Lewington hurt in fall).

JUNE 13.

Lewington at work. Told him to let McCourt go; as he was more likely to find cattle; said he must have a fresh agreement at £2 per month. I told him to go, he was not worth it; that I should not bother myself any more about him, & he would be the last I should send home.

McC found cattle, early. Laing & self carting material for steps. Jge building them. I also finished hewing them.

Horses often seen & in of late. Much rain.

JUNE 14.

As per usual work.

JUNE 15.

As above.

JUNE 16.

"Mystery" arrived. All at work (multiplicity of duties).

JUNE 17.

Went to Harbour to receive stores from "Mystery".

June 18 -

JUNE 19.

Sunday.

JUNE 20, 21 & 22.

Boating & carting stores. Lost my revolver whilst horse hunting, having jerked it out of the case while galloping.

(Never allow anyone unarmed)

JUNE 23.

Took man (Tucker) & a native to assist in looking for revolver, as it required every precaution; & was threatening rain; very difficult to track as my horse had frequently been over the same ground as the mob; also natives known to track backwards; (horses) he at last found it; had hidden it. I gave him 12 lbs of Flour, 1 lb of sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of sheep Tobacco. Weighed up & returned dray load of stores to Withnall.

JUNE 25.

In search of cattle.

JUNE 26.

In search of horses.

JUNE 27.

Station work.

JUNE 28.

Men the same. Shepherds making close pens for lambs.

JUNE 29.

Men as usual; Joe with complete carelessness broke a double barrel gun. Natives reported arrival of ship, I started to put letters on board; met team, & found it was a mistake.

JUNE 30.

At work in garden & usual duties; Also Laing excavating for dairy. Connor & Yongulgarry minding ewes & lambs; but latter ran away. Counted sheep too many.

JULY 1.

All as usual.

JULY 2.

Same as before.

JULY 3.

Sunday.

JULY 4,

Same monotony.

JULY 5,6,7,8,9.

The same. Jack disabled.

JULY 10,11,12.

Usual routine. Making washing pen for sheep.

JULY 13, 14.

Work as before.

JULY 15.

All the party washing sheep.

JULY 16.

Same as above.

JULY 17.

Sunday.

JULY 18.

Shearing sheep.

JULY 19.

The same.

JULY 20.

Lewington working.

JULY 21.

Men all at work. "Mystery" arrived from DeGrey. W. & H. returned.

JULY 22.

Shearing lambs, making up wool.

JULY 23.

Started two drays to Bay, with wool & stores & 5 men.

Made up store a/c for them Green gave up his flock, consisting of 520 sheep & lambs. The end of these so far.

JULY 24.

Sunday.

(This entry is incomplete).

Albert with horses and cattle Connor with sheep

(Marginal Note: These were the working staff including the manager. W.S.H.)

JULY 29.

The same. Albert saw all the horses , but Dolly and Ney.

JULY 30.

McC and self gardening, carting, making aprons

JULY 31.

Sunday. Much rain.

AUG. 1.

McC & self carting rafters and battens for shed.

AUG. 2.

Trimming battens. Sheep count right.

AUG. 3.

McC & Self working at shed putting up tie beams &c All the horses brought in.

AUG. 4.

The same. Albert brought in a large kangaroo. 140 lbs.

AUG. 5.

The same. I went to Withnell's, at night, they having sent for me; as they were afraid their baby would die, up most of the night. The child being much better came home P.M.

AUG. 6.

(Blank)

AUG. 7.

Sunday.

AUG. 8.

Usual.

AUG. 9.

McC & self clearing out stores house &c & putting up bedsteads.

AUG. 10.

Refitting doors &c & covering roof with paulins, rain at night.

AUG. 11.

The same (work) & working at shed. The garden has produced beans, lettuce & radish.

AUG. 12.

Working same.

AUG. 13.

The same. Brought in horses, counted sheep.

AUG. 14.

Sunday.

AUG. 15.

Working at shed, a sheep found dead on the plain.

AUG. 16.

The same work, Albert after stray cattle. 3 left out.

AUG. 17.

Cutting battens, carting and gardening, 3 beasts left out came in.

AUG. 18.

Finished battens etc Looking after four lost sheep with lambs. found 1 & 1 came home.

AUG. 19.

McC & self after two remaining lost sheep, found 1, 1 still out. Billy the native lost them.

AUG. 20.

Cutting grass for thatch, in garden.

AUG. 21.

Sunday It was today Yongal-garry brought in the sheep.

AUG. 22.

Cutting grass & thatch. watering garden etc. counted sheep.

AUG. 23.

Many natives about homestead, & in flat with spears; from their mode of proceeding I have every reason to believe they mean mischief; as they were playing with their spears in the flat & inviting the only two (men) in the house to (h) come & look at them; & Jacky came & asked for a gun; they were also seen pointing in the direction which all of us had gone.

AUG. 24.

I went up the river and brought in Ney, & saw the bulls & bullocks, & a few natives, who told me "to be off". I supposed they thought I was after them. I left McC, Albert & Tucker at home; (the two former stowed away) to give the natives a chance of attacking the house, but they thought better of it. At about sundown I went to Withnell's to let them know there was going to be a great muster of natives;

(i)

& put them on their guard; but Moolligunn had informed them previously. McC was also employed making cartridge pouches which I had cut out. The natives were also very anxious to know where every person was; & watched me from the top of a hill; & sent a boy with one spear to the house; which I have no doubt was meant for Tucker, if he gave them a chance to use it.

AUG. 25.

Returned home, shortly after which Jacky (native) told Albert that the natives were sulky on the 23rd, & were playing with their spears, merely as a ruse to get them down in the flst unarmed, when they would have made an attack on them. I believe what he said, & told them to be on their guard, ^{had} what they (the blacks) intended on the 23rd.

AUG. 26.

McC employed the same; & self helping him & in garden.

AUG. 27.

McC making cap pouches. Tucker & self cutting grass & attending to garden. Albert brought in all the horses & cattle and went down to Ws.

AUG. 28.

Sunday. I went up the river to see the bullocks; & what the blacks were about. When I returned McC went to Ws to shoe Bobby and Captain next morning.

AUG. 29.

Albert returned (with the cattle) McCourt also, self at work

docking 23 lambs, repairing gate, tool handles etc. -

Keeping a sharp eye on the blacks, as many strangers keep appearing, some of them intend mischief, I think when they have their great gathering; as they do not seem^{very} well pleased & are frequently inquiring where all hands are; & reckoning us up among themselves. I think we shall be prepared for them, as the arms are at hand & in order, & we have a spy among them.

AUG. 30.

Docked 24 lambs, & branded 12 calves, in garden planting cabbages.

AUG. 31.

McC & Self looking up bull, & bullocks, & carting grass for thatch - several showers.

SEPT. 1.

Albert brought in bullocks with lame bull. McC & self preparing to kill bull, Jeannette shod, Tool handles made, Bull killed, very good meat.

SEPT. 2.

Salting meat, took much trouble to clear away appearances (of having killed) very early as many natives are about; & it might be the cause of them attacking the herd, which is now turned out. weight of bull 684 lbs (self in garden).

SEPT. 4.

Sunday.

SEPT. 5.

Resalting meat; & with Albert cutting thatch & watering garden.

SEPT. 6.

Usual.

SEPT. 7.

Mc & self thatching shed; Albert looking up Jinnette she having got away at night in hobbles, he brought her in with an emu, which the dogs killed.

SEPT. 8.

The same (work) Cattle mustered, counted sheep made 397 shorn sheep, & 165 docked young lambs.

SEPT. 9.

The same.

SEPT. 10.

Stock not found by Albert.

SEPT. 11.

(Tracking stock) Sunday, Mc & I found the horses & tracks of the cattle, towards W's went there & remained the night - As all the natives were below there.

SEPT. 12.

Lost cattle found.

SEPT. 13.

Usual work.

SEPT. 14.

Same. Sent McC to Ws with meat pig & things.

SEPT. 15.

Same work as usual.

SEPT. 16.

A brought in all cattle but 1 cow, also Ney. McC & Self at odd jobs at home, milking, making pickles watering garden etc etc.

SEPT. 17.

Mc & Self felling poles; All the horses but Nancy & foal brought in on our way home. Albert raising stone.

SEPT. 18.

Sunday. McC out but did not see Duchess (cow).

SEPT. 19.

Stock work.

SEPT. 20.

Same.

SEPT. 21.

Adding to garden fence where water has receded (other work)

Lost powder flask.

SEPT. 22.

till noon
McC after bullocks . A & self raising stone, Mc & self cutting posts etc. for another shed. A as above.

SEPT. 23.

McC & A away with team to river pass, for timber, the latter

saw all the horses & most of the cattle. Self felling poles, & mending hurdles near, & at home, as many natives ~~ate~~ in the vicinity, & many strangers with them.

SEPT. 24.

Hunting stock, & preparing timber etc. McC employed with a few little affairs of his own. It was quite as well we were all at home most of the time day, as the natives mustered pretty strong.

SEPT. 25.

Sunday.

SEPT. 26.

SEPT. 27.

Lewington came up from "Mystery", & McC & I went down.

SEPT. 28.

Went on board "Mystery" in outer harbour & got goods on shore, found flat, too leaky to bring them up, so had to return for dinghy, leaving McC & Taylor in "Mystery", left Harry in charge.

SEPT. 29.

Started dinghy dawn, waited till first load arrived, & returned home.

SEPT. 30.

Repaired dray & sent Lewington for stores. A after horses & cattle.

OCT. 1.

Albert after cattle not seen yesterday, (found them) Team came ~~home~~ up with new hands from "Mystery".

OCT. 2.

Sunday.

OCT. 3.

Me & self making new body pole etc for dray. Tucker & Lewington cutting battens. a.m. & p.m. raising stone, A at odd jobs. Harry with ewes & lambs (native).

OCT. 4.

The same.

OCT. 5.

Same.

OCT. 6.

Two hands carting, 2 raising stone, & weighing up stores for sheep station. Self looking out site for camp. Downto W's for books & home.

OCT. 7.

Bullocks could not be found till late, when I started with hands to make hut, & yard for sheep, the shepherd, & native having started very early.

OCT. 8.

I brought up all the horses, as I required 2 to go on a short trip to examine the country between this & the Fortescu (River) We made a start at about 1 p.m. & slept 15 miles

south, up the river, 3 men at work at sheep station, 2 at home.

OCT. 9.

Sunday.

OCT. 10.

A looked up cattle McC at shed T & L the same.

OCT. 11.

2 hands at shed & 2 at sheep station.

OCT. 12.

I came in from Maitland river about 27 miles. Having seen very little good feed, & that only round Table Hill, 15 miles s & on e bank of the Maitland where there is some extent. Albert looking up cattle McC & T at shed.

OCT. 13.

T & McC as above. A went with stray sheep in dray to station self writing.

OCT 14.

As above, A at odd work, self at sheep station; & after cattle, remaining to count sheep, yard too small, to hold them; told the 2to enlarge it.

OCT. 15.

The same, A brought in all the cattle, self writing letters for "Mystery".

OCT. 16.

Sunday.

OCT. 17.

Usual work.

OCT. 18

Ditto.

OCT. 19.

McC 7 self started on bush trip (via W-s & sheep station) when Mr. Hird came up from "Mystery", so I returned home with him leaving McC to help W shear as he was ~~short handed~~ behind hand - T & A finished shed; & commenced excavating for kitchen.

OCT. 20.

Men the same. Self with Mr. Hird, looking up cattle.

OCT. 21.

Went to sheep station with Mr. Hird & on to W-s. A went down with team & traps & provisions, for McC. T at home as above.

OCT. 22.

Waited late for horses, when we started with wool & two teams to cross marsh, as there were many hands to help at a bog, got across safely, bogged on return, & broke pole; as it was late turned team out & came to W-s.

OCT. 23.

Sunday.

OCT. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.

Same station routine.

OCT. 30.

Sunday.

OCT. 31.

Building stone kitchen with Tucker. A stock hunting.

NOV. 1.

The same, carting clay, dressing stone etc.

NOV. 2.

Making sledge & sorting staves for water casks, mixing mortar A with provisions to station; returned with 3 kangaroos leaving 2 there. L & Jacky having caught 5.

NOV. 3.

Same.

NOV. 4.

Making doors & window panes for kitchen.

NOV. 5.

The same.

NOV. 6.

Sunday.

NOV. 7.

Ditto.

NOV. 8.

Counted sheep, 587 with all docked lambs, (42 not cut) usual work remainder of day.

NOV. 9.

Building kitchen. Lewington with dogs killed 1 kangaroo & 2 native dogs.

NOV. 10.

Same.

NOV. 11.

Ditto.

NOV. 12.

NOV. 13.

Sunday.

NOV. 14.

work building. L. caught 2 kangaroos & an emu.

NOV. 15.

As above a.m. - p.m. went to station docked 47 lambs, & went down to W8s on account of ship's gun heard previous night at near 10 p.m.

NOV. 16.

Hunting cattle on way home, called at station.

NOV? 17.

Same.

NOV. 18.

Same.

NOV. 19.

No change.

NOV. 20.

Sunday.

NOV. 21.

Work as usual

NOV. 22.

Working. Sent for 2 bags of flour.

NOV. 23.

The same at a.m. Went to station p.m. counted sheep

docked lambs. A returned with team & flour.

NOV. 24

The same, carting stone & water, A after cattle to station.

NOV. 25.

The same. L caught 2 small kangaroos, cattle not seen, as they have gone up river.

NOV. 26.

The same

NOV. 27.

Sunday. Found the 3 missing cattle after a long search.

NOV. 28.

Carting for kitchen.

NOV. 29.

At stone work. sent A to station to remain while L. hunted.

NOV. 30.

A came up with 11 teal & ducks, while out, & brought in Madam & calf, then the bullocks, & brought in wood & water, self & T at building.

DEC. 1.

T & self as before. A down to station with things wanted.

DEC. 2.

The same.

DEC. 3.

Same. shot 8 ducks & teal & fine kangaroo.

DEC. 5.

Work same.

DEC. 6.

No change.

DEC. 7.

Ditto.

DEC. 8.

Stock hunting.

DEC. 9.

Building. Stock hunting.

DEC. 10.

Work at building a.m. Went to station & docked 15 lambs, counted sheep etc. A working bullocks etc.

DEC. 11.

Two ships guns heard went down to Bay & on board "Tien Tsin" Sunday.

DEC. 12.

Assisted to clear the ship of most of the sheep & returned with to W's with Knight & Lukin who wished much to see a little of the country, stock etc.

DEC. 13.

After waiting for saddle came home with Knight & Lukin - calling at station to see sheep with which they were much pleased.

DEC. 14.

Went up river to hunt up and show them cattle.

DEC. 15.

Went to Bay; & at last on board. Butcher told me all goods &c were landed belonging to station except 1 bag of potatoes. Returned to W's & ~~waited for papers &c~~ to W's .

DEC. 16.

sent dray for box, & waited for papers &c, when it could not be found.

DEC. 17.

Came home. by way of station, Tucker & Albert, since he came home on the 14 th, having been at work on building & odd jobs, & Lewington employed with drays for Mr. Taylor since the 14th.

DEC. 18.

Sunday. Dogs went out hunting by themselves, & A hearing them, brought in a very fine kangaroo.

DEC. 19.

Building. ^A after cattle.

DEC. 20.

The same. A saw all the cattle. Harry (native) shot 9 ducks & teal. "Aurifera" arrived.

DEC. 21.

The same. Lewington came home having carted Mr. T's goods to W's. ~~A after horses~~ After Albert brought in horses, (self) started for Bay to assist in unloading "Aurifera", telling A & L to follow as soon as possible with team.

DEC. 27.

Returned, all stock landed, found it very hard work, as the ship was 3 miles out -

DEC. 28.

Came home with Mr. Orkney & A -

DEC. 29.

Out to show him (Mr. Orkney) run & stock.

DEC. 30.

Went to W's with Mr. Orkney and showed him sheep by the way, horses at home, & returned home, Mr Orkney was much pleased with all he saw; & the sheep quite surprised and pleased him, as they could not look better.

DEC. 31.

At home not well, enough to work; as I have had rather too much of late. A mustered all stray cattle & T & L working bullocks. The "Aurifera" was to leave today.

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JAN. 1.

Sunday.

JAN. 2.

At work at building. A took cattle down river. L clearing stones.

JAN. 3.

The same.

JAN. 4, 5, 6, 7.

Team came home with timber. Moderate rain.

JAN. 8.

Sunday.

JAN. 9.

Trimming plates & rafters. A looking up horses & Lockyer's mare & Fan with foal (colt) 2 days old, L cooking as Taylor's hand is bad.

JAN. 10.

Finished rafters and put plates on building. 2 hrs rain.

JAN. 11.

The same.

JAN. 12.

Topping up chimney. Taylor & A away with team for timber.
(j)
Messrs Taylor, Mount & parties here for night on way to Fortescue (River).

JAN. 13.

At work at chimney heavy rain made us leave off, p.m. it continued gently through the evening.

JAN. 14.

Same.

JAN. 15.

Sunday. went to station counted sheep.

JAN. 16.

Working at building.

JAN. 17.

Putting on battens. A ill L working bullocks.

JAN. 18.

Thatching etc.

JAN. 19.

Ditto.

JAN. 20.

Same. A caught a fine emu. Messrs Taylor's & Mounts' party returned unsuccessful.

JAN. 21.

Finished thatching. T & L putting bank round kitchen etc.

JAN. 22.

Sunday.

JAN. 23.

Comet seen.

JAN. 24.

Same.

JAN. 25.

Self at Taylor's & station, counted sheep, stonework finished

JAN. 26.

T. A. & self at odd work at home (stone wall, shoeing horse & salting meat &c) sent L to Taylor's to help dip sheep.

JAN. 27.

went to Mr. Mount's camp and on to Jones's Creek, where we

camped for the night, pools very small, only about 3 ft deep.

JAN. 28.

Ascended Mt. Wellard, & camped on "George" (River) where we found water from late rain, several fine showers during day; & at home a perfect deluge for about an hr.

JAN. 29.

Crossed from George springs to "Sherlock" (River) made it about 4 miles below "~~Kanja~~"^(K) "Kanja" and camped on fine pool 3 miles south w of Redhill.

JAN. 30.

Followed down river to Nairn's crossing, where the water was only about 3 ft deep; we only passed one pool en route - camped on plain east of Jonse's Creek.

JAN. 31.

Returned to Mount's camp, not having seen anything that would suit them, or many others; as the country is very dry, & not a good site for a ~~house~~ homestead in the whole distance travelled. -

FEB. 1.

Came home with Mr. M. (Men at work during absence).

FEB. 2,3,4,5.

Same routine. A looking after Lucy, as Mr. Mount wished to borrow a horse.

FEB. 6.

Same. L laid up with sore eyes. A could not find Lucy, so as Mr. M's business is pressing lent him Bobby for a trip to the DeGrey - Taylor very ill.

FEB. 7.

Usual work.

FEB. 8.

A & self as above. T making drain at stockyard, Mount started for DeGrey.

FEB. 9.

Same.

FEB. 10.

Work.

FEB. 11.

Felling and carting posts for stockyard, Harry (native) shot 10 ducks, much wanted.

FEB. 12.

Sunday. Native dog bit a lamb in front of house, had to kill it 36 lbs.

FEB. 13.

Counted sheep very carefully, 1 short, lost in moving flock home, present number 665, deficit 8. making sheep dip & fold very secure, as the sheep from some cause broke out of it at 3 a.m. luckily got them in safely.

FEB. 14.

W. & Mount returned with mare, left on Maitland. Same work.

FEB. 15 & 16.

Making Tobacco water &c &c.

FEB 17.

Dipping rams & worked at yard, A brought in cattle & bull for W - also bullocks for work.

FEB. 18.

Charring posts, sinking holes etc. 14 ducks shot.

FEB. 19.

Sunday. Killed a sheep which weighed 69 lbs.

FEB. 20, 21, 22.

The same - Mount, Withnell & Lockyer started for Fortescue (River) 4 ewes ill.

FEB. 23.

Finished yard. 4 sheep bad.

FEB. 24.

Hands as usual. Self out looking for a place to station sheep, should the very dry weather continue.

FEB. 26.

Two carting. L shot 2 Turkeys. Self writing.

- Sunday One of the sick ewes died.

FEB. 27.

Tucker, A. L working & hunting stock. Self writing; & also riding about plain to quieten Jeannette & find a place to sink a well, for shepherd Firefly's foal much worse, than

when seen 10 days back.

FEB. 28.

A & self out on station; & Jeannette, to quiet them, & find cattle; cutting Yangedes. with T & A & Harry after stallion as he had broken loose. L shooting & cleaning out well.

MAR. 1.

Making hut for Connor (shepherd) on plain, as the feed is very short & dry about home. A carting. Killed the first wether weighed $50\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Counted sheep 665, with 10 imported A decrease of 10 of late. viz. 4 lost, 2 of which are lambs not docked, 1 ewe died, 3 wethers killed, 1 lamb bitten, which we used; & the wether weighed above.

MAR. 2.

3 hands & self clearing out sheep pool -

MAR. 3.

General work.

MAR. 4.

usual. Mount & W returned from Fortescue, I went to W's to see if L - Mount had returned from DeGrey. Sunday.

MAR. 5.

Returned.

MAR. 6.

Same work.

MAR. 7.

Same. Lewington shot 9 ducks.

MAR. 8.

As before.

MAR. 9.

The same. L. shot 15 ducks & 5 cockatoos.

MAR. 10.

Tucker at stone work. A after cattle, L - cleaning guns.

Harry (black) shot 9 teal & 6 cockatoos, Self writing.

MAR. 11.

Usual work, preparing for trip to flat.

MAR. 12.

Sunday. Took 2 days to clean flat, & turn her over &c.

MAR. 16.

Returned to W's.

MAR. 17.

Came home.

MAR. 18.

Same as usual, during my absence. Self down to Taylor's to see about repairs of saddle books etc. -

MAR. 19.

Sunday.

MAR. 20.

Two at wall. A with bullocks & self up river looking up cattle and horses; & also to make further examination for sheep station; as this is too dry for lambs; & 8 sheep are now bad from dry feed, & hot weather. Mr. Mount returned

from DeGrey with (person named) Mann.

MAR. 21.

Carting stone & at wall, stock hunting &c.

MAR. 22.

Sent sheep up river & took L and A to assist in making fold & hut. Tucker at wall. Mr. Taylor returned from trip - & found a heifer dead in the bush.

MAR. 23.

The same.

MAR. 24.

Tucker finished wall, A working bullocks. L at sheep station.

MAR. 25.

Went with sick sheep in dray to station, H came with ewes & lambs. A after horses Tucker at odd work.

MAR. 26.

Sunday.

MAR. 27.

Horse hunting, found remains of "firefly's foal & 2 rams.

MAR. 28.

Same.

MAR. 29.

Same.

MAR. 30.

F & L - Mount, & Mann left this for the "Ashburton" River also Taylor & party exploring southwards.

MAR. 31.

No change.

APRIL 1.

Carpentering and making up stores for station.

APRIL 2.

Sunday. Went down to "Tien Tsin", when on board, passengers came to me from the "Maria Ross" with directions to assist them.

APRIL 3. to 8.

Landing stores, sheep &c from the "Maria Ross". "Tien Tsin" sailed at 11 p.m. 7th.

APRIL 9.

"Kestrel" arrived.

APRIL 10.

Landing sheep from her.

APRIL 11.

When about to return, heard that Middleton's sheep could not be brought to water, without my assistance, which detained me

APRIL 12.

Mare broke loose & went off with her tether last night self after her; did not find her. Albert carting many people's stores of late. Tucker with ewes and lambs as they required much care; & we have lost many of late, owing to heat and drought. Taylor at work at Bay - when T_p was cook.

APRIL 13.

Self after mare. A finished carting.

APRIL 14.

After mare. A came home with team & stores.

APRIL 15.

A. Jacky & self after mare, with 3 horses, foal came to where A was camped with mares & foals.

APRIL 16.

Sunday. Same after mare, found her caught by her rope in rocks in the hills, tracked her up with difficulty she had been 116 hours without water; & was in a very reduced state, bathed her and gave her small drinks, at intervals of 2 hrs & some hay.

APRIL 17.

Jeannette being much improved & able to feed, brought her to the "Bullrush" where the feed is green.

APRIL 18.

Went twice to lamb station & docked 94 lambs.

APRIL 19.

Moving stock.

APRIL 20.

Clearing sheep pool etc, mustering ewes & lambs.

APRIL 21.

The same, self to outstation.

APRIL 22.

Same

APRIL 23

Sunday.

APRIL 24.

Same.

APRIL 25.

Started with 6 others (who are looking for runs) for "Table Hill" to find fresh runs for sheep.

APRIL 26.

With Mr. Darling examining much country.

APRIL 27.

The same & home.

APRIL 28.

Started shepherd (Connor) with dry sheep; & Lewington with young lambs & ewes. Counted both lots C - 588, from which we drew off 5, leaving 583, & 98 lambs. Lewington's lot was 71 ewes & 54 lambs etc.

APRIL 29.

Started with team & hands to make station for sheep; & take them to place.

APRIL 30.

Sunday. Arrived at camping ground.

MAY 1.

Making yard.

MAY 2.

Finished yard & cut timber for hut. Lewington came up with ewes & young lambs; although I had told him, & sent by A to tell him he was not to move them till I sent for them,

sheep came in empty and lambs very tired; as he had driven them much faster than we had the sheep. He found one ewe dead by the way lost by Connor.

MAY 3.

Finished Hut; lams pen etc etc & came home with Tucker at 9 p.m. Lewington caught a fine kangaroo & almost broke his leg. Counted 657 sheep & 156 lambs.

MAY 4.

Very ill, but went to W's to try & get stores, with Mr. Darling who had remained with Taylor at home, while we were all out.

MAY 5.

Returned as far as McCourt's camp,

MAY 6.

Came home early. ~~Men at work.~~

MAY 7.

Sunday.

MAY 8.

T. L. & A with team to Bullrush pool, the 2 former to remain & cut rails; & A to go to Middleton with team, for the use of which, he will give me flour.

MAY 9.

All the men out at station and felling rails.

Barque "Douglas" arrived yesterday & I went down to W's at p.m.

MAY 10.

Went to Port & helped land stock - left A in charge.

MAY 11.

The same & returned to W's.

MAY 12.

Came home.

MAY 13.

Went to sheep station. Timber cutters came home.

MAY 14.

Sunday. Went to see to goods per "Douglas".

MAY 15.

As McLeod has lost 100 sheep, went in search of them most of the day. 5 were found. put blacks on.

MAY 16.

Came home with Mr Hooley to cut colts.

MAY 17.

Cut 5 colts & branded them & 5 fillies, hurt my hand.

MAY 18.

Out with Hooley to see colts, found them doing well, A after horses. T. Raising stone.

MAY 19.

Hearing a large ship the "Warrior" had arrived went to W's. T at stonework A on holiday -

MAY 20.

Went on board "Warrior" at 9 p.m., too dark & too rough to

be safe. Light rain at midnight.

MAY 21.

Sunday.

MAY 22.

Assisted Mr. Broadhurst (Charles) with sheep.

MAY 23.

Came home.

MAY 24.

Out to station.

MAY 25.

Docked 70 lambs (44 rams & 26 ewes) Counted flock, made 655 (one short & 1 dead) Brought in horses & came home, as Connor's time is up gave him a few days leave.

MAY 26.

Wrote to Mr. J. Wellard & took letter to W's to post per "Warrior".

MAY 27.

Went to Bay, could not get on board till 9 p.m. very rough & dark.

MAY 28.

Wind bound on board. Sunday.

MAY 29.

Came on shore and lent a hand with sheep & started up with Mr. Broadhurst.

MAY 27.

Went with A & bullock team to bring Mrs. Wedge & family up from marsh. got all the bullocks bogged several times.

MAY 28.

Sunday. Went to marsh to give order to Smith in payment for goods bought 27th.

MAY 29.

Went down to Marsh for Mrs. Broadhurst & family with A & team, brought a load up as they had not landed.

MAY 30. ~~Went to Marsh for Mrs. Broadhurst & family.~~

Brought up Mrs. Broadhurst & family.

MAY 30. (obviously intended to be 31)

Loaded for home, but could not find team.

JUNE 1.

Started home with 2 bullocks. Mount & party here for the night; (They are) en route for Ashburton.

JUNE 2.

As Mount's horses had strayed sent T. & A & native after them, & horses up the river. Sent stores to sheep station &c &c - Tucker quarrying stone & at other work while I was away.

JUNE 3.

Same routine.

JUNE 4.

Sunday.

JUNE 5.

T as above A driving team, Taylor & self cutting logs for fence. Lewington at cooking etc.

JUNE 6.

As above.

JUNE 7.

The same.

JUNE 8.

Same - Self to outstation with provisions.

JUNE 9.

Man & A clearing spring, Self counted sheep (655), which is 1 short, docked 5 lambs, moved shepherd's traps to better feed & came home.

JUNE 10.

2 men at Spring garden, self at old one. A after cattle L shot 5 ducks.

JUNE 11.

Sunday,

JUNE 12.

Two & self at garden, A - cattle brought & 2 kangaroos.

JUNE 13.

A & self brought in 48 head of cattle & horses - men making another stye.

JUNE 14.

Same work.

JUNE 15.

Horses (hunted up).

JUNE 16.

Garden etc.

JUNE 17.

Same work.

JUNE 18.

Sunday. "Mystery" arrived.

JUNE 19.

Went to Mt. ~~Well~~ Welcome with L - p.m. for stores.

JUNE 20.

Went down to "Mystery" with Dr Bompas to find out what time the "Mystery" would return

JUNE 21.

Returned, had to wait for Mr. McLeod for stores, as he was ill, & did not come to appointment, "Mystery" left.

JUNE 22.

Came home.

JUNE 23.

Work as usual.

JUNE 24.

Same, Shoeing horses, & garden. Harry came down from out station, & reports three lambs killed by wild dogs.

JUNE 25.

Sunday, Went up river to show Mr McLeod the road, &

looking after his lost sheep on way home.

JUNE 27.

Marked all sheep & lambs; & went out with Tucker & found a beautiful safe, & in every way suitable place, to move them to.

JUNE 28.

Moved flock & traps out sixteen miles to Darling Peak, & returned to Taylor's.

JUNE 29.

Could not find horses till near noon, when we returned home. The flock with all lambs, rams &c now amount to 823, three of which are not docked. - I think more jumped out of the yard than I counted, C said they did.

JUNE 30.

Two men raising stone. A brought in 39 head of cattle. Self looking after Saucy.

JULY 1.

Two men clearing well ; & repairing roof. A with cattle, ~~etc~~, after others. Self looking after Saucy, other horses, & to the Doctor for advice.

JULY 2.

Sunday. came home.

JULY 3.

Two men raising stone, self horse hunting, A looking for

cattle, 43 head in.

JULY 4.

2 lads after stray cattle, & self, & Tucker putting stores in order; & other odd work,

JULY 5.

Tucker & self making nose boards, lads as above. Self taken very ill p.m.

JULY 6.

T repairing stock yard. I with cattle A - to Dr for me.

JULY 7.

T at odd jobs - A after ^{stray} cattle.

JULY 8.

The same

JULY 9.

Sunday.

JULY 10.

Sent T to Doctor as I was nearly out of medicine; & little better. A at odd work with bullocks &c

JULY 11.

Tucker cutting wood for garden gates. A to sheep station with provisions & told to remain there the day.

JULY 12.

T making gates.

JULY 13.

The same. A did not return, as he lent Mr. McLeod his horse & went in search of McL's.

JULY 14.

T the same. A - & Mount's party returned from Ashburton.

JULY 15.

T mostly at garden and odd work.

JULY 16.

Sunday. A for medicine.

JULY 17.

A returned in search of horses. T attending to Pock for Mr McLeod as I may have to purchase it; & other little jobs.

JULY 18.

Usual. A brought in horses & took Lockyer's mare up river etc,

JULY 19.

Same work.

JULY 20.

A brought in Jeannette, & afterwards 4 horses, for McLeod, to rid us of his stallion. T planting cabbages.

JULY 21.

T & A working bullocks a.m. - p.m. T laying floor in house, A out with bullocks & MCL's horses.

JULY 22.

Tucker same. A brought in Boboy & Ney as the former's back wants attending.

JULY 23.

Sunday.

JULY 24.

Tucker laying floor. A with provisions to sheep station. -

JULY 25.

T & Taylor & L. cutting & branding calves. The first work I have done for 3 weeks since being ill. A returned from sheep station.

JULY 26.

~~Station~~ T laying floor. A & self making noseboards; & etc last break too easily.

JULY 27.

of the first
Branding some cattle calved here; which either were omitted before, or the brand had become indistinct. (Other work).

JULY 28.

Self up to sheep station. Tucker a floors. A sinking water holes for garden.

JULY 29.

Returned. Men at work.

JULY 30.

Sunday.

JULY 31.

Went for stores & to see Dr. Men as before.

AUG. 1.

Branding & other work, all hands.

AUG. 2.

Usual work.

AUG. 3.

Same.

AUG. 4, 5.

Same work a.m. & p.m. down to Mt. Welcome ⁽¹⁾ for boots & clothing ~~for~~; as I have none.

AUG. 6.

Came home. Sunday.

AUG. 7.

Went to sheep station with Tucker with provisions. Men at work 1 sheep dead.

AUG. 8.

Moved sheep & traps into last camp 6 miles, after searching all morning for a better place.

AUG. 9.

Counted sheep & looking for pool to wash in & examined river all the way home. - ^(wool)

AUG. 10.

Tucker & self attending to garden.

AUG. 11.

Trimming rails. Self writing, & ~~up~~ to sheep station to count sheep & fetch Connor (shepherd).

AUG. 12.

T the same; & preparing for party ~~to go~~ ^{going} A after bullocks & down with team, self home writing & to Mt. Welcome.

AUG. 13.

Remained at Mt. Welcome as "Mystery" would not be ready for

water. Sunday.

AUG. 14.

Sent team with Tucker, Albert Connor & provisions & water to marsh.

AUG. 15.

Loaded with flour & many articles bought & came home -

AUG. 16.

Shod horse & went to sheep station Tucker trimming rails & at garden.

AUG. 17.

Counted sheep & returned.

AUG. 18.

Tucker collecting things & making up provisions for sheep washing.

AUG. 19.

Working at all sorts of small jobs; & making up cattle account.

AUG. 20.

Sunday.

AUG. 21.

Went with Tucker & team up to sheep station to wash flock.

AUG. 22.

Making pens.

AUG. 23.

The same.

AUG. 24.

Fixing washing pens & cutting drains.

AUG. 25.

Washing sheep.

AUG. 26.

The same.

AUG. 27.

Sunday. Townbery broke his arm.

AUG. 28.

Sent T home with team & traps. Started home with flock with L - & A - as I wished them to travel slowly and feed well - Met Tucker at Fist Pool; & cut a load of poles while sheep laid up.

AUG. 29.

Came to Tucker Pool where I left them with L and A & came on to prepare a place for shearing.

AUG. 30. Cleared yards, fixed pens &c.

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AUG. 31.

(Preparations) Cutting boughs to put under sheep, preparing bales & many other jobs.

SEPT. 1.

Commenced shearing with T & L only. (about 10½ hours) find it slow as the wool is dirty.

SEPT. 2.

The same.

SEPT. 3.

Sunday.

SEPT. 4.

Middleton & Withnell came to help shear.

SEPT. 5. 6. 7.

The same.

SEPT. 8.

Middleton returned.

SEPT. 9.

The same -

SEPT. 10.

Sunday. Self out cattle hunting, saw many of them & Smoky with calf 2 days old -

SEPT. 11.

As above.

SEPT. 12.

Finished early.

SEPT. 13.

W went home, we cleared up. Mr M & MCLeod made up fleeces.

SEPT. 14.

Treading wool, for which we had not packs before, marking same.

SEPT. 15.

Stowing wool in shed. Mending paulin, cleaning well, shoeing horses. Lewington returned, having had a holiday.

SEPT. 16.

Counted sheep made 821, & 6 young lambs, Thirgood carting rails, Tucker trimming same, Sent Harry & L up river with sheep, went up W. branch, after cattle & to Taylor's camp.

SEPT. 17.

Travelled to Mount's, Sunday,

SEPT. 18.

Men the same, self up George River (in search of green feed for ewes lambing) to Grant's and above King Pyramid & back to Mounts'.

SEPT. 19.

To Middleton's, & many places, men went to help Withnell shear yesterday p.m.

SEPT. 20.

Came home new cut, found one place would do for ewes.

SEPT. 21.

Went to Mt. Welcome. hearing W was short of men, & to look at lower sheep camp, sheared half a day.

SEPT. 22.

Returned & went up river horse & cattle hunting, & to see flock. Slept at camp.

SEPT. 23.

Same - stock much scattered.

SEPT. 24.

Sunday.

SEPT. 25.

Preparing to start to George River with ewe flock -

SEPT. 26.

Drawing off 334 ewes, taking them up river, after stray sheep on plain.

SEPT. 27.

Wegged wheels of dray,; & started to Geradalla, where sheep were at noon. Started for George at 3 p.m. & camped at Middleton Pass.

SEPT. 28.

Travelled to Indernooler by noon 7 ms.

SEPT. 29.

Went to Middleton's at noon, p.m. counted sheep, & drove to Mt. Wellard, 1 sheep short.

SEPT. 30.

Went to "Duck Pond" 7 ms.

OCT. 1.

Drove to camp $4\frac{1}{2}$ ms. Sunday.

OCT. 2.

Made yard - & went to Pyramid Station.

OCT. 3.

With team to Hones' Creek.

OCT. 4.

Started at 4 p.m. & came to Mt. Welcome at 6 a.m. 24 ms.

OCT. 5.

Rested team.

OCT. 6.

Came home & out after horses. Tucker came back home from shearing, & Taylor whose time is up remained, having cooked for Taylor's party.

OCT. 7.

Horse hunting. Tucker washing up, making brine etc. Thurgood to Mt Welcome for boots. -

OCT. 8.

Sunday.

OCT. 9.

Putting up things for party going with sheep; & down to Mt. Welcome for letters - Taylor after bullocks.

OCT. 10.

Down to "Mystery" to see Headland.

OCT. 11.

(returned)

OCT. 12.

Out cattle hunting & to look for runs for sheep, as the country is so dry owing to the long drought, that they will require often moving. Camped at upper river - Gorge.

OCT. 13.

Cattle hunting at "Table Hill", & many miles, mustered 32 head, & camped at "Darling Peak". Suppose some cattle to be at lower run.

OCT. 14.

Travelled the range came out at Mt. Wellard, & camped at sheep station near "King Pyramid".

OCT. 15.

Sunday. Moved traps, & sheep, after having found a splendid place, with plenty of water, & a great extent of green feed. Sheep doing well, 100 lambs down, 5 dead & 113 per cent with twins. Spent the night at Pyramid station -

OCT. 16.

Called at Mounts' on business (rams &c) & camped at "Sherlock" River "Rocket Pool", -
(m)

OCT. 17.

Followed river up about 5 ms to "Lake Plenty", & on about 9 ms - country not being good, returned to "Rocket Pool"

OCT. 18.

down river to about 20 ms - to springs & "Fish Pond" -

OCT. 19.

continued down river on eastern channel struck across well grassed plain to coast, & inland to near Hunt's Pass, & back to previous camp, found much good dry feed, but no water, all day & sun blazing hot.

OCT. 20.

Made a long days journey back to "Mt Welcome", by about 8 p.m.

OCT. 21.

Returned home. Tucker had seen 14 head of cattle on lower run, while I was out, making 46 head out of 60, or more. I hope the natives have not speared any; but the long drought; & few hands, give them a good chance. Two men employed carting wool & rails.

OCT. 22.

Sunday.

Mr. McLeod went to "Mt. Welcome", having heard that the natives had speared one or two heifers.

OCT. 23.

Wedging wheels, & shoeing, sent Taylor for wool press.

OCT. 24.

Cattle hunting.

OCT. 25.

The same.

OCT. 26.

Came home with 27 head (making 40 in all).

OCT. 27.

Making up rations for out station, started out with Mr. Mount, slept at Middleton's, left Bob & Jacky to collect cattle.

OCT. 28.

Went to Mounts' & on to station to deliver 6 rans; & see sheep.

OCT. 29.

Sunday. Went to Anderson's to borrow tools to put up yards, hut &c, finding sheep much in want of it.

OCT. 30.

Same.

OCT. 31.

Blind pens.

NOV. 1.

Put up hut.

NOV. 2.

Docked 132 lambs, out of 219, of which 17 had died & 19 were twins, counted sheep. short 4 or 5; last number, 818; of which 6 rams & 3 wethers were **sold**; & 2 wethers were killed, 1 lost, going over, from L's flock, 12 in all of the 818, should be 806.

NOV. 3.

Came to Middleton's.

NOV. 4.

Came home. Found Bob & Jacky had collected cattle; & Taylor just returned from pressing wool. Tucker keeping house.

NOV. 5.

Sunday.

NOV. 6.

~~Same~~ Out horse hunting, Taylor working bullocks.

NOV. 7.

made cattle right in number; branded calves, 58 stock, & 11 calves. shod horses

NOV. 8.

Went to see about wool, Provisions & Order from Mount;

NOV. 9.

Balanced account, with W & Mount, & stowed wool.

NOV. 10.

Home for breakfast; & started Bob & Jacky out with provisions to station.

NOV. 11.

News of arrival of "Mystery" making up a/cs,

NOV. 12.

Sunday. Nairn came yesterday; & went to Middleton's today.

NOV. 13.

Writing.

NOV. 14.

The same, & to W's with letters, when to my surprise the "Mystery" & left many hours before. Mr. Nairn had Jeannette to Middleton's, & Ney from there in, Bob brought back the mare; & she ~~f~~ the same night; & Ney returned late today quite knocked up, so that I had to turn him out at "Dig Down", & got as far as the marsh on foot, when I saw the return party from "Mystery" & came back. Nairn told Miller he did not wish me to go up this time; & for that reason,

I suppose sent Ney home without a note or message.

NOV. 15.

Could not start with Ney.

NOV. 16.

Came home slowly as Ney was too bad to travel.

NOV. 17.

Preparing to kill beast; but as customers did not come, obliged to defer it till next day. ⁽ⁿ⁾ let young steer go; & determined to kill Ploughboy; as he is quite too heavy, for the country & slow; an odd bullock; & the 3 steers will be of more value for work.

NOV. 18.

Killed bullock (weight 850 lbs) Spent most of the night with L cutting & salting meat -

NOV. 19.

Sunday, Clearing up & attending to meat.

NOV. 20.

Thought it was Sunday till late; & only resalted meat; & sent for horses to go to station.

NOV. 21.

Horse hunting.

NOV. 22.

Went to Middleton's on way to station, M very ill, self also.

NOV. 23.

Too ill to travel most day. Went out to Grants' at sundown.

NOV. 24.

Rode out to look at feed; & see if sheep required moving, found plenty of feed.

NOV. 25.

To Grant's for axe, & hearing Middleton was much worse; & did not expect to live, went to see him. "Note of Kestrel"

NOV. 26.

Sunday remained with Middleton as he was still very bad; & returned to Grant's late.

NOV. 27.

To station, & repairing yard, & off dry sheep; arranged affairs with men; & left at 8 p.m. for Middleton's.

NOV. 28.

Home, & to Mt. Welcome with team & traps, blacks etc.

NOV. 29.

On board "Kestrel for passages, wool etc.

NOV. 30.

Returned to Mt. W -

DEC. 2.

Out to station, with Dr. Bompas.

DEC. 3.

Returned to Mt. ^Welcome. Sunday.

DEC. 4 & 5.

Settling a/cs. From this time employed taking down wool, bringing up stores

DEC. 9

"Kestrel" sailed 9 a.m. for Fremantle.

Obituary Notice of
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE HALL

from
"The North West Times", of
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Copied by
J.M. Clifton.

Roebourne, February 16, 1895.

"On Monday night last between 10.30 & 11.30 there passed
"away suddenly & mysteriously from our midst one of the
"most brilliant, upright, honest & valued lives that has
"ever lived amongst us, when Mr. William Shakespeare Hall,
"chairman of the Cossack Municipal Council, & the oldest
"resident in the district, was found floating lifeless in
"the Cossack Creek; but a few minutes after he had been
"cracking jokes in his usual humorous style with a friend.
"The old gentleman was passionately fond of bathing, and
"made it a practice to take a dip every night in Cossack
"Creek, when opportunity offered. Going to a spot on the
"beach he prepared for his ablution, and recognising Mr
"H.A.S. Watts (Clerk of Council) walking along the beach,
"requested his company in the water. Mr. Watts not caring
"for cold at that particular time - it had been raining
"heavily - jokingly declined, and a few words of good-
"humoured chaff passed between them. Mr. Hall swam
"towards the steps on the north end of the jetty and Mr.
"Watts thought he was resting awhile. Wishing to resume
"the conversation, he called out to him; but received no
"reply. The call was repeated with no response. Becoming
"a little alarmed at receiving no answer from so con-
"vivial a spirit as Mr. Hall, he hurried to the steps;
"but could see nothing of him there. His alarm increased
"by this he reported his suspicions to the police, who

were at the other end of the jetty; and search for the missing man was immediately instituted. The jetty was scanned high and low, and inquiries were made of all within hearing distance if they had seen anything of him; but his disappearance was still shrouded in mystery. Boats were secured and search was continued up the creek as the tide was flowing in. Constable Peirt's eye caught something suspicious looking close to the shore, and when W.p.c. Wilson and Captain England, who were out in one of the boats, were called to the spot to examine the object, it was found to be the lifeless body of Mr Hall stretched at full length and submerged about 6 inches. They drew him into the boat and carried him on shore, where all possible efforts were exerted to produce animation. They were carried on persistently for two hours, without success and then given up as useless. A most singular coincidence in connection with his death is this. It was the wont of Mr. Hall to speak of his feats in the water. He remarked to one of our representatives (and, we believe, had frequently made the remark to others) that he could do anything but one in the water, and that was to sleep. "This," he would say, "I must try some day just for the fun of the thing, you know." And it was a strange thing that he should sleep on the water; but it was the everlasting sleep from which none awaken.

The funeral was announced to take place at Cossack and a double-carred special train filled with friends of the

deceased left Roebourne at 2 p.m. in heavy rain. Owing to the bad state of the road to Cossack, no suitable conveyance could be procured to take the body to the cemetery. The difficulty was soon surmounted by the ready offers from friends to carry the coffin by relays; (one old friend of the pearling days Mr Augustus S. Roe). Midst the pouring rain which never ceased for a moment, the volunteers carried their esteemed friend's remains to their last resting place, several stoppages having to be made to ring in the changes, as their burden was heavy. Had it not been for the universal esteem and respect in which the deceased was held when in life, we do not think that such devout veneration for his departed spirit would have been displayed. At the graveside there was many a sorrowful face, which spoke the loss all those present had sustained (Two pathetic figures an old Malay diver, named Sintal: and a native who had been in his domestic life Whalebone). The impressive Anglican service was read by Mr. W.D. Cowan, J.P.

William Shakespeare Hall was the second son of Henry Edward Hall, firstly of Shakerstone Manor, and Newton Burgolands, Leicestershire, England, and afterwards of Mandurah, W.A. He was born in London. His father having disposed of his life interest in his property, about the time of Governor Stirling landing at Swan River, proceeded with his wife and young family to W.A., where they landed among some of the earliest colonists in 1829, the year of

the colony's foundation. Mr. Hall senior brought a 25 ton cutter in the barque he was a passenger by, which, upon his arrival, served him in cruising along the coast, to explore the seaboard country. Eventually he settled at Mandurah, where he commenced farming. Some time after his cutter was wrecked, whereupon he migrated with his family to Perth. Here W.^s. Hall, the subject of our biographical sketch, commenced his education under Mr. Wittenoom, the first Colonial Chaplain. Mr. Hall senior then went to the Old Country and joined his eldest son who had been educated at Eton; (and when of age) they finally severed their connection with the Motherland, by cutting off the entail to the property, disposing of it entirely and returning to the colony. Wongong farm was purchased, and there Shakespeare Hall learnt farming. Arriving at the age of manhood about the time of the famous gold discoveries in Victoria he could do no better, so he thought, than leave his father's home to seek his fortunes among the eager throngs hurrying in the race for gold. He followed gold digging in Bendigo and elsewhere with fluctuating fortune for 8 years and then returned to W.A. He entered into an engagement with the Government to prospect for gold in the vicinity of the Swan; but the project had no looked-for results. About this time he accomplished the then unheard of feat of travelling overland to Champion Bay (Geraldton) single-handed, which was deemed a feat of great daring.

A party was now being formed under the leadership of Mr. Frank Gregory to explore the terra incognita of the north; and this he joined. The expedition did some twelve months' travelling by land and sea, during which they endured many hardships and dangers, but rendered signal service to the colony. After this he returned to the occupation of his youth; but he had not long settled down to it when Mr. John Wellard, of the *Serpentine*, prevailed upon him to leave it and come north and open a station for him. They landed the sheep on the North Beach, Cossack, some six weeks behind a like-constituted party of Mr. Padbury's; which did not stay here, but pushed across to the DeGrey. Mr. Hall travelled his stock up to what is now known as Andover and there commenced the first station in the district. He remained there a little short of two years, having thoroughly established the station and tamed the natives, without bloodshed, amongst whom was the native chief known as King Mulangon. He threw up the management on account of ill health and the solitude, there being very few people about the district until the Denison Plains Company came some years later. Returning to the Swan, he went farming some of the land his father had allotted him in 1829; but being offered the vacant managership of the Roebuck Bay Company, he was on the move again. Here he was appointed a justice of the peace; and what with troopers and pensioners (provided by the Government to guard the station) he had quite a little colony under him.

The country proved useless for sheep; and he was ordered to shift bag, baggage and stock to Roebourne. The vessel made two trips, on the second of which she was wrecked on what was afterwards called Perseverance Rocks, that being the stock boat's name. She was not damaged greatly so the stock were not drowned; and at ebb tide every animal was walked ashore safely. Finally he was instructed to break up the concern, The men being paid off shipped in the first boat sent, the ill-fated schooner "Emma", which was lost with all hands comprising 40 souls. Mr Hall luckily stayed behind and took up runs for himself; and after getting things well settled down made short exploration trips inland in company with that well-known pioneer, Mr. John Withnell, and others. Shortly before this, having had a difference with the then Colonial Secretary, he resigned his justiceship. The letter containing the resignation went down in the schooner "Emma" before mentioned, so it is hard to say whether he was or was not a justice of the peace at the time of his death. He went south (after the settlement) and when in middle life married Miss H. Boyd Lazenby, of Perth and Cardup, daughter of a well-known colonist, and brought his 19-year-old bride north, who faced the trials and hardships bravely, her one fear being that the natives would murder her husband in his sleep, as he always slept in the open air. Unknown to him she kept many a waty vigil). To hark back, relinquishing the idea of squatting, he started business as a general storekeeper. Not being success-

ful and the pearling being now developed, he embarked in that industry with Malays (he procured from Java). The venture proved fairly successful. Throwing this up, he went ashore again, and with a partner started pearl buying. This proved most lucrative, but a sudden drop in prices discouraged him and his partner and they decided to dissolve. Mr. Hall again turning his attention and energies to business but they were not successfully applied; and he determined to quit the mercantile sphere for good. He went in for pearling with natives, and worked his boats off and on for several years with varying luck; but losing two boats at different times in hurricanes, the second nearly costing him his life, he became discouraged and came on shore, to mend his broken fortunes. As years began to advance he retired from active employment. He was made a councillor at the port and was twice raised to the civic honour of Chairman of the Town Council, which position he held at the time of his death. He always took a keen interest in public affairs, especially those connected with the north, and was a bold and fearless advocate of the need of separating from the south.

To hark back to the time when Gregory's expedition party were on board the "Dolphin" in Nicol Bay, the crew used to go on the reefs and find m.o.p. shells, which they used to search for pearls and then throw them away. Mr. Hall told the sailors they were throwing away half crowns; and so they saved them. When they reached Fremantle a

local merchant bought all the shell they had, at a good price, and shipped them to London; and thereat the pearling industry took its footing. Therefore it may be said that he gave the incentive to pearling, for it was certainly the first move towards its inception. For a long time Mr. Hall's heart had been seriously affected; but he would not nurse himself in any way. He had been a man of prodigious strength in his prime and could not realize its decline with advancing age. Early in the evening of his death some of his family noticed him looking pale although he seemed quite in his usual spirits. And now he lies in the silent tomb, in a hallowed spot of the Cossack cemetery, the mortal remains of the father of the district, the model of intrepidity, integrity and honour, an honoured husband, revered father and true friend and unquestionably the most esteemed personage who has ever associated himself with the north. "

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

By J.M. Clifton.

Two exciting attempts made by the aborigines to slaughter the white people en masse are worth noting. Many years after its founding when Roebourne was a small settlement on the Harding at the foot of Mt. Welcome, the natives at Nicol Bay planned a general attack. They were to throw lighted fire sticks on the thatched roofs of the stone houses and then stand by ready to spear men, women and children as they rushed out in the general confusion. Unfortunately for the black fiends a tender-hearted little native boy gave their plans away to the whites.

Another attempt was made on the DeGrey River. The invaders were invited by the natives to witness a grand koonoognoo (a corroboree). During the very spectacular performance a native fishing net was to be drawn surreptitiously around the admiring circle of whites. When the white fish were securely enmeshed they were to be speared. Again a native warned the squatter and his men and so averted a tragedy.

Samuel Lazenby, the brother in law of William Shakespeare Hall, was speared by natives when asleep. He had landed from his pearling boat and was camped on the beach when it happened. Young Lazenby and his sister went North about

the same time, she a bride of nineteen and he very little older.

These matters I heard talked of when a child. My father narrated the chief events of his life in such a graphic way as to grip our retentive young minds.

(Notes received from H.E. Hall, Cossack, June 11, 1928).

The word Ching-i means South. Yabbaroo or Yaberroo, North. Yeranjoo, East. Woolajoo, West. The native name for Andover is Choo- che-kun-ga-ra and Roebourne is Yirramuckadoo. These names are pronounced with a soft and short sound.

The natives had it all planned to come to Roebourne after they had murdered Glover the police constable, and two white men (Brea and his mate) at Nicol Bay. They were to set fire to the thatch of John Withnell's house, and as the whites ran to put out the fire the natives would spear them. In place of the natives killing the whites in Roebourne a very strong party of whites was sent, all mounted and armed by the then Government Resident, Mr. R.A. Sholl, and they shot some native men in Nicol Bay. Our father was one of the party, he acting as guide.

I cannot give you the date of Uncle Sam's (Lazenby) murder. It would be in the police records in Perth. The main facts are these. Uncle Sam was pearling in the cutter Venus (of which our father was part owner). They were at anchor close to an island now known as Lazenby's Island. Uncle took a boat and boat's crew and went on shore at night to get turtle. They split his skull with an

axe and also killed Joe Murray, a Roebourne native. The murderers were all North West Cape natives. The cause of Uncle's being killed was they natives could not account for Joe Murray (whom they wanted to kill).

The next affair was the plan on the DeGrey to catch Nairn and his party at a corroboree. The nets were to be placed in a semicircle and when the whites came within the circle the nets were to be drawn round them and they were to be killed very quickly.

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(Notes received from H. Aubrey Hall, Carnarvon, June 13, 1928)

While Wellard's party under Dad at Andover and John Withnell's camp at Roebourne were without police protection, the worst trouble with natives that occurred was when a native assaulted a lad named Lewington, or at least Lewington and a native had a scuffle on the Harding River, I think near McCourt's camp, and the native threw Lewington (a lad of sixteen or eighteen) into a pool. He was not seriously hurt.

After Sholl arrived, and many more settlers - I think subsequent to the Portland influx (because I think Alex McRae was a member of the punitive expedition) - two sailormen (foreigners, I fancy) were repairing a beach-combing craft on the beach in Nicol Bay when the natives attacked them at low water, on a moonlight night, chased

them across the sand banks and speared both to death. Sholl, R.M., having been sub editor of a paper in Perth, and being quite ignorant of natives and their ways, sent an equally raw constable and I think a tracker to arrest the murderers. The constable arrested and chained up the alleged ringleader, camped alongside the prisoner with his saddle for a pillow and his revolver under his saddle and went to sleep. The prisoner dug gently under the saddle, handed the revolver to his woman; and she handed him a spear with which he pinned the constable to the ground. I think there was a black tracker with the constable but whether he was killed or escaped back to Roebourne I am not sure. Then it was that the natives, hearing the settlers were intending to punish them, said that while the white men were attacking them in the vicinity of Nicol Bay a party of natives would attack Withnell's camp, fire the thatched roof and spear the women (Mrs. Withnell and Sophie Hancock) and the children. The natives about this time tried to get the DeGrey party (Padbury's) to attend a corroboree with intent to snare them with their dugong nets and spear them. But a native boy warned them and the plan failed. Not long after a man named Shay and a half caste, who had pursued some runaway pearling natives from a craft, probably working off the Condon Banks off the mouth of the DeGrey, or near what is now Port Hedland, were bringing the run-

aways back (I think on a chain). They came to a soak in the Shaw River for water. While Shay was off his horse and with his head down in the soak, the natives pounced on him and killed him. The half caste would probably have effected a rescue as he drew his revolver promptly but it snapped and I think the natives pulled him off his horse and killed him too. In comparatively recent years Shay's ring off his finger was picked up in this soak. Alex Edgar probably could have given full details of this latter, such as name of finder and ultimate fate of the ring. S.R.A. Corney, who is still living, I think possibly would know; or even such a late comer as Jack Stewart might have heard full details.

Samuel Lazenby was killed about 1870, I think. He had gone north to work in the Dad's business at Roebourne (purchased from Padbury after his nephews the Nairns had made a financial failure of it) but subsequently acquired the schooner Venus and went pearling. He procured his divers from between Fortescue and Onslow and N.W.C, and I suppose on account of being so wild and uncivilised, a Roebourne native Joe Murray, who was mother's house boy in Roebourne, and could speak a little English, was sent on the boat with Uncle Sam. The western natives decided to kill Joe Murray but could not well do so on the boat. However an opportunity occurred. Uncle Sam, who was only

about 20, I think, and of a kindly disposition decided to land on an island off shore, I think, from the mouth of the Fortescue, to get turtle for fresh meat for the natives. He sharpened a tomahawk for butchering the turtle; took a dinghy crew of natives on to the island, where they turned over a number of turtle, and all hands then turned in for the night, intending to return to the Venus in the morning. Unfortunately Joe Murray, Uncle Sam's boy was of the party; to compass his death they first buried the tomahawk in Uncle Sam's skull, and then killed Joe Murray. Next morning the natives returned to the Venus and told the white man in charge that the dinghy had swamped coming off from the island, and uncle had lost his life. The man or men in charge weighed anchor and sailed in near the mainland to get a report to Roebourne, by some of the other pearling craft, or else in their course en route for Cossack. Anyhow upon the first opportunity after nearing the land the natives ran away. A few days later other pearlmen landing on the same island for turtle, found uncle's body, in his blanket, buried in a shallow grave, and the murder was out.

Charlie was the ringleader in the murder and over him Dad, I fancy, came into collision with the then Governor, because Dad, who soon after this also went pearling, pursued Charlie upon every available opportunity, the authorities having failed to apprehend him. After some

time had elapsed the Governor pardoned Charlie, but Dad held he had exceeded his powers, inasmuch, he argued, that the Crown could not pardon a man of a offence of which they had not proved him guilty. However Charlie was such a turbulent man even among his own people, that some of them waited one day for him, and when he went down into a deep native sand well for a drink they killed him.

Uncle San is buried in Roebourne cemetery.

The native tribe occupying the country from the Peewah R. E, and the Maitland W. and up to the foot of the Tableland (roughly) called themselves and their language Nga-loo-ma. In this language Ching-i means up river, and as all the Roebourne rivers run roughly south, the whites generally referred to the south or inland as Chinghi when talking to the natives. That is the only meaning the word has. Chinghi is not a place name. The abo name of Andover is Choo-che-kun-ga-ra; of Roebourne, Yirra-muck-a-doo (sometimes spelt erroneously Eramuckadoo).

HALL, WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (1825-1895), J.P., Explorer, Pastoralist and Pearler, was born in London on 28 December 1825 and baptised at St. Mary's Church of England, Lambeth and was named after the Poet Shakespeare. (The Hall family being collaterally connected with the family of Shakespeare through the Stronge as well as the Poet's daughter, Susanna having married Dr. John Hall). He was the second son of Henry Edward Hall (1790-1859), Squire of Shakerstone Manor, Shakerstone, Leicestershire, England, and his wife, Sarah Theodosia Hall (nee Branson and a first cousin of her husband), (1793-1858). He came to Western Australia, with his parents, two brothers and three sisters in the vessel "PROTECTOR" (380 tons), chartered jointly by his father and another settler. They left England in November 1829 and reached Fremantle in February 1830 and safely landed considerable live stock, farming equipment, a 25 ton sloop and a jolly boat, necessities and luxuries, and ten servants and apprentices; the value of which entitled his father to a land grant of some 16,594 acres which was taken up at Mandurah. Unfortunately the land proved unsuitable. After several years of hardship, during which their first house and all its contents were destroyed by fire and their sloop was wrecked on Hall's Bank, the family moved back to Perth and subsequently bought a partly improved property at Wongong near Armadale.

William Shakespeare Hall received the main portion of his education from the Rev. J.B. Wittenoom, the first Colonial Chaplain. After learning farming on his father's property at Wongong, he went to Victoria in 1852 to the gold rush and stayed eight years without success. After returning to W.A. he was a member of the exploring party under Francis Gregory which explored the north-west of the State in 1861 and led to the opening up of this area in 1863 when he established the first sheep station, "Andover", in the

Roebourne district on behalf of John Wellard. W. S. Hall's party was the only one in the Roebourne district until the arrival of the Withnell family in April 1864. At that time there was no communication with the south other than by occasional and erratic sailing boats. His diary covering the first year gives some insight into the toil and difficulties involved. With much of the developmental work of the property achieved by the end of the second year, he turned to pearling (with Malay and native divers) and business pursuits in Roebourne and Cossack. He married Hannah Boyd Lazenby (1849-1911) and had three children who survived infancy, Henry Ernest Hall (1869-1941), Harold Aubrey Hall (1871-1963) and Hannah Joy E. M. Clifton (). Like his father before him W. S. Hall was short in stature, striking looking and of prodigious strength. In reporting his death by drowning, after a heart attack whilst swimming late on a hot summer night on 11 February 1895 in Cossack Creek, the newspapers wrote of him as "One of the most brilliant, upright, honest and valued lives that has ever been lived amongst us." Henry Edward Hall, his son William Shakespeare Hall and his grandson Harold Aubrey Hall were all highly knowledgeable of the aborigines, their customs and their language and were singularly successful in their handling of them. Today there are Halls still to be found in the north-west making a continuing contribution to the pastoral industry. At the time of his death William Shakespeare Hall was Chairman of the Cossack Municipality and a wrought iron screen in the Roebourne Anglican Church and a tombstone on his Cossack grave were erected "as a mark of appreciation and respect by the North West Pioneers."

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