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John FitzGerald
Myrtle Cottage
Pirie, Wandearah P.O.

South Australia,
December 1st 1888

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Tuesday September 13th

This has been a real fine day with
the least sign of a breeze from the South.
There was not a sign of a cloud in the
All Day and in the Evening the
Went down very Red.

I was mullusing again
To Day the old man went home this
morning and Mick went to Port Pirie
he was home again about 8 P.M.

Thorp sent in a load of my mallee
stumps to the Port this morning

John FitzGerald Myrtle

Wednesday September 14th 89.

This has been a very dry day
With a hard dry wind from the North
It had a little touch of hot winds
But at sundown there had a Black
Bank of clouds come up from the West.
and showed great signs of a change
there had a few drops fall at 8 P.M.
But that was all Still I think we will
get some more before morning as it is
very dark looking

I was cutting wood again
to day until dinner time after that
I killed the young Colt and began
to break him in to work

I had not put him in the Buggy
as I was afraid he might break
something Still he was very quiet
for the first time handled

Wednesday Nov 2nd

Fine with a light Breeze from
the North West. Katie and Jessy and
myself went to Port Pirie to Mrs Thorpe's
Funeral. She was buried this after-
noon in the Port Pirie Cemetery.

A man of the Name of William
Herrierty came here this fore noon.
(or the Boatswain)

looking for work. I put him on he went to
get his things so he came back again
at tea time

Thursday Nov 3rd

Fine with a light Breeze from the South.
I was mowing today The Bozon was cooking
and John the Norwegian was raking
we had a good day's work.

Friday Nov. 4th

Raining this morning so we
could not cut so the 2 men went
cleaning out the Hay Yard.
I was looking for 2 slows that
went away in the wheat I only found
one with 6 little Pigs

Saturday Nov. 5th

Fine with a light Breeze from the
South West. we were cutting hay
again today. The M^{rs} went to Port
Pirie She was home early.
She lost my waggon whip she had
it in the trap

Saturday Dec 3rd 1880

Nice and cool again today with changed
Breeze from the East. but in the evening it veered
to the South or South-East.

I was Reaping today again in the
after noon it was in splendid order for Reaping this after
noon the Rain made the straw quite tough
but it trashed well I never had one Choke all the
after noon.

The M^{rs} went to Port Pirie this morning.
She went about half past 9 a.m. as she was to
have Trap Whets cut and shot. I only wanted one
Wheel to be done but the Black Smith did the 4.
M^{rs} Moffatts that does them he charged £1.15 for doing
them he hadn't them done until near sundown
as the M^{rs} was late home.

She brought a pair of trousers to
alter & her and a straw hat the Points was 6/11.
and the hat 1/11.

For a Sheep and brought it home and
 Killed it ~~and~~ we had our Tea then and after
 Tea we looked for the Tracks of the Snake near the
 Front door we found his tracks but could
 not find himself so we were giving up the
 Search and was sitting down
 Just before going to bed

when oute Comes the Noble
 Snake from the front Room in to the Kitchen
 Ellen Smith that saw him first so she grabed
 the Spade and made a dab of it at him but
 she only cut his tail he got in to the Byre
 then so I pulled the things oute of it
 and saw him getting under it so we got
 at him again with the Spade and cut off
 about 15 inches of him and the other part of
 him got away and we could not find it
 up or down we lookt up the Buckets of the floor
 and then could not find him

Sunday December 9th 1888

Very warm again today although the wind
 was from the South-West but it came up here and
 Cool in the Evening

The M^{rs} and myself went
 To Crystal Brook today to Mass. and also to
 got our young son christened
 his Name is John James Fitzgerald
 he was Born on the 31st day of October 1888—
 about 8 o'clock on a Wednesday Night—
 and was Baptized on the 9 day of
 December 1888— he is a good strong healthy
 child and I hope the Lord will spare him
 and make him a good Dutifull Son to us
 — I write this with the
 hope that some day with the help of God he can
 read it for his own information as to the day
 and date of his Birth:

Written by his Father, John John Fitzgerald
 Pirie Dec 9th 1888
 South Australia

Names of his Parents

Part

The Names his { John James Fitzgerald }
Sponsors are James Fitzsimons
of Row of Port Adelaide, but a Native of
Mountpleasant Co Limerick Ireland
and Miss Ellen Walsh, of Pirie a Native
of this County, or Colonial (Born)

also the Priest's Name that Baptized
him is the Rev Father Handel
A Morevian Priest

John John Fitzgerald

Dec 4th 1888.

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Monday Dec 10th

Very warm again to day Still there
was a nice Cool Breeze from the South
All day

The Swedish Chap and myself were
cleaning the Wheat to day it won't go a Bag
to the Aco. Some will get that and some more
won't go one Bushel.

Mrs. M. Guire came here this
Evening and Tom came for 2 Bags of
Chaff.

The M^{rs} went up to Harry Bates's
this after noon to sympathize with old
Mrs. Maurice Fitzgerald for the Loss of
her daughter. (Mrs. Guern) who died
Last Monday from the Effects of Sunstroke
up near Hawkes

Thursday Dec 13th

Cool to day and Showings of Rain. There did a few drops fall in the morning but only a few drops.

The Wind was from the South all day. It turned West to Cold in the Evening.

I went to Port Pirie to day. I called around to Harry Bates's Place as I was going to take Mr. Fitzgerald but she would not go after I got as she was not ready.

So I went myself. I wanted to get some Bags. I got 30 New ones at the Milling Co's Mill.

I met Patt Ring and his Brother Tom in the Port. They Came down from Carleton to see to get work in the Port.

Tom got work and stopped and Patt went home. He wanted work with his Team of Horses but as far as I know he did not get it.

Friday Dec 14th

Cool again to day with a strong Wind from the South all day. There was a lot of Large white Fleecy Clouds rolling up from the South all day. and in the Evening when the Sun set it set behind a thick Black Murky Looking Bank of clouds. When the Moon rose also it was obscured in the darkness of the clouds.

Ed. Per and myself was cleaning the ^{of wheat} heap of the Mullinery to day but it came up rather windy in the afternoon so we knocked it off and went cutting up wood in the scrub and in the Evening I went over to Harry Bates's Place again to see if Mr. Fitzgerald would go to Port Pirie tomorrow. I will take her to the Port in return for her kindness to my Mr. while she was ill.

Saturday Dec 15th

Grand and Cool to day again with
a good Breeze from the South all day
There was a lot of white clouds hanging about the
day again

We were cleaning to day again
I finished cleaning the hullinsing and
it turned out only 20 Bags off of about
30 acres

The M^{rs} went to Port Pirie to day
She took Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald and
M^{rs} Bates in with her
and when she was coming home
Antony Malone and his Brother Jim
was home with her

Bridget Walsh Came here
this after noon She Came here of the
Thorpe's Crew

Mr. Fitzgerald Came home with the M^{rs}

Sunday Dec 16th

It was a bit warm again to day
Still there was a nice Cool Breeze from the South
all day.

Katy, Sissy, Ellen, Smith and myself
went to Crystal Brook to day to Mass.
when I was coming home myself and Michael
Called in to Lambert Hotel and had a few glasses
of Beer we did not stop long

Monday Dec 17th

Very warm to day with a light Breeze
from the North West.

we were cleaning to day again
and made a finish of it I have 60 Bags
all told Sissy and all.

I have not much to record to day
Saw Mr. Mc Guire Came here this afternoon

Tuesday Dec 18th

A Cool Change to day Still it was a bit warm in the fore noon

There was a lot of Thunder & Lightning in the fore noon so about 12 it began to Rain and rained a nice shower from the South West. So the rest of the day was fine and Cool then

There was a lot of Black Turkey clouds rolling up from the South West. and showing signs of some more Rain there was also a good few white clouds rolling in the evening and when the moon rose the clouds were traveling very quick over it and I think that is a sign of wind

I lent my Buggy to Mr. Propper to day to go to Port Limerick (left it home again in the evening) (I brought in all the wheat to the Barn today)

Rain

Wednesday, Dec 19th

Fine and Cool to day again with a good Breeze from the South. There was a nice drop of Rain last Night. in the middle of the Night as the ground was quite wet this morning. There was a lot of white clouds flying about all day and the sun set this evening behind a Black Bank of clouds so we might have Cool Weather now for a while and indeed it is welcome now. Instead of the scorching hot weather we have had this long time

I took a Bray Load of Mallee Stumps up to Antony Malone's this afternoon

O'Sker brought a Tank of water from there in the fore noon

Tom M^c Guire came here then and Borrowed my Tank for to go for water for himself in the evening O'Sker & myself went in in the scrub and cut some light stuff to put around the few Vines that is growing

Thursday Dec 20th

Fine and Cool again to day with a good Southerly Breeze all day.

There was a good few white clouds hanging about all day but no more signs of Rain.

We were Carting in Chaff to day we brought 3 loads it got rather windy in the evening so we knocked it off.

Friday Dec 21st

Cool Weather again to day with a good stiff Breeze from the South all day. The Sky was Clear with some a few white clouds that was hanging about.

We were Cutting up wood and Grobbing to day.

Tom M^r Gair took some Chaff from here this evening

Saturday Dec 22nd

It has been a bit warm again to day with slight North-West Breeze from the morning untill about 5 Pm when it then went to the South again.

We finished Carting in all the Chaff to day. I went over to Stephens's in the Evening for a sheep he had not the sheep at home so he gave me a fat Lamb at the same price as the sheep was 6/-.

Sunday Dec 23rd

Very warm to day again there was a light Breeze from the North West all day. I think we will have a cool day tomorrow as the Sun went down behind a murky Bank of Clouds.

Old Pers Ship Mate Came here to day to bid him good bye as he is going away for good.

Monday Dec 24th

Hot to day with a light North-West Breeze
there was a clear blue sky all day

The Mr^s and myself went to Port Pirie
to day to get some Christmas things
when I came home I went to the Whim
and got 5 gallons of Beer for which I paid
12/6. Christmas comes but once a year
and when it comes it brings good
cheer but unfortunately this year is

not altogether so cheery on account of it being
such a bad season and so little wheat
so that farmers in general look rather
down hearted

Still there is no use in
howling we must only be thankful to God
for what we have got.

we will hope for a better season
next year

Tuesday - Dec 25th 1888.

Christmas day to day and it is
a terror it is so hot there is a scorching hot wind blowing
all this day from morning until night
in fact it is nearly as hot in the night as it was all day

Old Mr^s Francis Fitzgerald and myself and
Pearly and Sidy went to Crystal Brook
to Mass. this morning we did not sleep any
where but came home again

Michael Fitzgerald came
here this evening to spend the Christmas

Wednesday Dec 26th

Very hot this morning again with a strong hot wind
from the North. but about 9 a.m. the wind
shifted to the South. and came up a bit cooler then
we were cleaning a few bags of wheat in the
Barn this afternoon Michael drove old Mr^s
Fitzgerald home to Bates's this evening

Thursday Dec 27th
~~Monday Dec 24th~~

It was a bit warm again today
there was a soft S.W. wind from the
South East all day.

we were cleaning some wheat in the
Barn today. Mr. and Michael
Went up to Mr. John's for the Lend of
his Drake Screen. to take the Drake out
of my Wheat.

Friday Dec 28th

Very calm and sultry all day it looked
like rain all the fore noon the sky looked
very murky all round.

about 3 P.M. it commenced to rain
and rained his steady drizzle until
dark it then cleared off
but still shows signs of more

Saturday Dec 29th

Very hot and sultry all this day there was scarcely
any wind whatever wind was there was from
the South West.

I went to Port. Pirie today with
24 Bags of this years wheat I sold it at the
Milling Company's Mill. I got 4/6 1/2 Per bushel
the 24 made £22. 15/ Millings!

I did not get the Cheque Mr. Priest.
Will get it on Monday that is all the Wheat
I have to sell this year.

Sunday Dec 30th

Hot again today with a hot wind from the
North. Michael & myself went to Crystal Brook
for day to mass. we made no delay but came
home again when mass was over.

Harry Bates came here this evening
for the Lend of my Horses & Trap.

Monday Dec 31st

For the last day of the old year I have been
Very hot & Sultry all day. although there was
a Breeze from the North still it was very warm
it was a wasty sickening sort of heat all through
the day.

As this year is going away -
and bidding is good by.
While the New one is standing at the door
to bring us Peace and Joy

The old year is going in a bad
temper as it is nothing outside but Thunder &
Lightning and Rain too.

This morning there was a good shower about
4 a.m. and the sky showed signs of
a Thunder Storm all day.

5 minutes to 12 the new year is close upon us
So I will give it a hearty Welcome and I hope
God will Bless & Protect us through this New year
(Good by old year)

Tuesday January 1st 1888.

Today the first of the New year was
Possibly Cool in the morning.

Michael & myself went to Port Line
to Mass this morning and after Mass we
went on Board Steamer at New Beebe
Bound for Point Lowly with a lot of Pleasure
seekers it was an excursion.

The fares there and back was 3/
We left Port Line at 15 minutes past 9.
and got across the Gulf to Point Lowly
at noon. the Steamer went quite close
to the shore.

We let go our anchor and lowered
the Boats for any one that liked to go ashore.
A good many availed themselves of the chance
of seeing for the first time the Point Lowly Light
House. and myself included.
it is a long high Point of land running out.

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Wednesday January 2nd

Raining this morning in fact
it has kept on raining all this day
from morning until Night. There is flood
of water lying about. Every where
it is rather strange weather for this time
of the year.

O. S. Per & myself was mending harness
all day to day as we could do nothing else
outside.

Thursday January 3rd

Cool again to day with a nice breeze
from the South all day.

The M^{rs} & myself went to Port Pirie to day
we took Sis in to Mr. Good until he would
see her face it is swelled up very much
and we don't know what causes it
we got 2 bottles of medicine to give her. I saw Mrs. Harrison

(also about
my money)

Friday January 4th

Raining again this morning and
a good breeze from the South.

The Rain cleared off again about 10 a.m.
there was a lot of white clouds hanging about all
the rest of the day.

O. S. Per and myself was
mending the fence in the drovery until 10
o'clock and after that we went mullinising
the rest of the day. The M^{rs} went down
to see Mr. Thorpe this afternoon she took down
a pair of young roosters to her.

Michael went away
this afternoon I am not sure whether
he went to Evans or not.

6 feet	2 ins	8 ins
2	6	✓
8	8	✓

Wednesday January 9th

Warm Weather again today with just the sign of a Breeze from the North. The Sun came out very hot in the afternoon. I was a close sultry Prisoner of heat.

Osker and myself loaded another load of wood today. This load is for Mr. Moffett the Black Smith, as Payment for the tiring of my Buggy wheels.

I put on 50 fencing Posts.

It was so hot in the afternoon that we stopped in for a while but while we were inside we were not idle.

As we turned too and put 2 half Soles on my Boots.

We also filed a Pair for the Mrs.

So that is taking the trade from the Postmaster.

Thursday January 10th

Hot again today with a hot wind from the North.

I went to Post Pine today again with a load of wood to Mr. Moffett. I took 50 fencing Posts also. I left the wood at his Private House and took some of the Posts to another New House near the School, and the remainder I left at his work shop down in the Post.

Friday January 11th

Scorching hot again today with a light Breeze from the North.

We were cutting up some Big trees today in the fore noon but in the afternoon we stopped inside as it was too hot to do anything outside. But we were mending harness.

Saturday January 12th

Very hot again to day with the wind still from the North but I think there is signs of a change very soon as the sun set behind a large Bank of Black Clouds

we were cutting wood again to day but had to stop inside after dinner on account of the heat. I mended the seat of the Trap this evening and A. O. R. mended the Pair of winterers

Sunday January 13th

Nice Cool Change to day there is a nice Cool Breeze from the South and it is welcome so we all took advantage of the Cool Change and went down to the Pirie Beach for a Days Boating we left home at 9 a.m. and got down before 12 o'clock.

Monday January 14th

Nice and Cool again to day with a nice lively Breeze from the South. It looked a bit Cloudy in the afternoon and showing signs of some more rain.

Oster and myself was grubbing and cutting up big trees all day

Tuesday January 15th

Possibly Cool again to day with a light Breeze from the South West.

I went up to Hubtles Lovelocks this morning for the head of his Boaring machine. He bore in the bottom of my well. Michael is giving me a hand with it. we started after dinner and put down a hole 20 feet.

Mr. Prest came out here from the Port to day with his Bill for the sign $\frac{14}{2}$

16th

Wednesday January

This morning looked dark and cloudy and Showy. Great signs of some more Rain. a nice Shower fell about 9 a.m. But it all cleared off again. Before noon and turned into a nice Clear day.

we were at the well to day again. I have the bore hole down now to a depth of 33 feet making the depth altogether about 86 feet.

So far I don't think the water is any better. Therefore I think I will knock off.

I was Boaring to day through hard red Clay and yesterday we passed through a Seam of Pure Reddish sort of Sand.

The sand was much like that which usually be in the Bed of a river.

The only difference being the Colours

Thursday January 17th

Nice Cool weather again to day with a fine Breeze from the South all day. Also a Clear Sky without a sign of a cloud.

we Loaded up a Load of wood to day. I filled the body of the waggon with small Mullee Stumps.

I have not much to write to day save that young Edmond Johns came here this fore noon for Lovelocks Boaring machine so I was just done in time.

Friday January 18th

Hot again to day with a light hot wind from the North.

I went to Port Pirie to day again with a load of wood to Mr. Ryan in Port Pirie West. I got 30 Shillings for it.

Tuesday January 22nd

It has been a regular Brickfielder
Today with clouds of dust and a stiff
hot wind from the North so hot that it was
like a furnace outside in the Sun.

I believe it was as hot a day as we have had yet
the sky looked very threatening towards
sundown so I hope we will have a cool
change very soon.

we put the wheel together today and
tried to tier it in the after noon but did
not succeed but I hope we will be able to
manage it tomorrow with the help of God.

I had no light this evening to do any more
young Albert Gregg came here this
fore noon to know if I was done with
Mr. Johnson's drake machine
he wants it to clean his seed wheat.

Wednesday January 23rd

There is a nice cool change today with a light
breeze from the South-West. There was great signs
of rain about noon as some thick heavy clouds
came rolling up from the South and South-
West, and at 4 or half past 4 P.M. a good
heavy shower fell but it did not last very long
no more than about 10 minutes.

It caused the water to run lower in the Port as it
was.

I managed to tier my waggon wheel
all right this after noon. I painted it then and
put it on the wagon and loaded up a
load of wood on it so I will have 4
good wheels in the Waggon now.

Allick Patterson came here this
morning to tell me to keep my pigs home from
Tom Brownfields as he do get into his garden.

Thursday January 24

Nice Cool weather again today with a
Nice Cool Breeze from the South-West.

This Cool Change is a great blessing
To People, as the Heat made it so difficult
to do anything outside in the Sun.

I went to Pitts today again
With a Load of wood to the Milling Co.

I had ^{tons of} 300 on and when I was
going in the Road was quite dry
for about half the way, and the other
was nothing but sheets of water.

I was told that it rained very heavy
about 2 a.m. this morning
in at Major's Place.

I got a bag of flour today again it is a little
cheaper now than the last time I was in before today
(£1.5 it is today) John Fitzgerald

Friday January 25th

Nice and Cool again today with a
Light Breeze from the South-West.

We were cleaning the seed wheat in
the Barn today with the drake screen
as Mr. Gregg wants it when I came down
but I finished all today.

Saturday January 26th

Cool again today with a good stiff breeze
from the South-West all day.

Oscar and myself and Pratz went
down to the Pike beach this evening
we called at Pearce's as we were going
down to get the Oars and Rowlocks
and the Boat from Mr. Pearce.

It was 8 P.M. when we got to the Beach
so we camped there for the Night.

Sunday January 27th

Cool weather again to day with a
Nice lively breeze from the west.

Oscar and myself and Rusty
got up at 4 a.m. and went out on the Channell
with the Boat to fish we stopt oute untill
about 7 and then Came in we only got 4
Little fish.

We had breakfast then and fed the
Horses and then went oute again we
went oute. Iner deep water and stopt
there untill after 3 P.M.

we Caught about 5 dozen Small fish
we then weight Ancor and Came in
to Harbour. The Sea was Praty ruff
when we were Comming in it Came in over the
Boats side however we got in alright and
had a good swim and then Came home
we got home about half Past 9 P.M.

There was Rain this Morning

Monday January 28th

Cool weather again to day with the wind
Still from the South West.

we were Mullinsing to day again

Tuesday January 29th

Cool again to day with the wind from
the South West. it is from the South West now
this good while

We were Mullinsing and
Grubbing to day

Wednesday January 30th

it was a bit warm to day and the wind
Shifted to the North west. but in the evening
it went back to the South West. again
we were Mullinsing to day again

I got a Tank of water this evening

Thursday January 31st

it has been warm again to day
with the wind from the North East but it went
round in the evening to the west again
there was signs of Rain all the evening
the Sky looked Dull and Cloudy

and the Sun went down Very red
we were cutting up wood all this day

Patt Finigan came here this evening
he did not stop long.

Friday February 1st 1889.

To day has been a regular Buckfielder
with sand and dust from 9 a.m. untill
Night the Sky was dark and murky
from the effects of the sand and dust that was
flying about there was a strong hot Northerly
Wind blowing all day.

Saturday February 2nd

Another scorching day again there was a strong
Hot Northerly wind all day accompanied with
clouds of sand and dust. making the atmosphere
look regular thick and heavy.

Just before sundown the wind shifted
round to the West and got a little bit cooler.

but still the dust was flying all the same
it looked like Rain also but I don't think we will
get any this change, we have New Moon to Night

I was in Port Lins to day with
a Load of wood to the Milling Co. I had (3 ^{tons} 13) on

I got another bag of Flour to day. (it is £1.5 now)

The W^m was in also with the Trif
when she was coming home she went down to
Stephen's for a Sheep she lost Stephens a bag of
Flour, Stephens and myself does a little bit
of Bartering this Bad year.

A Swagman came here this evening

Sunday February 3rd

It has been a bit warm again to day
with a light Breeze from the North West.

Myself and Lucy and Ellen Smith and
O'Sher went to Crystal Brook to Pay to Mass
we made no delay after coming out from
Chapple but came home.

Bridget Pash came here this morning for meat ^{she got} 8 lbs.

Monday February 4th

Nice and Cool to day with a lively Breeze
from the South-West.

There was a lot of White Clouds
hanging about all day. There was also Signs
of Rain in the Evening.

We were cutting down wood again
to day the Swag man (Ned Ingram)
was helping us. we loaded a Load of wood also.

Tuesday February 5th

Cool again to day with a Strong Breeze
from the South in the after noon it turned out
Very dusty. There was clouds of dust flying along
the Roads. Enough to Cut the Eyes of out of ones head
I got Enough of it coming from the Post.
I was in with another Load of wood to the Milling Co.
(I had ^{tons} 3.. ^{cut} 8.. 2.)

Ingram & O'Sher were in the Scam

Wednesday February 6th

Cool again to day with a Strong
Breeze from the South all day.
we were cutting down wood to day
again until dinner time and after
dinner we all went to the races in
Butters Paddock and a Very good
Races they were.

Next Lent to M^{rs} Thorpe

Dec. 30th 1888. 25 lbs returned 15^{lbs} ~~10~~

Feb 3rd 1889. 9 lbs of butter. 9

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M^{rs} John Graham

No 5 Cullen Court Worcester

Mass

North America

Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Jones.

Mrs M^cNeelty

Thursday February 7th 1886

Cool to day again with a strong wind from the South. The Weather has been Cool and Windy now for the Last week?

O'Ser and myself was Cutting again to day I let old Ned. Ingram go this morning he was not much good so I did not want him.

Pat Finigan Came here Last Night Mr. James Shaughnessy Brought him here from the Race Course he is drunk and Bad.

O'Ser and myself and Ellen Smith and Katey went down to the Whim Ball.

Last Night we Stopped untill 11 p.m.

There was a Lot of People there so I think Thorpe don a good trade yesterday and

Last Night with his beer

Friday February 8th

Nice and Cool again to day with a light Breeze from the South. There was also a Clear Sky all day

O'Ser and myself was cutting again to day. The Mr. and Pat Finigan went to Stephens for a Sheep they got a good one this time

Michael Fitty Gerald Came here to day again from Mr. Parkers he was won King there for a week he went for a Tank of water in the After noon to Mullones?

Saturday February 9th

Possibly Warm to day with a light Breeze from the South West.

we were Cutting again to day

Michael went to Port Pirie to day he sent home 2 heads of Cabbage and one Bottle given by Mr. Johns.

Sunday February 10th

It has been warm to day with a light
Breeze from the North-West.

The W^m and Michael and myself
went to Crystal Brook to Mass.

we met M^r. Patt King and his Wife there
so they came home with us and stopped until
near Six P.M.

I put 2 fresh Horses in the Trap
then and drove them Back to the Brook again
they stopped at M^r. Garayans.

Monday Feb 11th 1887.

Very Warm again to day with a light
Breeze from the North West. I believe we will get a
few hot days now again after the nice Cool
Change we have had.

Osce & myself were cutting wood again to day

Tuesday Feb 12th

To day has been a regular scorcher again
it was boiling hot all day and there was hardly
a Breath of wind. what was there it was from the
North.

Now we were all sitting outside the
Door this Evening about half Past 8 P.M.
We saw a blazing Star with a long trail
to it go right from the West and disappear
in the East. I don't know what sign it is
Some People seems to think it is the Sign of
a dry Season but we had it dry enough last
year so it would be a very bad thing to have
another dry Season this year.

It would leave a good many without a home
they have as much as ever they can do to tide
over this year.

Osce was cutting himself to day myself was not will all day

Wednesday Feb 13th

Very hot again untill about 3 P.M. when the wind changed then from the North to the South and a Nice Cool Breeze Sprang up then and was much welcome as the last week has been pretty warm.

Oscar & myself was millinising again to day.

Patt Fingern went home this Evening after his weeks spree.

Thursday Feb 14th

Fine and Cool to day with a nice Lively Breeze from the South West.

But there is no sign of Rain though...

we were cutting again to day
The m^{rs} went to Port Pirie this afternoon to get some medicine for John James -
(he is not well from Diarrhea)

Friday Feb 15th

Hot again to day with a Light Breeze from the South East in the morning but in the afternoon it went round to the South West again for the last 3 or 4 days the wind comes from the South East in the morning

and in the afternoon it shifts to the South West.

Oscar and myself was cutting up all day the wood we had knocked down

Saturday Feb 16th

Very hot to day also. with the wind from the South East in the morning but in the afternoon it changed to the South West.

The Atmosphere was very cloudy in the evening from the effects of the scrub fires which are burning. as every day.

Sunday Feb 17th

Very hot to day again with a light Breeze
From the South-East.

Oscar and myself went up to Maline.
this Evening we stoped there untill
half Past 10 P.M.

Michael went away this Evening
up to David's Place he is going to do some
Grubbing for Charlie Parker at 30 Shillings
Per acre. Oscar Brought 20 lbs of butter from
the Whim this Morning

Monday Feb 18th

it has been a little bit cooler to day there was
a light Breeze from the South-West all day
the Mr. went to Port Pirie this Morning to get some
more medicine from Mr. Good for the Baby
he is Bad ~~from~~ with Desentery for the Past 9 Days

I went to Malones this Morning
for a Tank of water when I came Back
young Harry Parker came for the lend of my
Tank to Brinty. Some water for himself
we loaded half a Load of wood this Evening
we could not finish it as the dray Broke down
in the Scrub the Wheel that Broke down.

Mr. Gale Mr. Mc Guire and
Bridget Park came here this Evening
and stoped untill after 8 P.M. they came to see the
Baby.

Tuesday Feb 19th

Pretty hot again to day with a very light
Breeze from the South-East. the weather has
Very hot now this good bit

I fixed up the other machine Wheel to day
and put it on the dray
Frank Walsh came here this Evening

Wednesday Feb 20th 1859

It has been Very warm again to day with a Very light Breeze from the North or North West.

I went to Port Pirie to day with a Load of wood to the Co.^o Mill I had ^{tons. cut 2^d} (3.. 17 .. on) the Last 2 Loads I took in were green but they were taken as dry wood.

I went to see Mr. Good to tell him about the Baby. he gave me one more Bottle of Medicine for him

he was Very Bad all day and all Night Crying all the time but he was not so bad in his Bowels or in the Stomach.

but Soon after we giving him some of the fresh Medicine he got worse it seemed to only make him Bad.

Thursday Feb 21st

Very Sultry this morning with Scarcely any wind but about 11 a.m. it darkened up to the South and South-West.

and Very Soon after it blew up a regular Dust Storm from the West.

it lasted about an hour there did just a few drops of Rain fall but that was all until after Sun down when it blew up a fresh Gale again accompanied with Thunder & Lightning and a small Shower it did not last Long,

the Mr. and myself took the Baby to Crystal Brook to Doctor Smith as he was Very bad all night the Dr. said he was in a Very low state and wanted great Care to pull him through he ordered us to give him nothing but the juices of raw Beef and a little Beef Tea.

Friday Feb 22nd 1899.

to day was a bit Cooler as there was
a nice breeze from the South & but no sign
of any more rain

The Baby spent a very bad night
last night he never ceased crying from
one o'clock last night untill about 9 a.m.
this morning when he was quite done up then

I went up to the doctor this morning again
to tell him how he was so he gave me 2 more
fresh bottles of medicine to give him, one was
to make him quiet and the other to stop the diarrhoea

Saturday Feb 23rd

Very hot to day with a light wind from
the North. it was as hot at 6 o'clock in the
evening as it was in the middle of the day
+ this day has been rather a sad

Day for me and my family for to day
we lost our darling John James. he died
at 2 o'clock this afternoon

I had great hopes since I brought him to
Doctor Smith that he would get all right
But alas he did not.

Mrs Stephens and Mrs McGuire
were here when he died they washed and laid
him out Both the M^{rs} and myself feels this
stroke very hard, but I hope the Lord visited us
with this affliction for a good purpose
I pray God to grant us Grace to be able
to bear our trials and troubles with
Patience as Patience is the greatest of
All Virtues Still People has their Natural
Feeling and Cannot refrain from feeling
Sorrowful and Lonely

But Such is God's Will
and his Will must be done

Michael & Pat Finigan that went to Port Pirie
this Evening to order the Coffin

John Fitzgerald



Sunday Feb 24th 1889.

it has been a bit cooler to day with a nice Breeze from the South all day

To day we left the mortal remains of our poor little John James in the Crystal Brook cemetery along with his little Sister. they are both in the one grave. I have lost 2 Sons and one Daughter now and I hope they ~~they~~ are happy with their Heavenly Father in the Kingdom of Heaven.

John James Fitzgerald
Born October 31st 1888.
Died February 23rd 1889.

May his Soul and all the Souls of the Faithful ^{departed} Rest in Peace

Monday, February 25th

it has been a bit warm again to day Still there was a little Breeze from the South west.

I have not much to write about to day as I was inside in the house all day and could not find heart enough to do anything.

M^r and M^{rs} Bates went home from here this Evening

Tuesday Feb 26th

hot again to day with a stiff Breeze from the North until about half Past 2 P.M. when then some Big dark heavy Looking Clouds came rolling up from the South West and showing great signs of a coming storm, the Thunder and lightning was also very severe and about 4 o'clock the storm broke with a terrible down pour of rain it only lasted about 10 minutes But floods of water were on the ground after it while it lasted it was heavy (it was a water & sand)

Wednesday Feb 27th

Nice Cool weather to day with a nice lively Breeze from the South. all day there was a good few heavy clouds hanging about all day and showing signs of some more Rain But up to 11 P.M. no more fell.

We were Mullinising again to day

Patt Finigan came here this after noon to see how we were getting on after yesterday's Storm, But thank God it did not hurt us in the least

but it was not so with Patt it seems. for it Blew down all his nice Willow trees around the House and also blew away some of his hay stacks

it done much damage in the Township the roofs of houses and chimneys were blown away windmills were also Blown away. (It was a Scyllone)

Thursday Feb 28th

Cool again to day with a stiff Breeze from the South or South East.

Osce and myself was Mullinising again to day

The Mrs. and Katy went to Port Pirie this after noon. to get something she saw and was speaking to James Fitzsimons from Port Adelaide he was on the Government Steam Boat. he will be finished with the Government in a few days more. he had a long job from them, now for the last 6 years.

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Friday March 1st 1888. —

March came in rather mild. It was
nice cool day right through with a light
Breeze from the South there was also a Clear
Sky all day.

Os Car and myself was cutting down
before dinner and after dinner we loaded
A Load of wood.

The Mr. went to Stephens's this afternoon
for a sheep but she got home as there was none
at home any good.

Saturday March 2nd 1888.

It was a bit warm ^{day} to again for a while. It was nice
and cool in the Evening again there was a light
Breeze from the South-West. all day.

I went to Port Pirie today with a Load of wood
to the Milling Co. Mr. I had ^{the cost} 3" 7" 4" on

Nelly Stephens brought us a sheep this morning —

this is 6.

Sunday March 3rd

Warm again today with a Very light Breeze
From the South West.

The Mr. and myself went to
Crystal Brook this morning to Mass. the Mr. went
Fasting as it was the first Sunday in this month.
I was speaking to Mr. Patt King and his
Wife at the Chaffy, they are going home to
Carlton ~~tomorrow~~ tomorrow.

Monday March 4th.

Rather warm again today with the wind
from the North, there was signs of a change
towards Evening as the Sky looked a bit
cloudy to the South-West.

I brought a Tank of water from
Malones this fore noon and in the afternoon
we loaded a Load of wood.

Tuesday March 5th

Very still and cloudy this morning
with a very light Breeze from the West.
and showing great signs of Rain

I started to go to Port Pirie and
when I got about 3 miles on the Road
it commenced to rain it rained hard
and steady for a half hour and then cleared
off again so I started off again

Charlie Nunn was with me
we got in about half Past 1. o'clock.
So when we had our Loads off we came
to the Railway line in front of Olivers Store
and took 4 tons of Chaffed hay for
Antony Malone. I had 60. Bags on
and Nunn had over 80.

I put my Load down at the Pound
and then came home

Wednesday March 6th

Possibly Cool to day with a light
Breeze from the South West. all day

Myself and Osker was cutting down
again today

Macklen and Herman Walters
Came to finish a bit of Mullinising which
Mac'len took from me 2 years ago.
So he was not doing it to my liking or would
not do it so when he wouldnt I cleared him
off and did not let him take any of the
Wood he had cut. That I will keep for
my own trouble to finish it

William Walters also
Came here this afternoon he wanted
to see Macklin and Herman
But they were gone

Monday March 11th

Cool again to day with a light Breeze from the South.

The M^{rs} went over to Walsh's Near Warnertown and stayed until 5 P.M. She called at M^{rs} Griffith's also. Oscar and myself was cutting up to day.

Tuesday March 12th

Nice and Cool again to day with Wind from the South West. all day we were cutting up again to day.

There did a middle aged man come here this evening. he called himself Patt Cronner. He stayed here all Night.

John Fitzgerald

Wednesday March 13th

Hot again to day with a light Breeze from the South East. The wind seems to keep from the South East. Now for the last few days there seems signs of a change now and again but it soon blows off again.

A good Rain is wanted now to start the Green feed some is already started but this Dry weather will burn it up again if rain don't come very soon.

Fod is getting scarce and cattle and horses is getting very poor.

in fact if rain don't come soon things will be as bad as they were some 2 years ago when all the cattle were dying for want of food.

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Thursday March 14th

Hot again to day with a light breeze from the North West.

I went to Port Pirie to day with a Load of Wood to the Milling Company Mill. I had ^{tons cut} 3. 10. 1. on

I settled up at the Mill to day again. I had £8. worth of wood in there.

So received one Pound 15 Shillings in Cash as a ballance coming to me.

I got another Bag of Flour and one Bag of Greenings.

Friday March 15th

Hot again to day with a light wind from the North. we all went down to the Pirie beach. This morning we took Frank Walsh with us we caught over 4 boy of fish and some Crabs and cockles, and then came home.

Saturday March 16th

Very hot again to day with a light Breeze from the North all day & after Sundown it changed to the South West.

we were cutting Posts and splitting them in the fore noon we stoped in in the afternoon so Oscar mended my boots. The Mrs. and Michael went to Port Pirie to day. She took in some butter 5 lbs. she got 1/6 per lb for it.

Sunday March 17th

Nice and Cool this morning with a light Breeze from the South. it looked like rain about 8 a.m. a few drops fell but it soon cleared off again.

I went to Harberton to mass this morning. I took Mr. and Mrs. Bates there also.

Rain Monday March 18th

Hot again to day with the wind from the South East. All day

It Comenced to rain about 10 a.m. and continued untill 4 p.m. but only a light mize. it looked as if we would have a good downpour but still it did not come. we were cutting up Posts to day

Tuesday March 19th

Nice and Cool to day with a Light Breeze from the South.

all Signs of Rain is cleared off again

Oscar was cutting up again to I was ill myself with a heavy Cold so I was inside all day

Old Mr. Finigan came here this Evening he was coming Port Pri

Wednesday March 20th

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from the South all day

The morning showed signs of Rain but in the after noon it was all cleared off again

Oscar was cutting in the scrub again to day I could not do much as I had a heavy Cold on me.

Thursday March 21st

Fine clear day with a light Breeze from the South - West. all day

Oscar was cutting to day again and clearing off the Big trees he was grubbing some of them

Friday March 22nd

Warm again to day with the Wind from the North West in fact it shifted around from the North West to the North East. and from that to the South East.

Osce and myself finished cutting up all the trees and split them up also. we put a Load of wood on the Wagon in the Evening

Saturday March 23rd

Pretty hot. again to day with the wind from the South East it shifted from Point to Point again to day and settled to the South in the Evening

we made a start to Burn the Mullins in to day but we had to gather it up into heaps it will be a job to burn it

Sunday March 24th

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from the North.

The Mrs and myself and Osce went to Crystal to day to Mass we called at Wilsons Hotel and had a Pint each of Beer and then came home

Harry Bates & his Wife came here this afternoon they did not stop long

Osce & myself went to crossing this Evening I wanted to see Scottie the Blacksmith but he was not at home.

Monday March 25th

Nice fine day with a light Breeze from the North East all day - The Mrs & myself and Esther went down to the Pier Beach Fishing we took Rones Boat. and went out there we caught about 80 fish, and then came home

Tuesday March 26th

warm again to day with the wind from the North. but only a light Breeze.
we were burning scrub. to day again
It is a job to burn it as it will not run.

Wednesday March 27th

Hot again to day with a light Breeze from the North East. it was very cloudy all the after noon and showed signs of rain there was some thunder and lightning to the North in the evening
A good fall of rain would do good just now.

Thursday March 28th

Hot again to day with a light breeze from the North East. all day we were burning to day again

Friday March 29th

Very hot again to day with a light Breeze from the North East. but at sundown it went round to the West. but there is no sign of a change

I went to Port Pirie to day with a Load of wood to Milling Co.
I had (3... 10... 2 on)

Stephen Hardford went away from here this morning. he stopped here last Night.

Saturday March 30th

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from the North. it shifted a few times in the after noon to the North East. But went Back again to the North.
at Sundown there did a big Black Bank of Clouds Come looming up from the West.

It looked as Black as Ink
I believe there is New Moon to day
So I suppose that account for this
Change

I see by this day's Port Pirie Paper
Where the Port. People sent a ~~Telegram~~
Telegram to the Brook Weather Prophet
(Old Hall) for his knowledge of the
Coming Season. his reply is favorable
he says there will be heavy Rain
Soon from the North West.

But for the Last week the Wind
has been from the North East.

The Mrs. and Katy went
To Port Pirie to day she took in 4 Pair
of fowl. she got 10 shillings for them

Oscar and myself was burning
scrub again to day

Oscar brought a Kent's of water
from Melons this Evening

Sunday March 31st

A Cool Change this Morning
with a nice Breeze from the South-West
and showing great Signs of Rain
As it looked Black and murky to the
South-West a few drops fell about half Past
10 a.m. and then Cleared off again.

Towards Evening there was no Signs
of Rain whatever. There was a clear Sky
save for a few white clouds to the West

The Mr. & myself went to
Port Pirie to Mass to day there was
A strange Priest there (Father Peters.)
he came from Adelaide. the Mr. and myself
went to him to Confession

Patt Finigan's Carn
leaves this Evening

Monday April 1st 1889.

Fine Clear Day untill about 11 a.m. then it seemed to come up dark & cloudy all round. and at Noon Rain

Comenced to fall the wind had great shifting from Point to Point all day in fact one could hardly tell which Point the Rain was coming from it was so calm.

it Continued from 12 noon up untill half Past (9 p.m.) but not a regular constant Rain it Rained at close intervals however a good drop of Rain has fallen

There was some heavy Thunder and Lightning after Dark.

Nearly 10 o'clock (P.M.) it is raining hard. and looking if we are in for a good nights Rain. O. B. & A. under Kates & Peasys Boots this after noon

Tuesday April 2nd 1889

Fine cool day with the wind from the North-West in fact it shifted to all Point to day

Last Night was the heaviest Night so that I have known since I have been in this Country (and that is 12 years) it Comenced at 11 P.M.

to Pour down like a water spout and never ceased untill half Past 6 P.M. this morning, in fact it was showery up untill Noon and at noon a very heavy shower fell. it came from the South. and soon after that the Wind shifted to the North West

But last Night the Rain came down so calm and steady that one could hardly tell from which Point it came I believe it came from all Points

East West North and South.
 one would think it would Brake in
 the Roof of the House it fell so heavy
 when I got up this morning the
 Paddock in front of the House was more
 Like a Large lake than a Wheat Paddock
 It was all under Water and Thorpes
 Paddock as well.

The River Broughton over flowed
 its Banks and Flooded the Country
 for a Long distance at Both Sides of it
 Butters Paddock was like a Vast
 Sea. there was such a Large sheet of
 Water over them.

The Roaring of the River could
 be heard 2 or 3 miles away.

The M^r. went to Port Pirie to buy
 for some Garden Seeds.

and old Steve Handford Came home with her
 she stayed here all Night.

Op. Men. Trowsers & hat 6/11 1/11
 Glass 1/- Matches 1/6

Dec 23 1/6 1/6 other one shilling 1/-
 (27 Cash Dec 29 1/6 Tobacco 2/6
 Shirt 3/6 hat 6/9. Boots 6/11
 Dec 31st one shilling 1/-
 January 12 Cash 1/-
 do 13 1/-
 Canvas 1/4

February 2nd 1889)
 Cash 1/- Trowsers & Vest 17/6
 Boots 8/6
 do the 6th Cash 6/-
 Matches 1/3

March 6th 3 sticks of tobacco 1/9
 1 box of Matches 1/6
 March 14 Shirt 3/6 Cash 2/6 6/-
 March 25th Trowsers 1/11.