

John Fitzgerald
Myrtle Cottage Pirie

Mandurah P.O

South Australia.

June 1st - 1886

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Fine Sunny Day with a light Breeze from the North West there did not seem much Signs of rain at day until near Sundown when it came up a bit Cloudy The Mrs was confined of a young Daughter at 25 minutes To three o'clock this afternoon She is getting on all Right Thank God Mrs Noal & Mrs McQuire that attended to her. — I took Mrs Noal home before Sundown Mrs McQuire went home before I came Back.

Patt Shanahan Brought in a few Loads of Fire wood to the house with the Dray Bill was looking for the Bullock that was away all day but he did not find him he is away now 5 Days

The Steer that was running with my Cattle was taken away this Evening by a woman on Horse Back She said She was the owner of him She called herself Mrs Sterling & a Blacksmiths wife John Fitzgerald — Myrtle Cottage Pirie Mandurah P.O.

Friday June 4th 1886

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Very clear Day with the Wind from
The East and North East the Air was
very cold Patt Shanahan was harrowing
again to day - Another yearling Calf died
To day also Fairmaids Calf died I believe
though want of food.

Michael Fitzgerald
Went away this after Noon towards Crystal
Brook he is to go to beetles. Tomorrow
he gave me four pounds ~~by~~ before he left
Three to send home to his Father and
one for myself

Mrs Featherstone came here
This after noon to see the Mrs She stayed
A couple of Hours. and then went home
Seven o'clock [P.M.] the Sky is very clear with a
vast number of stars and no sign of
Rain whatever it is. John Fitzgerald

Saturday June 5th

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Fine Clear Day with the Wind from the
North East all Day until Evening when
It went round to the South East but only
for a short while it went back again to the
North East this Weather has been very cold
in the Night time, Rain is much wanted
now again as there is no growth in the grass.
So that Cattle is very badly off for feed
at present I am giving my Cattle the straw
from off the Sheds and they are glad to get that
same - Patt Shanahan was harrowing
again to day Bill was Jobing about the House
So was myself I went over to Mrs Nolls in the
after noon to let Mrs Nolls know how the Baby
and also the Mrs was getting on it was sundown
before I left there as Mrs Noll. was at Port Pirie
When I got to his place - I recieved an Invoice
this Evening from Harmer the Butcher Port Pirie

Sunday June 6th

Fine clear Day again with a North East Wind all Day. it turned a bit Cloudy. In the Evening and looked like a change. Myself & Patt Shanahan went up to Walshes Place in the fore noon to see if there was any feed there that I could put my Bullocks there - but there is not much there as any where else just now. we got home at one o'clock and then had dinner - just as I was finished my dinner Mr^s Noll & Mr^s Lidel and young Mr^s Noll came here to see the Mr^s McQuire came soon after they stopped about two hours and then went home. Mr^s McQuire and Walter came here at dark they stopped untill nine o'clock P.M.

I sent Bill to the Whim this after noon for a half a gallon of Wine he brought it up in three Bottles -

Monday June 7th

Rather hot to Day there was a light Breeze from the East untill Evening when it then went round to South and looked like a change.

I went over to Walshes this morning but before I got there I met John & Frank Walsh coming over to Overalls Place so I came back with them again I wanted leave to put my cattle in their paddock for a while so I got it I was home again at twelve after dinner I sent Patt Shanahan & Bill up to Walshes place for a bit of hay which they gave me we took the skin off the cow this morning Bill went down to the Whim this evening for some Flour he also got some Tea and two Candles I wrote a letter for home this evening

Tuesday June 8th

Fine an calm in the morning early but at 9 o'clock it commenced to blow a strong gale from the North there was a regular cloud of dust along the road to Port Pirie I sent Patt Shanahan in to day with 7 Seven bags of Wheat on the Dray with Boll. he started about 8 o'clock a.m. I myself and Katey went in after him in the Buggy he was in the Port before us so I told him stop near the waterworks until I would come back to him as I had to go up to White Plains with some Hides I got one Pound three Shillings for them I then came back to Presto yards and took out the Horses and put them in the Stable it was after two o'clock when I sold the Wheat. I got $4\frac{1}{6}$ per bushel for it I then went to the mill - and from the mill down to Presto I got some Flour there ^{100 lbs} and one bag of Bran and half a cwt of Potatoes also some Lamp glassed 4 Tangle Bilycan Candles 1 lb. 3 Jam. 1 oatmeal tin perain

one bottle of Cherry pectoral also one Bottle of Essens of Linseed Doz. of matches Some biscuits half a Gallon of kersine for Mr Scott. Boots for Katy and Paces Lace Patt Shanahan got for Ellen Smith two yards at 14 per yard ^{7/3} £16 tobacco and a few other things I also signed an acceptance for Prest and one for Giddes £6-12 I was at the National Bank to get an order for three Pounds £3. to send home I paid two Shillings for the order I then went to the Post office and posted it

I got a Letter at the Post office from Weidenbach for 9 S. It was near Sundown when we left the Port we came out by Mr Raws I had one Noble of whiskey there I also watered the Horses there and got a bottle of beer and then left I had to stop at Mr Birds as I had some Towel for him that Mrs Scott sent in with me I was home about 7 o'clock p.m. Patt Shanahan was home at half Past Seven we were not long home until the quire came and he three sheets in the wind he stayed until half Past Eleven P.m. Bill put the cattle in Walches place to day

Wednesday June 9th

Fine Clear Day until ten o'clock a.m. it turned up a bit cloudy and showing signs of rain it rained a shower at 12 o'clock it then looked as if we would get a good down pour but it all cleared away towards evening the wind is from the North all day Bill went up to Walsh's place this morning to see after the cattle while he was away John Walsh came here to tell me take my cattle out of their place again as his Father would not allow them there he himself got into a row on account of them. So I went up this afternoon and told Bill to bring them home which he did.

young Trevasbris came here just at dinner time with a Notice from his Father to have me keep my cattle away from him he says they were in his place last night I went to the Whim to drag myself to water the horses.

John Fitzgerald

Thursday June 10th

Cold Sort of Day with the Wind from the North west and showing signs of rain all day. it came up very heavy and cloudy at six o'clock this evening also showing a yellow circle round the moon. the clouds were going very fast across the Moon. there are good signs of rain now and it is to be hoped it will come as it is much wanted as there is scarcely any food for cattle cattle are very poor just now.

PAT Shanahan & Bill brought two dray loads of straw down from Walsh's place to lay the top of a shed - which John Walsh gave me I went down to McGuire's this evening to see the children as they are bad with cold and Tom McGuire has got a big lump on the side of his neck I left McGuire's at half past 7 o'clock P.M. I was home at 8 P.M. it just commenced (some squalls) to rain now a good shower.

Friday June 11th

Cloudy all day with the Wind from the West all day also showing great Signs of rain. Patt Shanahan & Bill brought 2 Loads of Straw from Walshes Place to day at 9 o'clock P.M. all Signs of rain cleared off again.

The Mrs got up out of bed to day she has been ten days in bed now. Patt Shanahan went down to Mc Guires this Evening after Teer to see how Tom Mc Guire was, he is getting better. Shamburg fanned the Lump that was on his neck.

Sam Richardson and his boy came here at Sundown this Evening he stayed all Night. I burned a part of the old Brush fence to day I want to Build it with Stumps instead.

Saturday June 12th

Coldest sort of day with the wind from the West with a lot of white clouds hanging about it was also showing some Signs of rain.

Patt Shanahan & Bill brought two more loads of Straw from Walshes place to day they finished it. I was building a part of a stump fence until Evening I then fed Spot and Dairy maid and rosett with Bran and Hay Chaff.

Margaret McGuire came here this afternoon she did not stop long. I received a letter from Joseph Banyan to day from Silverton. I also got one from Weidenbach it was only a sale Bill.

I wrote to Joseph Banyan this Evening. I also wrote one to the Manager of the National Bank, Port Pirie. I inclosed a cheque for £3. 14. 2 No. 10. to put to my account. Darlings Cheque of June 8th 1886.

Sunday June 13th

Very cold all day with a light breeze from the South East. Myself & Patt Shanahan went to Crystal Brook to day we called in at the Whim as we were passing I had two Noblers of Brandy one from Patt Shanahan and one from Thorpe I paid Mrs Thorpe seven Shillings which I owed her & I owed two Shillings on a bottle of brandy & and three Shillings worth of Brandy I sent Bill for and a half gallon of Wine I sent Bill for. This day week the wine was @ two Shillings it all amounted to seven Shillings Myself & James O'Donnell went in to the Pound yard to see a Filly that was there belong to David Fitzgerald we then went across to Wilsons Hotel we had 2 noblers of Brandy there and then came home we called in at the Whim as we were coming home I had one Nobler of Brandy again and one bottle of Porter which I brought home I paid 1/6 for it I paid Donnick the Fish man 2/- which I owed him

Monday June 14th

Very cold day the Wind from the East all day the Mrs went to Crystal Brook This morning to see Pett Finigan who is in the Hospital there he was bad for the last week but is getting better now.

Patt Shanahan also went to Crystal Brook with the Mrs he left here to day for good he is going to try Beetloo for work

Mrs Scott came here about 11 o'clock a.m. to see the Mrs but she was away so Mrs Scott did not stop long

Bill was up in the Scrub this afternoon gathering rubbish and myself was doing jobs about the house

The Mrs gave Patt Shanahan some money in the Township

Tuesday June 15th

Very warm to day with a light easterly
Wind all day I was doing a bit of
Fencing to day in the fore noon
and in the after noon myself and Bill
Started grubbing up near Parkers fence
Dairy maid Calved this morning
She had a super calf.

McGuire came here this evening
at six oclock P.M. he stayed untill
10 P.M.

Wednesday June 16th

Fine warm day with Light Breeze
From the East all day it came up
Very Cloudy about four oclock P.M. Showing
Great Signs of rain I went down to McGuire
This afternoon morning then McGuire and
myself went to Crystal Brook we got there about
1 oclock we put the Horses in the Royal Hotel
Yard and then we went up on the Ranges above
The Brook Station we were in Search of Gold
but got none it was dark when we came back
To the Brook again - we went into Mr. Parkers
and had Supper there so after that they sent out for
Some Beer so we stopped Drinking at Parkers
untill one oclock mid night it was after two when we got
To McGuire it was after 3 oclock when I came home
I brought home Some Some meat with me 5/4 worth
I bought it at Parkers } I got one bag of Hay
Chaff from Thomas McNally he was going to Port Pirie with a Load

Thursday June 17th

Cold & Cloudy all Day with the wind from the South East. it is showing great Signs of Rain all Day the wind changed to the South in the Evening Bill was gathering up rubbish in the Scrub to Day.

Bloomfield's man came here this morning with word that Bloomfield shot one of my Ripe Drest came here yesterday. He wanted to see me but I was not at home so he did not stop long.

Friday June 18th

Very clear Day and cold with the Wind from the East as usual it came up. Cloudy again in the after Noon and Showing great Signs of rain but it all cleared away again at 7 o'clock P.M.

I was speaking to Tom Mc Nally this morning about some Day thief. he said he might bring me some on Thursday next when he will be coming up again from Redhill.

Myself and Bill was grubbing this after noon. we had to lift Prosett this Evening again. She was Weak and not able to get up. I gave her some Bran so she seemed to get a bit better then it is Terrible times with Cattle just now as they have nothing whatever to eat I am trawing off the Straw from the Sheels for them and they eat it greedily. They cannot stand much longer if we don't get some Rain.

Saturday June 19th

Very cloudy all day there was thick vapor hanging about to the South it looked like a mist there was also a lot of white fleecy clouds traveling Northward and showing great signs of rain there was a light wind from the South East all day it changed to the South West in the evening but only remained at that point for a short while when it went back again to the South East it rained a light little drizzle of rain at 5 P.M. Ten o'clock P.M. Wind still from the South East and still cloudy with signs of rain.

I went to Port Pirie this morning I got in about 12 noon I went to John Holwell's first I had dinner there and John gave me a bag of Oat chaff to feed my horses he also gave me some wire net 4 truck wheels.

I Left Holwell's at 12 o'clock P.M.

and went to Darlings Store I got a Bag of Flour there and Paid for it by cheque of one Pound two Shillings

I then came down to Prest? and gave the Horses a feed there again I then went into the Store and got a Bag of Bran also some Tracle some Tobacco 1/2 lb. one tin of Neaves food and A Box of Tea 1/6 Some bolts also but them I did not get as they were taken by mistake off the counter I also got 2 yards of Plaid at 1/6 per yard I then got ready to come home I was home about 6 o'clock P.M. Mc Guire came here afterwards he stopped untill nine o'clock

Patt Shanahan came back from Beeloo again this evening he got no work there or any prospect of any as he says there is a lot of men sacked from there for the last few days ———

Sunday June 20th

White fleecy clouds coming from the South East all day also a light wind from the South East all day but at 5 P.M. it went due South— and some black heavy clouds came up from the West and South West.

10 o'clock P.M. Wind right from the East again and very cold also a clear sky ~~with~~ and no cloud whatever visible. it looks very strange when heavy rain clouds come up and soon vanish again.

Patt Shanahan received a home letter and paper this evening according to account. The times at home in the old country are dull as well as here— the times were never so dull in this country as they are at present. No rain no food no work no money. Is this bad enough just now—

Monday June 21st

Fine clear day with a light wind from the South East the sky was very clear all day up till 5 o'clock P.M. the wind then changed to the South and some heavy black clouds came up from the South and South East at 7 P.M. the sky was clear again with a lot of stars— but at 10 P.M. it got cloudy again and no stars I gathered up some bones to day I also took the body of the old dog at the road gate to pieces I brought in the bones of it.

James O'Donnell came here this evening he stopped until 1 o'clock midnight. I made up his account. I also made up Patt Shanahan's account as he is going to go away. Bill did not find the horses to day Rob & Prince and Jessy.

Tuesday June 22nd

Dull Cloudy Sort of Day with a light Wind from the South East the clouds were also coming from the South East Bill went up to William Saints to say for some Hay Chaff but he did not get any as Saint will not sell any more. He was back at 2 o'clock P.M. -
 Patt Shanahan & myself was fixing the Well -
 I put a New cross piece in the mouth of it.
 I also put some Gravel around the mouth.
 Six o'clock P.M.

Sky looks very overcast -
 and stormy looking the Wind is right
 from the South there are a few Stars visible
 through the Clouds

it Shows great Signs of
 Rain just now - there was some
 Glimmer as if like Lightning at Sundown
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Wednesday June 23rd

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 £1-18-2 worth - they were put down to me.

he also left an order for a Suite of cloths the cost of which will be £3-12-6 to be made in one week.

So after we left Priest we went up to Gads the watch makers Jim got his watch that was there repairing he paid 10/6 to have it done up - we then came back and had some dinner at Smiths and after that we put the Horses in the trap and came home we got home at Sundown

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Thursday June 24th
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To day has been observed as Church Holiday, viz.
 Corpus Christi - it is also a very dry day with
 a light Wind from the South East all day. and ~~no~~
 no clouds visable whatever.

Patt Shanahan Bill and myself went down along
 The Broughton Shooting we went down across Howe's
 place and into Section 11 we only shot two birds we
 came back along the River again as far as Magarays place
 we got nothing along there so when we did not. we came
 home again it was near Sundown when we got home
 I finished reading the History of Ireland
 This Evening

Friday June 25th

Very clear warm Sunshiny day
 and showing signs of a change to the West
 at six o'clock this morning the wind was from
 the South East at seven it changed to the North
 West. it kept to the West and North all day
 There was also a blue sky all day with a few
 streaks of white to the west.

At Sundown the wind went round to its old
 stand again - viz - the South East
 Bill and myself went up to Walshes place to day
 for some water we took it out of the Tank there
 we had Jipsy and Jessy in the bray
 we could not find Poll and her Foal or Prince
 They are away somewhere

I cut up some fire wood this Evening
 I am trowing off the straw from the stable now
 for my cattle as they have all the others straw of the
 other sheds eat

Saturday June 26th

Fine clear day again with the wind from the East in the morning but it changed again at 9 o'clock and went round to the North West again. There was a fine clear blue Sky all day but at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Sky looked a regular slate colour appearance and showing slight signs of rain but I fear it won't come - as it is too often treathings.

Thorp came here this morning to tell me that one of my horses was laying down and seemed bad. I went down to his paddock with him and when we got there she was all right again. So I drove her home. Michael Fitzgerald came back from Betaloo this afternoon. He could not get any work there.

I got a quarter of a Ton of Hay Chaff from Tom McNally. This evening 11 Bags. James O'Donnell came here at 9 o'clock this evening. He left Mrs. Gregg for good. This evening he brought Mrs. Gregg spring drag & micks horse.

Sunday June 27th

Very Dull and Cloudy all day with a light cold Breeze from the North West all day and showing some signs of rain. Michael Fitzgerald, James O'Donnell and myself went to Crystal Brook to mass to day. When mass was over, we came to Mileos and had one drink each. I had a Nobler of Whisky. We had Michael Walsh in the Trap with us as far as Saint's Corner.

~~at Mrs. Gregg~~ James O'Donnell got off at Mrs. Gregg as he had to bring Micks horse home. James O'Donnell & Michael Fitzgerald went down to the Whim this evening. Bill was looking for Slouches the Bullock to day but he did not find him - I wanted to send some of the Bullocks to MacKinnon on grass.

Monday June 28th

Dull and Cloudy in the morning at 10 o'clock.
The Sun came out clear but there was a good
lot of White Fluffy Clouds coming up from
the South and South west & Weather also
appeared in the South this morning and showing
great Signs of rain - at 12 o'clock noon
it darkened up and looked as if we were
going to have a regular down pour.
it rained a light little sunshower and that
was all but it still kept showing signs of more rain.
The Wind was from North west west and
South West until 4 P.M. when it then changed
to the South East again - and all signs of rain
gone - I sent four of my Bullocks up to Macklin's
to day Patt Shanahan & myself were sinking post
notes to day Michael Fitzgerald went out to
Wondarah to day to retallion he come back again.
The guine came here this Evening. He left again at 10 P.M.

Tuesday June 29th

Fine clear Day with a light wind from
the South East all Day until Sundown
it then shifted to the South West
but all Signs of rain gone
Bill brought home prince and Pollo Foal
from Nunns place

James O'Donnell and the Mrs went to
Port Pirie to day Bill took Michael
Fitzgerald's horse to Macklin's place
This after Noon he got a ride back with
the Mrs & James O'Donnell they were home
at six o'clock P.M. myself and J. Patt Shanahan
and Michael went shooting this after noon
but the Feathers took the Birds away
The Mrs brought Bill a new pair of trousers and
shirt trousers 7/6 shirt 3/- She brought Patt Shanahan
a new hat and shirt - hat 4/6 shirt 3/2-

Wednesday June 30th

Fine Clear Day but very frosty. Early in the morning the Wind was from the North East all Day and no appearance whatever of Rain — Patt Shanahan and myself was fencing again to Day. Patt was sinking the holes and I was splitting burning and putting up the posts. — Bill was looking for Slougher again. To Day Mick and James O'Donnell was with him but they did not find him. I received a letter from London this Evening from Lacey Lester & Co. and the thing which I sent for.

one of the Horses got Bad this Evening. it is Doll. — She is Lying down and getting up again. I gave her some Castor oil and some Salt peter —.

Thursday July 1st — 1886 —

Frosty again this morning and very cold. There was a Light Breeze from the North and at 10. A.M. it shifted to the North West. at 4 P.M. wind shifted to the South West. — No Signs of Rain to Day. Patt Shanahan and myself was fencing again to Day. Bill & James O'Donnell were looking for Slougher again to Day. Scotie was telling Bill that Slougher was out at Eagle's place —. Patt Finigan came here this after noon. he did not stop long. — he Guire and Thomas Walter also came here at 7 (P.M.) They left again at ten P.M.

Thomas Mc Nally came here this morning. he was hunting after money for his Chaff —.

Friday July 2nd

Fine clear warm day with a light breeze
From the North at ten a.m. the Wind
Shifted to the South West it also looked
Like a change — Patt Shanahan
And myself was fencing again to day
until dinner time I then went splitting
post Patt Shanahan & Bill went grubbing
Old Gabley came here to day
he was on his way to the Whim
Scotie the Blacksmith also came here
this evening he stopped until 10 p.m.
half past 10 p.m. Sky very clear and starry
The Milky way was also visible from North East
to South West.

I wrote a letter for James O'Donnell to the Comissioner
of Public & Public Works asking a few shillings to be paid to George O'Donnell
John Fitzgerald & his wife & children
Wandsworth, O.D. South Australia

Saturday July 3rd

Very dry day with a strong from the
North also a regular cloud of dust blowing
all day until evening when it then came
down. I was splitting posts until dinner
time Patt Shanahan & Bill was grubbing
After dinner I went over to the locus crossing
to Mr Quen's the Blacksmith. I wanted to get
my gun fixed so after Scotie fixed the gun
himself. Sam Stevens & myself went down near
Butters Station Creek shooting. We met
George Ferme there so we stopped there until
8 o'clock p.m. we all steered our own courses home
Then I got home at half past 9 p.m.
old Sean Ryan. Walter & Michael Fitzgerald.
Johanna Fitzgerald and Margaret Mc Guire
was here before me we had a few games of cards
and after that they all went home
Sean Ryan stopped all night

Sunday July 4th

Another Lusty Day again with a Northwesterly Wind and Showing great Signs of rain. It came up very cloud and Dark towards Sundown and still showing great signs of rain — Dan Ryan left here at 11 o'clock to day he was to go to Port Pirie —

James O'Donnell and myself was shooting in the Scrub. I killed six birds out of 7 shots. So we came in then and had dinner and after dinner we went shooting again we also went over to Featherston to get Michael Fitzgerald's Tent. Bill went looking for the Bullock down by Shaughnessy's place he found him there and brought him home.

Mc Guire and Walker came here this evening. They stayed until half past 9 o'clock P.M.

Monday July 5th

Very Stormy and Cloudy at 5 o'clock this morning and at 8 a.m. it commenced to rain from the North West. it rained at intervals until 1 o'clock it then cleared up until half past 3 p.m. when it commenced again and rained a heavy shower. Wind still from the North West. at Sundown the clouds seemed to be traveling from the South West.

Dan Ryan came here this afternoon. he did not stop long. he brought an account of the Beetaloo Works to James O'Donnell & Pat Sheehan —

Tuesday July 6th

Fine day but cloudy wind from South West. Showing signs of rain James O'Donnell Patt Shanahan & myself left home this morning Bill drove us to Crystal Brook

Patt Shanahan went to Betaloo - James O'Donnell and myself took train to Laura we got a ride within 2 miles of Wirrabara

I got one loaf of Bread there and then traveled on 5 miles to the other side of Wirrabara we then camped for the night

Wednesday July 7th

Fine clear day and very frosty in the morning wind North East - we traveled 2 miles this morning we then ate a half a loaf of Bread for our Breakfast we then came to a place called Murrytown we got two cuts of Bread and

Some Meat from a mason there we ate that and traveled on again we soon came up with another traveler So the three of us traveled a few miles further on we then had a rest and had some tea, we then made 2 parts of our Swag and had one each - 2 o'clock P.M. we arrived at Melrose, we stopped there one hour and seen Mr. Erwin he gave me a note to the works. at Spring Creek we then got a loaf of Bread and made a fire a mile outside the Town we Boiled the Billycan and had some Bread and tea - the country around there looks very beautiful it is timbered with Gum and pepperment. Seven o'clock P.M. we camped in an old hut 8 miles from Spring Creek we Boiled the Billy again and had some tea and some Bread and meat

Thursday July 8th

Dull Cloudy Sort of Day with a North East Wind the three of us arrived at the Spring Creek Camp at one o'clock we pitched our tents. — and got some Bread and Meat from the butcher. So we expect to go to work on tomorrow.

I wrote a letter home this Evening we are camped on the bed of a Creek between 2 very high hills there is plenty of wood and water and it looks like a very nice place.

Friday July 9th

Dull and cloudy and showing signs of rain untill Noon it then cleared away again and the sun came out we did not go to work to day as we could not get tools they are in camp 4 o'clock P.M. it looks fresh this Evening

Sunday July 10th

Cloudy Sort of Day with a South West wind And showing signs of rain — we got some Shovels from the Storekeeper this morning I got a Pick also 5 o'clock P.M. it commenced to rain from the South west it held at intervals untill Daylight on Sunday morning

Sunday July 11th

Cold Cloudy Sort of Day with the wind from the South West — it rained a few little Showers and looked threatening for some more I went to Comm. Lyden this Evening to see if I could get on on Monday morning I got a promise to go on

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Monday July 12th

Fine clear day but very frosty in the morning
Wind still South west. I started to work this
morning in Conn Lyden's gang.

after tea this evening I went up to Ford's store
at the upper end of the camp to get a Box of
Pills I paid 1/6 for them.

Tuesday July 13th

Fine day again but Frosty in the morning
Wind from the South East I was shoveling again
to day at the corner of the Spring Creek mine
There is 281 men at work $\pm$ 8 o'clock (p.m.) Showing
Some Signs of rain the clouds were traveling
across the moon very fast they looked very
thick fleecy clouds

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Wednesday July 14th

Fine clear day again and frosty in the morning
Wind from the South East - I was only a half a
day shoveling to day. I was sent to cut down
a big gum But in the after Noon.
I just had it finished at 5 o'clock in time
to knock off.

Thursday July 15th

Frosty again this morning with a South Easterly wind
I was only shoveling a half a day again to day
I was grubbing a gum tree the other half day
I had great Pains in my sides this morning
I have a cold on me.

Friday July 16th

Fine clear day with a frost in the morning wind from
the South East. I was shoveling again to day

Saturday July 17th

Cold to day with a North West wind.
It came up a bit cloudy towards Noon.
It commenced to rain at Sundown it rained
Some nice Showers during the Night.

Sunday July 18th

Fine clear day after the rain with a South
West Wind I wrote home to Pirie to day
Nothing much to record to day but men
coming in to the camp in scores.

Monday July 19th

Frosty again this morning with a light wind
from the South East

I was shoveling again to day

Tuesday July 20th

Cold and frosty again this morning wind still
from the South East I was shoveling again to day

Wednesday July 21st

Mild sort of day with a light wind from the
West. a Buggy and some Gentlemen & Ladies
was capsized on the road out from the main
Camp there was not much harm done.

Thursday July 22nd

Frosty again this morning wind from the South
I was filling holes in the road to day. when the
Butcher was coming into camp with Bread and meat
he got capsized his cart got all Broken and all
his Bread and meat was throwing about in the dirt
the Butcher himself got his toe Broken he was also
Bruised about the Body.

Friday July 23rd

Mild Sort of Day again with the Wind from The South. we finished the road at the North Side of the camp at Dinner time to Day so we went into the hills after Dinner making the Road along the gully through heavy Stone.

Saturday July 24th

Wind South West. it commenced to rain at 10 o'clock (a.m.). it rained at intervals all Day we knocked Noon.

Sunday July 25th

Wind from the North West it rained Some nice Showers in the fore and after noon.

Monday July 26th

it very Cloudy this morning with a light wind from the North West. I was working again To Day but we all knocked of work on account of the rain which set in at 12 o'clock it rained a good Steady rain all Day and all Night We got paid this after Noon my amount was £2-14- I paid the Butcher and Baker so I had a balance left of £1-3-4 - James O'Donnell's amount was £2-13- I worked a Day more than he did

Tuesday July 27th

wet again this morning with a light wind from the North West. it rained at intervals all Day it also rained some heavy Showers about 8 o'clock at Night.

Wednesday July 28th

Cloudy sort of a morning and showing signs of some more rain there is a light wind from the North. I left the Spring Creek Camp about 8 o'clock this morning. I am Bound for home. I arrived at Melbourne at eleven o'clock a.m. I stayed there about a half an hour. I had a glass of Beer and then started on the road again. Making for Wirrabara to camp. I arrived at the Wirrabara Public house at half past 7 o'clock. I had one glass of beer and then went to bed. Very tired after walking over 30 miles. I paid 1/6 for my bed.

Thursday July 29th

Nice clear day with a light breeze from the South West. I left the Wirrabara Hotel this morning at half past 7 o'clock a.m. I did not wait for any breakfast but traveled on to Laura. At

Which place I arrived at at 11 o'clock (a.m.) I was tired when I got there. I had some dinner and stayed 2 hours to rest. I paid 1/6 for my dinner. I left Laura again at one o'clock and traveled on again. It was night with ^{me} at Hughes Gap. However I had good tracks across the country from Hughes Gap and came right into my own paddocks. I arrived at home about half past 7. Very well knocked up after 2 days long traveling.

Friday July 30th

Cloudy to day with the wind from the North West and showing signs of rain. I was lying down all day. I was not well. In the evening I went up to the scrub garden to see the Babbler.

Saturday July 31st

Cloudy sort of day and showing great signs of rain the wind was from the North west.

Mc Guire came here this morning I sent for him as I had a mind to get him to Doctor some calves but they were too poor so he did not do it he stayed here until evening it rained some little showers in the after noon. Walter Brown came here about 7 o'clock P.M. he stayed until 9 o'clock.

Sunday August 1st = 1886 =

Cloudy sort of day with a light wind from the North West. I went up to Macklins in the after noon to see how the Bullocks were getting on. They were all right but Merryman he was laying down I helped him to get up. there was a light drizzle of rain while I was at Macklins it was dark when I left there Dungey was there also for his horse &

I got home at half past 6 o'clock a.m. Patt Finigan John Mc Guire & Walter Brown was here they stayed here until 2 o'clock a.m. it rained very heavy all the time they were here so they could not go home Patt Finigan stayed all night

Monday August 2nd

Showery looking again to day it rained some nice showers but the wind was from the North west. I was ill all day I have got a bad cold.

Tuesday August 3rd

Showery again to day with the wind from the West. Bill went up to Macklins to see how Merryman was getting on he could not get him up so he came home and left him.

Wednesday August 4th

Dry Day with a North west wind

Michael Fitzgerald and Bill went up to Macklin's
To day they took up the Dray with Jessy &
Lucy to lift Meryman they got Macklin's Dray
also but they could not lift him.

So they brought home the Dray again

Thursday August 5th

Fine Clear Day with a light Wind from
The North. Myself & Mick and Bill went up to
Macklin's again to day to lift Meryman
we got some ropes and Mr. Macklin came and
helped us so after a long time we succeeded
in getting him on his legs we gave him
Water and Some feed? So we then came
home

Friday August 6th

Cloudy Sort of Day and very stormy
all day from the North it showed great signs
of rain this after noon. Bill went up to Macklin's
This morning to see Meryman he took up the
Cloth to put over him he fed and watered him
and then came home when he came home
he had dinner and after that the Mrs sent
him to the Whim with some Flour & Sugar
To Mrs Thorpe

Walter Brown came here
about Seven o'clock P.M. he stayed until
Ten

Saturday August 7th

Fine clear day with a strong Dry
Wind from the North - I went up
To Macklin to pay to see about Merryman
So when I got there he was dead before me.
I then lowered ^{him} down from the slings and
took the kid off him when I had that
finished it was near Sundown.

Thorpe was coming from Port Pirie
So I had a ride home with him to my
own gate.

11 o'clock ^(p.m.) there was a nice Shower of rain this
Evening about 8 o'clock 11 o'clock p.m. there is
some heavy Peals of thunder and also some
Lightning it is showing great signs
of heavy Rain.

The Wind is a point North East.

Loady Posts

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Friday August 13th 1886

Mr Macklin was here to day for ^{the} Posts
he took 41 October 3th 42 - do 9 40

Monday 14th Mr Macklin took 44 Posts to
day and two forks Monday August 23rd 1886

To day bill brought home the three
barlock from Macklins

March 13th 1886

Jamies Merrill took the wood
for Mrs Gregg

Macklins charge for the 4 Barlocks for 8 weeks

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