

Thursday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1885

Not again to day the wind from  
The South. Myself and James Lyaght  
Was cleaning wheat again to day  
David and Bill was Reaping  
They finished all the Reaping to day  
John Finigan & John McQuir  
Came here at dark they stopped  
untill eleven o'clock P.M. McQuir and  
John went home then and Patt went  
Home soon after. Michael Burgess.  
Came here also at dinner time  
he wanted to see Patt Finigan  
To get work from him Patt gave him  
a job for a week or two } the Mrs went  
To Port Pirie this after noon.  
She Bought Two Mats of Sugar and some  
Few things more She was home at  
Dark Katey was with her  
John Fitzgerald



Friday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

Very hot again to day the wind  
From the South East it came on  
Very hot at Twelve o'clock, noon.

With several claps of Thunder also the  
Lightening was very vivid.

James Lysaght and myself was  
cleaning. again to day we finished  
up the cleaning about to sweep the  
Flower David and Bill was casting  
in the chaff. — the Bullock Carlie  
fell down in the yard to day something  
was wrong with him but he soon got  
right again.

Saturday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

It commenced to rain at Two o'clock a.m.  
and held raining untill ten a.m.

It then cleared up and the sun came  
out very hot it was very hot and sultry  
up untill four o'clock it then came on to  
blow a strong Breeze from the

South West with very heavy Black  
clouds looming up showing great  
Signs of some more rain At five o'clock  
It commenced to rain again with some  
Thunder and Lightening it ceased again  
at Seven. — I was whitewashing to day  
I whitewashed the front room and  
kitchen. David and James Lysaght  
and Bill were bringing in the Wheat and  
heads they put it all in the Barn  
Thos's Horses were in my Wheat this  
morning again Michael Mc Guire came  
here for them he also wanted some  
rails for the racecourse in Butters Paddock  
Micks Father came here also for some  
Wood he took two Loads The Mrs  
Went to Crystal Brook this morning  
She went in a great hurry B. A. King  
To A. f. — Mrs John brought the Parrot  
from Port Pirie this afternoon.  
John Fitzgerald



Sunday Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

Nice cool day the wind from  
The South. Michael Fitzgerald came  
here this morning. He left Bloomfi-  
lds for good he was paid off himself and  
David went to Mass to the Brooks  
after Mass they went over to Patt Evans.  
They were home again at sundown

Monday Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

Cool again to day the wind from  
the South West. John Finigan came  
here this morning he was going  
to Port Pirie so I went with him David  
also went I had business to the Bank.  
David wanted to buy some things  
Michael and James Lysaght and Bill  
was carting in the chaff they finished  
it John Finigan left here at  
half past ten P.M.

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> John Finigan in morning

Tuesday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

cool day again to day with  
a little mist of rain for a while it rained  
a good share before day

Myself and David fixed the fence  
around the house Paddock this morning  
after that we went cleaning the Wheat  
in the Barn. I went to have it clean  
enough for seed. Michael and James  
Lysaght and Bill was carting down  
some wood and stumps from the scrub

Wednesday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>

Cool again to day with the Wind  
from the South it rained some  
Heavy Showers before day it also rained  
some at five o'clock (a.m.)

James Lysaght and Michael and  
David were cleaning the Wheat in  
The Barn. I went up <sup>& s</sup> this morning  
John Finigan came here this evening



We Stopped all Night  
James O'Donnell and Mrs Gugg  
Boy came near at Eleven o'clock P.m.  
They did not stop long.

Thursday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

Moderately cool to day the wind from  
the South. Myself and the Mrs and  
John Finigan went to Port Pirie in the  
Fore Noon to get some things for Christmas  
ass. we called round to Nashes Brewery  
I got 5 gallons of ale there. we were home  
at dark James Carlon was near before  
us when we came home. We stopped all  
Night. Michael Fitzgerald was in  
Port Pirie with us he got one gallon of  
Whiskey

Friday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

Cool again to day the wind from the  
South. I and James Lyaght went to  
Mass to Crystal Brook this morning

We called around to Patt Finigan  
Place when we were coming home we  
stopped there for an hour. Patt Finigan  
came with me in the Trap and James  
Lyaght rode his horse down to my Place.

We all had dinner and then went  
across to Butchers Paddock to the races.  
We stopped there until five o'clock P.m.

John Finigan and his Family  
and his Father came down ~~for~~ to  
dinner. Myself and Michael and Patt  
Fitzgerald and old Mr. Finigan  
came home early. The Mrs and children  
and Mrs Feely came soon after.

John Finigan and James Feely and  
Miss Smith and James O'Donnell  
and James Carlon came near at  
Seven o'clock P.m. - they had supper and  
Went Back to the Whim again. They stopped  
at the Whim until Twelve o'clock.

James Feely and his Wife and Miss



Smith. went home. the rest stoped  
all Night

Saturday Dec 26<sup>th</sup>

Hot day to day the wind North  
West. It was three o'clock this morning  
When we all went to Bed as we had  
a Bit of a dance and some songs.

John Linigan done a very Bad Deed  
This morning about three o'clock a.m.  
before he went to Bed he went home  
This After Noon himself and children and  
his Father. James Carlon also went home  
This morning

Sunday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>

Hot again to day wind North West  
Patt Fitzgerald and Michael went to  
Mass to Crystal Brook this morning  
After Mass Patt went home to Evanses  
On the after Noon myself and the Mrs. went  
up to John Linigan on very serious buisness  
We did not stop there long.

We were home at Seven o'clock P.m.  
when I came home I found oute all the  
Secrets from Ellen Smith with regard  
To John Linigan's actions. — James McQuire  
came here Soon after we came home  
he stoped untill Eleven o'clock P.m.

Monday December 28<sup>th</sup>

Hot. again to day the wind from the  
West. myself and the Mrs. went up to  
John Linigan's Place this morning  
John McQuire was there before us I went  
to Bring the Marx Poll... and also to accuse  
John of his foul Deed. he gave in. and  
Acknowledged it. but got Fitiable.  
With me and the Mrs. we had some strokes  
he took up a Bar of Iron to strike me  
but he did not strike me with it he hit his  
Father a blow in the mouth. myself and the Mrs.  
came away then he hit the Mrs. also in the  
First onset.



Tuesday Dec 29<sup>th</sup>

Very hot to day with a hot Northerly wind blowing all day myself and the Mr<sup>s</sup> went to Port Pirie to day to see Father Ventour. about John Finigans affair. He gave me a good advice I got in my Buggy, hired at the Blacksmiths near olivers. - we were home after sundown Michael and Paddy Shanahan and Bill and James Lyaght was carting down some stumps out of the scrub.

Wednesday Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

Very hot to day with a hot wind blowing from the North the chaps were carting down the stumps to day again four o'clock P.M. the wind went round to the South and got a little cooler. The Sun went down very red this evening But there were very heavy clouds hanging over head

Showing Signs of rain It got very dark and Sultry after Sundown. James Donnell's Turkey got away yesterday after Noon. The Mr<sup>s</sup> sent Bill to the Whim this Evening to know if it was there But he got no account of it there.

Thursday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

Very hot again to day with a hot Wind blowing from the North. Michael Fitzgerald and James Lyaght and Paddy Shanahan and Bill was carting Stumps down out of the Scrub myself and David was building them in the fence between myself and Thorpe We got some Beer from McGuire in the Evening as he was coming from Port Pirie Thorpe Shouted one gallon of wine on account of the Fence.



Friday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1886

Nice cool day with the Wind  
From the South. Myself and Katey  
and Michael Fitzgerald and Ellen Feely  
Went to the Brook to the Catholic Picnic  
David also went we were home again  
at nine o'clock P.M. Michael Stopped  
Behind as he was going to town Next morning

Saturday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1886 -  
Very hot to day with a hot wind from the  
North I started to Break down some Straw  
in Mr. Noals Place to day Bill was Breaking  
it down with six Bullocks in the Barrow.  
I got a letter from home this Evening for  
James Donnell.

Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Extremely hot to day with a severe hot wind  
Blowing from the North. Myself and the  
Mrs and Katey and Sissy went to

Mass to Crystal Brook to day  
We took up Mrs. Hagerty at her own Place  
As she was with us to chapple. we called at  
The Royal Hotel as we were coming home  
Michael Feely was here & before us when we came  
home James and Michael McQuinn was here  
also in the after Noon they left soon again  
James Donnell came here at  
nine o'clock P.M. he came here for his  
Letter and for David to go with him to work  
to Mrs. Gregg.

Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>  
To day has been noted as the hottest day  
that came this Summer. it was 108° <sup>29.9</sup> in  
The Shade. It blew a regular screecher from  
From the North. I went to Port Pirie this  
Morning I got in at twelve o'clock.  
I wanted to do Business at the Bank.  
I also signed a fresh Bill to Prest Brothers  
For 80.2/6 I got home at dark.  
8/12/6



Old Mr. Finigan came here while I was away he did not stop long as I understand he went away ~~in~~ rather a Sullen mood. as he could not have a Private game with Ellen Smith? -

Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup>

Hot again to day with a strong North Wind Blowing from six am until one P.M. when the wind went round to the South. and got very cool, but still kept on blowing a strong gale. and showing great signs of rain. Myself and Patt Shanahan and Bill went cleaning up the Well after dinner we had it finished at about six o'clock P.M.

Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>

Very cold to day with a southerly Wind Blowing it rained some showers. Last Night it commenced at one o'clock A.M.

And rained at intervals until seven in the morning it is still showing signs of some more rain. Myself and the Mrs and Sieg went over to Walahes. this after Noon we stopped there until six o'clock P.M.

We were just home at sundown MacKlin's Fatherlaw and his mate came here this evening with MacKlin's Horse & drag. for James Lysaght's cloths they also wanted my grubbing machine they did not take it as I was not ready.

James O'Donnell and David Fitzgerald came here at nine o'clock P.M. they stopped until after Ten.

Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup>

Cool again to day the wind from the South West. Myself and Patt Shanahan and Bill was cutting down



## Wood from the Scrub.

We Brought down 4 Loads. Peter & Frank and Tom McGuire came here in the after Noon for a load of wood. The Mrs went to McGuire in the after Noon she did not stop long. She called at the Whim as he was coming home.

### Friday January 8<sup>th</sup>

Nice cool day the wind from the South West we were carting down the wood from the Scrub again to day we Brought down 4 Loads Bill was speaking to John Finigan this morning as he was going to Port Pirie. He had a lot to say.

Patt Shanahan went down to McGuire this evening on a massage. Bill went with him.

John Fitzgerald Morgan:

### Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>

Nice cool day with a South West Wind blowing. Myself and Patt Shanahan & Bill was carting down some more wood from the Scrub. Mr & Mrs McGuire & Miss McMahon from Georgetown came here in the after Noon. They stayed until Sundown and then went home.

The Mrs sent Katey and Dicky to the Whim for the mail the only got the paper. Bill went up to John Finigan's this evening.

### Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>

A day was rather hot again with a North East Wind blowing all day. Myself and the Mrs & Ellen Smith went to Mass to Crystal Brook to day. The Mrs went fasting and also Ellen Smith. I called at Lamberts in the Brook when I was coming home I did not stop. Long Michael Fitzgerald was home.



With us he was after coming from  
Town. I was also speaking to  
Patrick Fitzgerald at the chapple on  
Importance when we were coming  
home we called in at Thosys but did  
not stop long. David Fitzgerald was  
here before us when we came home  
he left soon again. Mrs. McQuire came  
here at six o'clock (P.M.). He stopped until  
Ten. Patt Finigan also came here at  
nine o'clock (P.M.). He stopped until eleven  
and then left to go home.

Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Nice cool day again to day with  
a South west Wind. Patt Shanahan  
Went up to John Finigan's Place for  
my dog and also to bring home Bill  
who is up there since Saturday Night  
He also brought home the Bullock start  
from James Allens.

Bill came down with John Finigan  
as far as the Whim. Jack was on  
his way to the Beach - in Pirie F.  
Michael McQuire came here this  
morning for to get the lend of four  
Bullocks to pull away the old Black  
mare that died. I gave Nick the  
Bullocks he did not keep them long.  
Michael Fitzgerald went over to  
James Featherstones to look for a job  
of Work. I fixed the Pole of the buggy  
This morning. I also mended the  
fence around the New paddock  
This after noon Patt Shanahan was  
with me.

Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>  
Hot again to day the wind from  
The North. I went over to Napperby to  
Patt Evans. To day I took over  
Patt Fitzgerald's B.C. and left it with him.  
I stopped at Evans. until three o'clock.



Patrick Fitzgerald gave me £50  
for Twelve months at six Per cent I gave him  
Security for it I gave him Eight Horses.  
as Security. I called round to  
James Walshes at Warrinstown when I was  
coming home I Stopped there about an  
Hour. When I came home I also called in  
at the Whim as I was passing to see  
if there was any letters there for me.  
I got two one from the Taxation officer  
A receipt for my Land Tax. the other was  
from Geddis in Port. Pirie —?  
Patt Shanahan & Bill was carting  
down the wood from the Scrub.  
They took down three Loads.

# WEDNESDAY January 19<sup>th</sup>

Very hot to day with a hot wind from the  
North. the Thermometer was 100<sup>2</sup> in the Shade  
I went for the rake & spades to Walshes to day  
I got there about one o'clock P.m.

I Stopped there untill half Past four o'clock.  
I was home before Sundown Patrick Shanahan  
Went up to Patt Finigans to day to get  
his wages from him but he did not get it  
Shanahan was home before me he had  
my Horse. Eight o'clock P.m. the wind went  
round to the South and got cool. and  
showing Signs of rain the Moon looked  
Watery this evening?

David Fitzgerald  
and James Donnell came near at  
Eight o'clock P.m. & they Stopped untill Ten.  
I wrote a letter to Maryanne Penigan  
this Evening.

## Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup>

Hot again. to day the wind from  
the North West myself and Mrs. went to  
Port Pirie to day I had Buisness to  
the Bank. I paid Moffetts Bill of £25  
I Bought a new trousers & Vest for £  
23/6. also some Game and Fish and a



Pair of Boots for Bill at & I got two  
Letters at the Post office from Mary and  
James about the Minnowes  
I called at Macklens as I was coming  
home we were home before sundown  
Patt Shanahan & Bill was cutting  
Down fir wood from the Scrub.

Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>  
Cool to day the wind from the South  
West. I was raking Straw in Neals  
Place to day Bill was Breaking it  
Down and Patt Shanahan was  
looking it it showed great ~~signs~~  
Signs of rain at four o'clock P.M.  
The moon looked very watery.

Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup>  
Hot again to day the wind from  
The South West. Myself and Patt  
Shanahan & Bill was at the Straw

Again to day Bill was  
raking Myself and Paddy was  
cooking I recieved a letter to  
day from Joseph Banigan from  
New South Wales. David Fitzgerald  
came here this Evening at nine  
O'clock P.M. he Stopped until Eleven.

**SUNDAY** January 17<sup>th</sup> 1886  
Very hot to day with a hot Wind  
from the North. Myself and Ellen Kelly  
and Katey started to go to Mass to  
Crystal Brook we went as far as  
McGuire's so when we got there we found  
that we would be late if we went on so we  
Turned Back again and did not go.  
James O'Donnell came here after dinner  
Time he did not stop long Six o'clock P.M.  
The Wind went round to the South East  
and Blew a regular dust Storm for about  
A half an hour when it then commenced



To rain it rained A nice shower  
And Stopped again but Showing  
Signs of some more rain McGuire  
Came here at Sundown and Stopped  
untill Ten P.m. Patt Shanahan and Bill  
Went down to the Whim to see what was the  
matter ther as they saw some one falling of their  
Horse which we thought was James Donnell.  
But Instead of James Donnell it was Matt Lawler  
And Charley Nunns who fell it and their  
Horses also Matt Lawler was cut about the  
knees and Nunn horse was cut in the  
hip they had been racing with  
David Fitzgerald and James Donnell.



**MONDAY** January 18<sup>th</sup>

Very hot to day again with a Northerly  
Wind Blowing I Started to cart in  
the straw to day myself and Bill and  
Patt Shanahan was at it w<sup>e</sup> brought  
in Three Loads one before dinner

And Two Loads after Dinner  
Four o'clock P.m. the wind changed to  
the South and Blew a nice cool  
Breeze.



**TUESDAY** January 19<sup>th</sup>

Hot again to day the Wind from  
the South we were at the Straw to day  
again to day we Brought in three  
Loads. Thorpes Boy came here this morning  
for some Horses Bill went to the Whim in the  
Fore Noon for a hay fork Michael Fitzgerald  
Came home this Evening he could not  
get work the whare 3 o'clock P.m. it comenced  
to rain the lightening was very vivid



WEDNESDAY January 23<sup>th</sup>

Cool to day with a Southerly wind  
all day. Twelve of my cattle were in  
Harry Parkers Place this morning. Seven  
Bullocks and five young Cattle. He would  
Not give them to Bill without the money.  
So Bill <sup>had</sup> had to come back again.  
I sent him up a second time with a  
Note to know if he would give them but  
he would not. So then I went up myself  
For them. I had to pay Seven Shillings  
and Six pence as there was Seven Pence  
half penny damages per head on them.

Bill was raking Straw to day in  
the fore noon. He was breaking it down  
with the Bullocks in the after noon.

Patt Shanahan was cocking in the fore  
noon and in the after noon. Myself and  
Patt put sticks on the young cattle.  
and sent them up to <sup>the</sup> Walshes place.

The Mrs & Michael Fitzgerald  
Went to Crystal Brook this after noon.  
They were home at nine o'clock P.M.

David Fitzgerald & James Donnell came  
here at half past eight o'clock and stayed  
until eleven. Mrs Gregge sent me one Pound  
by James Donnell on account of the Wood she  
got here.

THURSDAY January 24<sup>th</sup>

Hot again to day but not as hot  
as yesterday. the wind is still keeping  
from the South East. Myself and Patt  
Shanahan was cocking. Stray again.  
Again to day until dinner time then  
I went building the Stumps in the fence  
between myself & Thorpe. Patt helped me in  
the evening. Bill put all the Cattle up in  
Walshes place this evening again.  
Michael Fitzgerald went to Crystal Brook to day again. He has not returned yet.  
nine p



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Friday Januarry

Hot again to day with a North  
West wind Myself and Patt  
Shanahan & Bill was Straw  
Casting to day also we Brought  
In <sup>2<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~three~~ Loads Michael Fitzgerald  
came here to day in the fore noon  
he Stopped at Bloomfields last Night  
he did not Stop long here as he was  
going to Crystal Brook to day  
again to try and Sell his Horse  
he came home with McGuire from the  
the Brook. but did not Stop at McGuire  
McGuire came here at Sundown  
and Stopped untill half past ten P.M.  
Edward Feely also came here  
at half past Seven P.M. he was after coming  
down from Silberton he Stopped here  
untill twenty minutes to eleven o'clock  
he then left and went up to Charley's  
Nurs Place as he was camped there John Fitzgerald