



1886
Tuesday February 29th

Nice clear day with a cool breeze
From the South. Myself and the Mr.
And Children went out Near the Deep
Sea there was two more boats outside
Fishing we caught only five or six
Fish we Stopped there untill after one o'clock
We then weight anchor and came in
About half ways we came to anchor again
on the verge of the lands So then Myself and
The Children had a bathe. we then made
Tracks for the Harbour again we were in
about five o'clock P.M. There was two more camps
Erected on the Beach when we came in they
all from Wandearah. So there was company
Enough then At the Weather Showed great
Signs of rain this Evening it looked
Very Black and heavy around to the South
West a few drops fell while we were at Supper
and now it is all over well.

Wednesday February 24th

Cool again to day with a fresh breeze from the South West. At nine o'clock a.m. myself and the Mrs and children started to go out to the Snapper holes to fish we went about half way and then turned back as it was rather Windy to go out any further without more help. So we stopped fishing for a while near the Shelly Beach but we only caught two or three small ones. I put the Mrs ashore with the children at the Landing place and I went out again but done no good at fishing as I had not proper bait to put in we came in about twelve o'clock to have some dinner but we soon went out again as old Mr. Pearce and Mrs. Pearce was there before us when we came in. ~~But we~~ So we all went out again as far as the Shelly Beach we stopped a while there and then came in again. Bill was at the

Harbor before us when we
came in. So we had some Tea and
myself and Bill and Katey went out for
a while to pick some cockles we got a good
few cockles we came in then and put
the horses in the trap and came home
We called at Patt Kains as we were coming
home he introduced us to his Wife
So we stopped there for a good while and
had some Tea. we left Kains at
half past eight o'clock and we were
home at half past Ten. P.M.—

James McQuire was here when we
came home he was after coming from
Laura he had been up to see his Father
who is bad but is getting a little better
James left at Eleven o'clock P.M.

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Thursday February 25th

Coming out hot again. The wind was from the South East we were picking oats out of the Wheat in the barn to day all the Bullocks could not be found this morning so I did not go ploughing. I went down to Mcguires this evening.

Friday February 26th

Hot again to day with the wind from the South. Myself and Bill was ploughing to day. Patt Shanahan was clearing some Stumps in the old garden in the Scrub. I am going to sow some barley there. Denis Nash came here in the After Noon he had two casks of beer. I kept one and paid for it by Cheque of one Pound and got Ten Shillings change. James Mcguire and Margret came here this evening they stayed until Eleven o'clock P.M.

Saturday February 27th

Hot to day also with a South East wind all day I was ploughing again to day. Patt Shanahan was grubbing and clearing in the old garden again to day.

Sunday February 28th

Hot to day also the wind from the South. Myself and the M^r and Katey and Patt Shanahan went to Crystal Brook to Mass. We were home again at half past two P.M. — we called in at the Whim as we were coming home Ted Wade was there also. He overtook us at Mcguires I had four glasses of beer at the then Patt Shanahan had four more. David Fitzgerald and James O'Donnell was here before us when we came home they stayed until near sundown when they then went home I cut James O'Donnell's hair.

James Donnell & David Fitzgerald
and James McGuire came here
again at eight o'clock P.M. — They had
a couple of dances and then went home
again.

Monday March 1st 1886

Very hot again to day the wind from
the South myself and Bill was ploughing again
to day I did not feel very well to day as
I have a bad cold on me. Patt Finigan
and Edward Feely came here at dark
they stayed until ten o'clock P.M. —
Patt gave me a letter from Garner he got it
at the Whim I gave Patt Finigan a Cheque for
one pound.

Tuesday March 2nd

Very hot to day with a Northerly wind blowing
all day Bill and Patt Shanahan was
ploughing to day as myself was unable to go
out owing to the severe cold I have got
Edward Feely came here this morning for his shirt

Wednesday March 3rd

Very hot again to day with the wind
from the North West Bill and Patt Shanahan
was ploughing again to day I was not well
enough myself to go ploughing Patt Shanahan
got a fainting fit at three o'clock this afternoon
So Bill took the Bullocks out from the plough.
and went up to Bloomfields for a calf of mine
that is there. Thomas Bloomfield came here
this morning to tell me if Michael Fitzgeralds
Horse is not removed by next Monday from his
place he will have to pay 2/- per week for his
~~Maintenance~~ Maintenance — Mr. Prest and his
Clark from Port Pirie came here at noon
he had an acceptance for me to ~~sign~~ sign
which I did — David Fitzgerald came
here this morning he was on his way to
The Warnertown Races which were going on
to day.

Thursday March 4th

Hot again to day with the wind
From the North Patt Shanahan and
Bill was ploughing to day as I had to
go to Port Pirie the Mr. went with me
we got in at twelve o'clock noon. --

I had buisness with Mr. Gordon. the Mrs
Was with me at Gordons office we were not long
There as it did not take us long to do our
buisness there. we then came down to
Preston and bought some things

I bought a pair of trousers for Bill for
5/6 also one felt hat 2/6 I also bought a
hat for Patt Shanahan at 2/4 and 2 lb.
of tobacco 2/4. I bought a black felt hat
for myself at 3/6. the Mrs bought some Wool
and some red flannel. and some ribbon
also a water dipper 1/ and some Treacle.
and as we were ready to come home
it came on to blow. a very severe

Dust Storm which lasted
for more than an hour we came away
before it cleared off. I called at Harmer
as I was going home but he was not
in the shop at seven p.m. - it showed
great signs of rain. it ~~rained~~ a little
we were home at dark

Friday March 5th

Cool to day and showing great signs
of rain the wind is a Point Southeast.
all day it rained a little in the morning
at seven o'clock a.m. - myself and
Patt Shanahan settled up the straw
this morning that the wind knocked
down yesterday Evening and after that
we went up to the scrub garden myself and
Bill ploughed it I sowed it with barley
to day we finished it Patt Shanahan was
settling the fence around it

Patt Finigan ~~Dear~~ came here
This morning he was on his way
To Port Pirie he only brought the buggy
as far as the road gate he had Bridget
With him he brought the m^{rs} a water melon.
The m^{rs} and Ellen & Lys^m were picking
Oats & sowing of the Wheat all day.

Wednesday March 10th
Nice cool day the wind from the
South myself and Bill was ploughing
To day also it was late in the day when
Bill brought the bullocks. Patt Shanahan
was cocking straw in the scrub paddock.
Thos Boy came here in the after noon
To plough in my stead while I would go
Some Wheat for Thos. I sowed one bag.
I had to come home then with Mr Farmer
as he wanted to look at the pigs and
the Steers he would not have the Steers
at any price he only offered me 1/1 per head.

For the Pigs I would not give them
at that price he also asked me to make
Some arrangements with Patt Finigan.
With regards to the horses, he was to get from
Patt. we did not make any settlement
we left things as they were. Patt Finigan came
here at sundown he had to leave the buggy
at the bend of the road coming in from the
road gate at the pole was broken. he was
A little the worst of drink he stayed all
Night I got a letter from Joseph Bannigan
To day he arrived home from Sydney.
last week.

Thursday March 11th
Nice cool day to day again the wind from
the South I went down to Thos this morning to sow some
more Wheat for him I sowed two Bags for him
I had it done at eleven o'clock a.m.—
I came home then and had dinner and after
that I cut a pole for Patt Finigan's buggy I put it

On for him So then myself and the Mr went
down as far as Mcguire's to see old Mcguire
after he coming home from Laura. we went down in
the buggy with Patt. he stoped for a while at Mcguire's
and then went home we stoped there untill half past
seven o'clock P.M. we came home then. David Fitzgerald
came here this morning to cut some wood
for Mrs. Gregg. She wants it to put up a stake
fence. ~~with~~ Frank Walsh came here to
day to tell me for to take home their Rake
I sent Bill home with it after dinner

Friday March 12th

Nice Cool day the wind from the South
I was looking for some of the bullocks this
morning as Bill could not get them all
Patt Shanahan and Bill was carting
down some straw from the Scrub paddock
It turned out very windy after dinner
So we knocked off straw carting and
myself and Bill went ploughing and Patt

Shanahan was looking about
The house David Fitzgerald and
James O'Donnell. came here with
Mrs. Gregg's Team for some wood.
They did not take it away as the horses
would not pull for them.

Saturday March 13th

Very Windy again to day with the
wind from the South East. it blew very
dusty in the evening myself and Bill
was ploughing all day. Patt Shanahan
was burning rubbish in the Scrub.

David Fitzgerald and James O'Donnell
came here again to day for the wood
They brought two teams to take it
Mrs. Gregg's boy was with them. they took
it all in the two waggons. the Mrs. went
up to William Walshes. this afternoon. for some
water. She got Ten Gallons she could
take no more

Sunday March 14th

Nice clear day with the wind
From the East. The Mrs and Ellen Feely
and Sissy went to Crystal Brook to
Mass. when they were coming home they
called at Patt Finigans Place they
also called at Goullers they were home at
Sundown. Patt Kains man came here
in the fore noon he stayed here until four
o'clock P.M. John Gouller came here in the
after noon with an invitation to a Batchlers
Ball to be held at Johns. Edward Feely
came here this evening also
James O'Donnell came here he stayed
until nine o'clock P.M.

Monday March 13th

Rather a nice sort of day weather two
hot or two cold. the wind went round
to South West again in the after noon.

Myself and Bill went up to
Mr. Walshes for a Tank of Water I also
bought a half a ton of chaff. Hay

James O'Donnell was also there for
Two Tons of Chaff. he took over two Tons.
When I was coming home I called in at
the Whim I met Stephen Harford there
after coming from Silberton we had two
drinks together. So then I came away
It was here Sundown when we got home
I paid Walsh for the Hay I gave him a
Cheque for one pound fifteen shillings
Patt Shanahan was cocking Straw
again to day in the Scrub paddock.

Tuesday March 16th

Nice calm day and pretty
warm The Mrs. went to Port Pirie
to day she was home again at two o'clock.
She bought two boxes of Tea one at 1/4/6 & 1/6/6

She also got a Matt of Sugar a half a hundred
Weight. also one pound of Wool. at $3/3$
also one bag of oatmeal. 22 lb. of Treacle.
Tobacco one pound. $1/4$ Cwt of onions one bag
of potatoes. St. Jacobs oil bottle of pills $1/3$.
Pair of shoes $9/6$. Shirt $4/3$. Shirt $2/9$.

Myself and Patt Shanahan & Bill was
Carting more Straw to day from the scrub
Paddock. we brought down three Loads
Ellen Feely was ~~cut~~ picking Wheat all day.

Wednesday St. Patrick's Day
March 17th

Hot again to day with the Wind from
The South. None of us worked to day
as it was a holiday. Patt Shanahan
Shouted a gallon of beer. Bill went for it.
I fixed my Haystack to day
at Six o'clock P.M. Myself and the Mrs.
and the Children and Ellen Feely and
Ellen Smith went up to Johnses butchers Ball.

We took Margaret Mc Guire with us
from the Whim when I went as far as
Mrs. Gregg. I gave James O'Donnell some
Clothes which the Mrs. brought him from post
Kier. I rode David's Fitzgerald's Horse back
Again as I forgot my green Scarf. I came
Back as far as the Guins. Patt Shanahan and
Bill was there so I sent Patt home for the scarf.
I got to the Ball about ten o'clock P.M.

Thursday March 18th

Very hot again. To day the wind from
The South west, we came home from the ball
This morning at four o'clock a.m. Mrs. Thorpe
and Margaret Mc Guire came with us
Ellen Feely stayed behind. She was to come
on with Edward. There was two persons
sick at the Ball, M. J. M. G. Myself and Patt
Shanahan and Bill was carting Straw
again to day we finished it.

John Fitzgerald

Friday March 19th

Very hot again to day the Wind
From the North D. Bill and
Patt Shanahan was ploughing to day
as I was not well myself.

Saturday March 20th

Very hot again to day with a North West Wind
Myself and the Mrs. went to Fort Erie to
Day I wanted to see Fred Gray
but I could not see him as he was not
at either of the offices I was told he went
up the Railway line I also was at Prest & others
I bought two pair of boots one for myself at 8/11
and one pair for Ellen Smith at 7/6.
I also got two & Squares of Glass for
my pictures it cost 4/1. we were home just
at Sundown. Patt Shanahan &
Bill was ploughing John Walsh came
here in the afternoon he did not stop long.

Sunday March 21st

Little bit cooler to day with a South west
Wind Myself and Patt Shanahan & Ellen Feely
& Ellen Smith went to Crystal Brook to Mass.
Patt Shanahan & Ellen Smith went to their
Duty we were home at half past two P.M.
after having dinner Myself and the Mrs.
Went down to McGuires we stayed there untill
after nine o'clock P.M. James Donnell was here
When we came home

Monday March 22nd

Nice and Cool again to day the wind
came from the East in the morning but
it went round to the South at Eleven o'clock.
I went down to McGuires this morning
for some Swings and some Harness. I got
two Horse Cobles, four chains six Swings
four S-hooks. He brought up his roller and
left it here with me. He took some fire wood
home with him Peter was with him.

Mr Walsh Came here in the after
Noon Enquiring for her Son James who
has away from them a short time back
but I did not rather see or hear anything about
him the Mrs went to Port Kire this after Noon
She had business with Father Niebour which she
settled four of my bullocks were in A Bloomfield's
Yard this morning I had to pay 2/- for them
Patt Shanahan & Bill were ploughing the rest of
the Day Ellen Feely was picking Wheat all day.

Monday March 23rd

Cool again to day the wind South
West I commenced to Sow Wheat this after
Noon I put the Lily in with the other three
She went very well for her first time in
harness Bill and Patt Shanahan was
gathering roots about the ground
Ellen Feely was picking Wheat all day
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Wednesday March 24th

Pretty warm again to day with a
light breeze from the South I was sowing
and harrowing again to day
I felt very bad this evening with pains
on my sides and my back from lifting
up the harrows the straw is such a nuisance
Ellen Feely was picking wheat again to
day.

Thursday March 25th (Lady Day)

I was sowing again to day it was
very calm I did not do much harrowing
As I broke the swing in two half
I had a new one again Bill & Patt
Shanahan was ploughing all day
James Nunn. Came here in the fore
noon he wanted the lend of a Tank which
I could not give him as my Tank is holed
James Donnell came here at eight o'clock
he stopt until half past ten P.M.

Friday March 26th

Hot again to day and very calm.

I Sowed some Wheat this morning again

I finished harrowing the New ground

To day. Patt Finigan called here this morning as he was going to Port Pirie. Patt Shanahan & Bill was ploughing

all day. I made the frames for my pictures

This evening the black cow calved to day a black

Bull calf. - Saturday March 27th

Hot & Sultry again to day with a light

Breeze from the south west. Bill & Patt Shanahan

was ploughing again to day they finished

the house paddock. myself was jobbing about

the house. I hung up my new pictures to day.

I went to the Whim this evening for letters I got

none but the paper. George Terme was also there

I stayed there until eight o'clock P.M. I killed the calf

This morning. Patt Finigan came here this evening he was coming from

Port Pirie.

Sunday March 28th

Very hot to day with a very hot Wind
Blowing from the North all day myself and
The Mrs & Katey and Sieg went to Crystal
Brook to Mass. I called in at the Whim as
we were going I wanted to get some change

I bought a New Cross from Father Handls
for one shilling. we came down to Wilson's after
Mass Dinis Flaherty was with us &
we met William Walsh at Wilson's we had two
drinks together then I came away. Mr Walsh came
on behind me & we were home at half past two P.M.

James Donnell was here before us when we
came home he did not stay long he came with word
to us to go to a party to Mrs Grogan's on Wednesday

Patt Finigan went home after Sundown
This evening

John Fitzgerald

Monday March 29th ~

Fine Clear day very calm until Eleven
O'clock a.m. when it then Sprung a Strong
Wind from the South. I commenced to Sow
In the House paddock to day I Sowed
out of the buggy the Mrs. drove for me
Chad Poll and Gipsy in the buggy I sowed
Two Bags of Wheat and after dinner I sowed
some Barley along the Stamp fence. Bill
and Patt Shanahan finished ploughing
the Head Land So after that Bill went across
to Thorpes for his Harrow as my own was not
good enough for ruff ground. Patt Shanahan
Went burning the place of the heaps of Straw
In the Scrub paddock after dinner
Ellen Feely was picking Wheat all day.
It Showed great Signs of rain all day

Tuesday March 30th

Fine cool Day again to day the
Wind from the South and all Signs of rain
Vanished I was to be Harrowing to day
but the Filly could not be found all day
So then myself and Patt Shanahan & Bill
went cleaning Wheat in the barn all day
We were taking oats and straw out of it
It was too dirty to Saw it as it was.
I went over to Thorpes paddock this afternoon
to See Walter to know if he had Seen anything
of my Filly about their place but he had
not Seen anything of her So when I came
Back I sent Bill up the Road to See if he
Could See anything of her but he also came
Back just as wize as myself as he could not
Find her. White Spot the bullock was also
away all day Bill could not find him

Wednesday March 31st

Nice and Cool again to day
With the wind from the south I sowed
some Wheat again this morning
I sowed two butts. I then went harrowing
Bill did not find the bullocks until dinner
time so after he did find them himself and
Patt Shanahan went up in the scrub
Carting off the stumps of the grubbed land
The Mrs. went down to Mr. Guire's at eleven
o'clock a.m. She stopped there until five in
after noon. there was a foot race at the Whim
this after noon between young Beck and
a Chap. from Wandarah named Wymen
Beck was the winner

Patt Shanahan got a home
Paper this evening. He went to the Whim after supper
to post a home letter. I also sent one to be posted
To Fred Gray

John Fitzgerald care Wandarah P.D.