

John Fitzgerald

Myrtle Cottage Dirin.

August 8th 1886 ..



Sunday August 8th

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Fin Sunny Day Day with a South West Wind Michael Fitzgerald and myself went down to W. Guine's this afternoon We stopped there until near Sundown Matt Lawler was also there myself and Michael called at the Whim as we were coming home I had 6 bottles of Whiskey and then came home Old Dan Ryan was here when I came home he did not stop long

Monday August 9th

Fin clear day with a Northerly Wind I went to Crystal Brook this morning Michael came with me we were on our way to the Spring Creek Works we were late for the Train. So we had to wait for the Evening Train to go to Laura We left the Brook at half past 5 o'clock P.M. and got to Laura at half past 7 P.M.

Tuesday August 10th

Fine Clear Day with a light wind from the North. We started from Laura this morning at 8 o'clock a.m. We walked 6 miles outside Laura. We then stopped and Boiled the Billy and had some Breakfast. We then traveled on again to Wirrabara. We got a ride outside the Town about 2 miles. We then Boiled the Billy

Again and had some Dinner. We started on again until we came within Six miles of Mhoose. We Boiled the Billy again and had some more Tea. And after that we came on to Mhoose. We arrived there at 7 o'clock p.m.

We Stopped at Williams Hotel for the Night. We Paid a Shilling Each for our Bed.

Wednesday August 11th

Very Stormy this morning the Wind from the South and Showings of Rain. We left Mhoose at 8 o'clock this morning. We went two miles outside the Town. We then Boiled the Billy and had some Breakfast. We started on again after Breakfast for the Spring Creek. We arrived there at one o'clock.

We met James O'Donnell at the camp. He was Idle on account of his arm. We had some Dinner then and had a rest.

Thursday August 12th

Fine Clear Day With the Wind from the North West. We are Idle again today. We are having a rest after our Journey.

Friday August 13th

Fine day again wind from the North and Showing
Great Signs of Rain I Went up along the Works to day
To see my oldaffer I put him on the works he gave me
A promise of work again in a few days I also had
A good look at the Sawyers along the Creek

Saturday August 14th

Cloudy this morning with the Wind from the North West
And Showing great Signs of Rain at 12 o'clock noon
it commenced to rain heavy from the North West.
and showed Signs of a good down pour

Sunday August 15th

Fine Sunny Day with the Wind still from the North
West 3 o'clock (P.M.) it commenced to rain it kept
Raining up till 5: - we had some very heavy showers
I had a good look at the Spring Creek mines

Monday August 16th

Fine clear day the wind from the West Mr. Erwin
Was expected in the camp to day but he did not
come

Tuesday August 17th

Cloudy in the morning and Showing Signs of rain
it commenced to rain at 10 (A.M.) it held raining
all day and all Night

Wednesday August 18th

Still raining from the North west

Thursday August 19th

raining Still from the North west Mr. Erwin came
in to camp to day to pay the men he Paid them
all and then Sacked them he only kept on about
30 men

Friday August 20th

Raining again to day - we Pulled down our tent
to day as we are going to leave in the morning

Saturday August 21st

Still raining from the South West. we rolled up our Blankets this after Noon. and left the Spring Creek Camp at 3 o'clock we had to take off our boots

To cross the 2 creeks coming out from the camp we had to cross over 12 creeks in 12 miles that is from the camp to Melrose we got into Melrose at half past Seven o'clock (P.M.) we stopped there that Night at Williams Hotel

Sunday August 22nd

Nice clear day with a light wind from the North. the three of us started from Melrose at 8 o'clock this morning after we walked 5 miles we boiled our Billy can and had some breakfast Mick went into a house on the road side and got a part of a Loaf of Bread we had another loaf that we got at the Mount. So after Breakfast we started on again with our Swags on our Backs the road was very heavy for traveling and we had so many creeks

to cross. but we crossed over some of them on the wire fences Pine Creek and Wild Dog creek were the 2 last also Murry Creek them were the last we crossed before coming to Wirrabara we got in to the latter place about 5 o'clock P.M. I went in to a Butchers place and bought 3 loaves of Bread and one Pound of Pilloney. So then we came outside the and I went into a house and boiled the Billy can of water and made Tea I then came out and the three of us had our Supper alongside a fence. after that We started on again we had to cross the rocky river 2 miles South of Wirrabara we had to take off our boots it was dark then we walked pretty fast then untill we came to a place called the Stone Hat Public house we stopped there that Night and we felt very tired when we got there we had one drink each and then went to bed

Monday August 23rd

We left the Stone Hut. at 7 o'clock this morning
When we came within 2 miles of Laura I went into
a house and Boiled the Billy & got a half a loaf
of Bread and a cup of cream I Braught it out
and the three of us had our breakfast on the roadside
So after that we started on again for Laura we
got there about 11 o'clock we stoped only a few
minutes in Laura and made tracks again
we Boiled the Billy again near Hughes gap
and had some dinner we made tracks again
and got home about 10 o'clock leg weary and
Tired James & Donnell was completely Done up

Tuesday August 24

Fine clear Day with the wind from the North
we are having a rest to day after our Journey
we feel stiff and tired after it
Joe Barrios Sheep was on the Road to day again

Wednesday August 25th

Fine Sunny Day with the wind from the North
James O'Donnell Michael Fitzgerald and myself
Went to Warnertown to day to look for work
we got a job Digging trenches for the water pipes
we got home again at half Past Seven o'clock

Thursday August 26th

Fine Sunny Day with a light wind from the
North West & the Mrs. Went to Crystal Brook
to Day James O'Donnell went with her he took
mine micks and his own Blankets he took the Train
from the Brook to Warnertown = myself and Michael
walked across to the camp at the other side of Warnertown
We met another young man at the Warnertown pub.
and he came along with us I bought 2 lb of Tea 1/6
and 2 of Sugar Mick got 3 lbs of Bacon we then went
up to the camp and put up our Tent (heav rain at home)

Friday August 27th

Fine clear day again with a light breeze from the North West we started to work about 11 o'clock to day myself and Michael Lynam were mates and James Donnell and Michael Fitzgerald were mates we worked at the Drains until 3 o'clock P.M. we were then called away to do some day work we worked at that until six P.M.

Saturday August 28th

Very Sultry to day with a very light wind from the West. we were at the Drains again to day.

I finished my Drains about half past 2 o'clock. I then marked out another one. I and Mick Lynam came down to the camp we then got 1 doz of Bread 12 of meat 4 of Sugar 1 of Tea (1/2 of Tobacco & matches) we cooked some meat and had our supper and then the two of us came down to the Hotel we had 3 glasses of Beer each. We then went to port Pini and I came home.

Sunday August 29th

Very Dry with a strong Wind from the North and showing great signs of Rain. I left home about half past 5 o'clock this evening to go over to the Napperby camp the Mrs. Drove me over as far as Featherstones corner. She then turned home and I went on to the Camp. I arrived there at 8 o'clock P.M. I then had Supper and a rest and then turned into bed the Lightning was very vivid at ten. and at 11 P.M. — it commenced to rain heavy and kept raining very heavy until Daylight Next morning.

Monday August 30th

Fine Clear day after the Rain with a light Wind from the North West. I was put on day work this morning at 6/6 per day. John Shooter is my Gangor.

Tuesday August 31st

Fine Clear Day again with a light Breeze from the North West. we were cleaning up trenches again to day

Wednesday September 1st 1886

Fine clear Day with a light wind from the West. We were at the trenches again to day about ten o'clock Mr. Smith called myself and another man named Kennedy to go along the line of trenches and see that there was no lumps in the bottom. We had nothing much to do

Thursday September 2nd

Fine clear Day again to day with the wind still from the North west. we were inspecting the trenches again to day we had but very little to do to day also.

Friday September 3rd

Clear Sunshiny Day with the Wind from the North west. We were taking out a cutting across a creek near the Nafferby Station to day there was 15 men of us at it it was about 2 chains long, but it was very stoney. All the trenches were finished to the Nafferby Station this evening

Saturday September 4th

Very hot to day there was scarcely any wind. I was with the pipe layers to day cutting out chambers James & Donnell was also at it we finished that work at half past 3 o'clock we got seven hours and a half for to day — we left our picks and shovels at the works and came down to the camp we did not stop long as Nick had the Tent shifted to the reserve so James & Donnell Michael Linane and myself came down to the Warrertown Hotel we had one pint of Beer each we then came home I got 4 letters to day (one from Joe Banagan one from the mill 1 from Davy & James 1 from P. Nugent — spury creek) (for Warrertown)

Sunday September 5th

Rather a Dull Sort of Day with a Sharp Dry Wind from the North also Showing Signs of Rain. Bill went to the cocks crossing to see after the Bullocks they were all right.

Myself and James O'Donnell Started again for the Napperby camp. the Mrs. Brown over as far as Charles Parkers we walked the rest of the way we got to the camp at half Past 8 P.M.

Monday September 6th

Cloudy Sort of Day and cold with the wind from the West. we did not work to day as there was a strike amongst the men for a higher price for the Pipe trenches.

They were offered three Shillings per chain of 18 inches deep and one foot wide.

So they wanted 4 which they did not get. —
some rain at Night 7 P.M.

Tuesday September 7th

bold again to day with the wind from the West. No work to day Coather.

as it was pay day. I got paid for on Trench Seven Shillings. My Name was called out to go to work, they put on Bullocks and Horse Teams to plough the small trenches. Clopper got that job. he did not have enough ploughed to keep the men at work.

Wednesday September 8th

We went to work this morning but we only worked a two and a half hours there was not enough to keep the men going & of was knocked off. So we were idle the rest of the day.

Thursday September 9th

Very fine Day with the wind from the North west we are idle again to day on account of the Crystal Brook show. Nearly all the men went there Michael & James O'Donnell and the Mrs and Bill went to the show. I came home at 12 o'clock to day and they were gone when I came. Paddy Finigan was here before me he is here since Tuesday evening. He has been at Port Pirie.

The Mrs. Michael and James O'Donnell was home from the show at 7 o'clock P.M.

Michael went over to the camp after he had tea. James O'Donnell stayed all night.

So as to be with me over in the morning Paddy Finigan also stayed here.

Friday September 10th

Fine clear Day with a light Wind from the West James O'Donnell & myself was up this morning at 4 o'clock A.M. we had some breakfast and then started for No 5 camp. we got to the camp just at 7 but we did not go to work until 9 o'clock as the trenches was not ploughed. Bill took the 2 colts to Featherston Walsh cut them.

Saturday September 11th

Fine clear day again with a very dry wind from the North West we were working again.

To day we knocked off work at one o'clock.

I came into the camp and got 23 lb. of salt beef from the Butcher 13 lb. for myself to bring home.

I had some dinner then and after that myself and Michael came home - we got home about six o'clock P.M.

The Mrs and Bill was after coming home from Shagbushes with a sow pig she bought for 12/-

Sunday September 12th

very dry and windy to day the Wind went round again to the North. Myself and Cathy & Kate and Ellen went to Crystal Brook to Chapel. I met Mr. Stanley at the Whim as I was coming home he wanted to buy a Bull off me he offered me £2-5 for one - I wanted 3- So I did not sell

it comenced to rain heavy at 3 o'clock and kept raining untill half past 5. P.m it still shows signs of some more - Myself and Mick will not go over to the camp to night as it looks rather Cold.

Monday. September 13th

Fine clear Day with a light Breeze from the West. Michael Fitzgerald and myself went up to the Napperby No 5 camp this morning we got there about half past seven a.m. - we then went to work and worked till half past 5 a.m.

Tuesday September 14th

very warm to day there was a very light Breeze from the North East we were working again to lay on the pipe track we were at the West side of the Railway crossing and we done the trenches to Harry Parkers corner - it was 5 o'clock when we got that far So I came home from there and the rest of the men had to go to the camp.

Bill started to cart wood to day he only got as far as the Pound the Bullocks were rather weak to go further - when he came home I sent him to the Whim for a half Gallon of Beer - William Lolliday came here to day ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Wednesday September 15th

very dry sort of Day with the Wind from the North East. I worked from half past 7 untill 12 o'clock Noon - there was only 2 more men with me the rest of the men shifted camps from the

Nafferby reserve to the Cockies crossing
in Wandiarah. I came home at half past
4 then had some supper and was going
over to the crossing until I met James Donnell
so I turned back then James Donnell came
with me he stayed all night

Thursday September 16th

Very dry sort of day there was a touch of
hot winds all this day from the North
We started to work at Gary Parkers
Corner this morning we done the
trenches as far as Galloways corner South
of the old Pound I took 11 lbs of Beef
from the Butcher this afternoon as I am
boarding at home now. I dissolved partners
ship with the other three chaps on the 14th inst
Mr Smith came along the line this evening
he just had a look at the work and went home
Bill went to the camp with Butter this evening 5th (again

Friday September 17th

Very dry and warm again to day
with a touch of hot winds from the North East
I was trench sinking again to day
We done nearly a mile of the trenches to day
I sent Bill with a tank of water to the
camp at the at the Wandiarah Bridge 200-
Gallon for 6s. William Galliday came here
to day for to buy a Bull of me I sold him
one for three pounds £3- he took him away
I was not home when he took him he promised
to send the money to the Whim

Saturday September 18th

Very warm to day with a light breeze from
the North East it has been regular summer
weather to day it was very hot and sultry
in the afternoon Bill shifted 2 tents for 2 men
down to the Cockies crossing from Charles
Nans corner. The Mrs went to Port Pirie this morning
she got a bag of flour from Darling 7th 1-2 ~

Sunday September 19th

Very hot again to day with a very Dry Sout
Wind from the North East rain is wanted
again as Everything is Drying up fast

James O'Donnell & the Mrs went to chapel
this morning to Crystal Brook
Bill went to the crossing to see after the Cattle
he did not come home untill Sundown

James O'Donnell & the Mrs. was home after 2 o'clock
Old Shuter was home as the Whim with them
David Fitzgerald was at the Whim to day when
James O'Donnell was there Michael Fitzgerald came
here this Evening he wrote a letter to America to Mary
he took a pound of butter with him to the camp.

Monday September 20th

Very Dry and Windy with a regular
clouds of Dust from the North. towards Noon
the Sky looked very Black and heavy
and showing great signs of rain
There was also very heavy Peals of thunder
Accompanied with vivid Flashes of Lightning
at 10 minutes to 12 o'clock it commenced

To rain and rained heavy untill after
one o'clock - 4 o'clock P.M. it is still showing
more signs but the Wind has shifted.
To the South West - and is blowing a stiff
Gale, there is Lightning still - there is
also some heavy dark clouds Looming up
We knocked off work at 12 o'clock to day
on account of the rain

I took 7 lbs of butter to the camp this Evening
James O'Donnell kept one - and I sold
the rest to the other Chaps. - John Fitzgerald
at one Shilling per lb.

Tuesday September 21st

Fine Cool Day with a nice cool breeze from the West. - We went to the South Side of the crossing this after Noor With the Trenches.

I Sent Bill for another Tank of Water to Day for the camp he had the Water there at 1 o'clock; Katy took the Dinner to me to Day at the Crossing as it was not ready this morning when I was going away.

Every thing look fresh and Green again after yesterday's rain. It showed signs of some more Rain this Evening at Sundown.

There was some Black heavy Clouds Looming up from the South West, the Sun also set very pale. - I Signed an acceptance of Ten Pounds Eighteen and ten Pence £10-18-10
 Due 4 months } for the Milling Company Port Pirie Dated August 1st

(from Date)

Wednesday & Wednesday September 22nd

Warm again to Day with a light wind from the North. We went down near Robersons with the trenches to Day. - Bill went up to Patt Finigans to Day for the lend of 2 Bullocks to take a Load of wood to Port Pirie. The W^{rs} also went to Shaughnessy's place for 2 more little Pigs they were Six Shillings each. She was home at three o'clock (P.M.)

Thursday September 23rd

Fine Cool Day with the wind from the West. We were at the trenches again to Day below Robersons. Mr. Smith and the Paymaster came Down from Botaloo to the work and Paid the men at 12 o'clock - I received £3-1-6. Bill was in Port Pirie to Day with a Load of Wood he had only 2-8 ^{3rd cut} on he was home at 9 o'clock. he had Patt Finigans 2 bullocks in with my four.

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Friday September 24th

Very hot again to day with a light wind from the North East. we were at the trenches again To day we reached as far as the Wandiarah School House with them. It was about 2 and a half miles from the camp.

Bill went to meet me with the Trap and horses. So I had a ride home ~~for~~ James & Donnell came with me. So after we had Supper we all got ready and went to the Whim Ball. Dan Sullivan & Mick also came over from the camp to the Ball.

I only Stopped untill one o'clock morning. James & Donnell the Mr and Ellen Smith and the children did not come home untill Day light. F. B.

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Saturday September 25th

Warm again to day Wind South west. There is some White clouds hanging about all day. Bill went to the camp at the crossing this morning for some meat & lbs of beef.

James Donnell is going to Port Pirie for his watch. I am going to go to Narridy to John & Holloran for some Bullocks (12 head). I Left home at half Past 4 o'clock and arrived at Narridy Township at 8 o'clock {P.M.}. I Stopped there 20 minutes. I had 2 Glasses of Beer at the Hotel and then Went on to J. Holloran. It was 9 o'clock when I got there. I put my horse in the paddock and then had some Supper and turned into bed at 12 o'clock {Midnight}.

Patrick Fitzgerald came home this Evening from Patt Evans. He just came to have a look at us.

Sunday September 26th

Fine clear cool Day with a light Breeze from the South West. I Left Mr. & Hallorans this after noon - and came on to a Paddock near Narridy where the Bullock was

John & Halloran & Pat Faghy was with me. We had a bit of trouble first to cut him out from the rest of the cattle when we got him out in the road he came on all right. So when we came as far as the Pub - we went in and had 3 Glasses of beer each. The 2 Farrells from Wandsworth was also there.

When we came out from the Pub - we had another job with the Bullock - as he was galloping along the creek and crossing it however we got him away from there after a few good runs he came home before me quite enough then -

Arrived home at 8 o'clock P.M. Mick was here before me. James O'Donnell & the Mrs and Pat Fitzgerald was at Crystal Brook at Mass.

Monday September 27th

Very Dry Sort of a Day with a light Breeze from the North west we shifted camp from the bockies crossing this morning Mr. McAlly shifted us with his 4 Horses & Waggon when we got half way on the Road the Horses stuck us up in a sand hill alongside of Turners Paddock. We did not get out of it until after 3 o'clock P.M. we had to unload half the things and then go on with the rest. We got down to the camping Ground about half past 4 o'clock P.M.

Rigged up the Tent for myself and Michael Lencane James O'Donnell rigged up Michael's Tent it was after 8 o'clock before we had supper. So we turned into Bed about ten.

Mrs Gregg came here to day and paid the 3/6 Pound she owed me. She also bought the three Guiney fowls for Willie Saint also came here for his chaff. My Mr. paid them £4.

Tuesday September 28th

Hot and dry again to day with a North West wind, we were at the small trenches again to day. Everything looks dry and very much in the want of some Rain.

Wednesday September 29th

Very dry again with a hot wind from the North. all day the Butcher from the Brook, Mr. Woods was at the camp this morning with Bread & meat for the men.

~~I took 5 loaves of Bread~~ I took 6 Loaves of Bread and one Pound of Sausages.

Thursday September 30th

To day has been a very hot with a regular hot Wind from the North — Mr. Smith came down from No. 5. camp to day and put all the men sinking the big trenches 3 $\times$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Friday September October 1st 1886

It looked Cloudy this morning at 6 o'clock and looked like Rain so when we got to the works at half past seven. it commenced to rain a nice steady Rain untill Ten o'clock a.m. It then cleared off a bit but showed signs of some more Rain. Some of the men went to the camp and the rest of us stopped in an old shed untill 12 o'clock so we had dinner then and went back to the camp again.

Saturday October 2nd

Fine cool day with a South West Wind and also showing great signs of Rain. I was setting the pipes along the track to day untill one o'clock — we knocked off then and myself and James O'Donnell Mr. Shooter and Conn Burns came home. Shooter went home to Crystal Brook and James O'Donnell got fite at the Whim he brought home 6 Bottles of Beer with him.

Sunday October 3rd

Wet to day with a strong wind from the South West, it also showed great signs of rain there was some heavy clouds hanging about all day. Myself and Katy and Bill and Ellen Smith went to mess to Crystal Brook. I picked up the 2 Miss Goulters near the Township. They were also going to mess - I had them with me coming home again as far as Patt Finigans corner.

Mrs. Shooter was also with me to the Whim. I came home and had some dinner, and at 4 o'clock Mr. James O'Donnell and Burns John Shooter & myself started for N.T. camp. The Mrs. drove us within 3 miles of it. The Mrs. turned back then and we ~~went~~ walked to the Camp. We got there about half past seven we had some supper and then turned in to bed.

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Monday September 4th

Fine clear day with a light wind from the West we were at the big trenches again to day. But I was strutting some pipes along the line for a few hours? So when I finished that job I went into the trenches again.

Bill went to Port Pirie to day with a load of wood he ~~had~~ ^{cut} here (Gow) 2:14 = on the Waggon.

Tuesday October 5th

Very Windy and Dusty to day the wind was from the North West we were at the trenches again to day. Bill took Polly over to Featherston but she came home soon again.

In this I write an account of my own transactions while I have been away for the week and as it is Saturday Night I also write an account of everything at home as it is given to me by my Mrs. } 2 Swagmen called here to day they wanted some tucker which they got.

Wednesday October 6th

Rather Cloudy to Day and Showing great Signs of rain this morning and at 3 o'clock it rained a nice Shower for about 20 minutes. It then cleared again but showed great Signs of some more the wind was from the West. We were at the trenches again to Day I was straining some of the Pipes again this morning and at 11 o'clock myself and another Man of the Name of Lewis from Port Pirie - we went for some Water for the men we took 11 Billycons and our water Bags we had to go about one mile in in the scrub for it. We were just away one hour it was dinner time. When we came back at 8 o'clock (P.M.) it came up very dark and cloudy and threatening a storm and in a short time after it came on to blow very heavy. From then there was some heavy Thunder and 3 Flashes of Lightning it then came on to Rain and Rained heavy the most part of the Night.

The men went to Port Pirie to get the water by the dam

Thursday October 7th

Dull and Cloudy again to Day and Showing great Signs of some more Rain. There was heavy Clouds rolling up all Day from the North West, Conn Burns Bob Cook and myself were sent to take out some hard Limestone that the men left behind them in the Trenches we have got some gads and hammers and Picks and crowbars we are taking it out very well. We expected the Paymaster to Day but he did not come. I now refer to home.

Bill was in Port Pirie to Day with a Load of Wood to the mill.

There is not much to be written about home this Week as I come home every Saturday I write down everything that happens at home during the Week and also what happens at the works during the Week.

Friday October 8th

Fine clear day with a light wind from the West myself and Conn Burns and Bob Cook were at the Limestone in the trenches again to lay the Paymaster came along this morning about 9 o'clock and paid the men he paid us three when he was going back I received the Sovering and 7/6 in Silver I Paid the mondroon Butcher this Evening 8 Shillings the full amount that I owed him I then got 2 lbs of mutton and 3 loaves of Bread from him again I got 3 lbs of bacon from the Storekeeper I also Bought 7 Cabbages for one Shilling

Saturday October 9th

Fine clear day with a light North West wind the Sky showed great Signs of rain all day and at Night but it cleared away at mid Night Conn Burns Bob Cook & myself were at the Limestone trenches again to lay we knocked off at one o'clock the Mrs came down with the Buggy to bring me home She took down 11 lbs of butter with her I sold it all so we turned around and came home Shoster came with us to Mr. Greggs corner we got home at half Past 3 P.M. —

Mr. Macklin came here soon after for some Posts he took 40 on his Horse drag

Bill was in Port Pirie again to day with a Load of Wood he was home before Sundown he brought some Potatoes in the Waggon old Dan Ryan came here this Evening he stayed until 11 o'clock P.M.

Sunday October 10th

Fine clear day with a Nice ~~cold~~ Cool Breeze from the South West
at 5 o'clock the Mrs. drove myself & John Shooter out as far as beanstones
We then walked from there to the camp
We picked up old Charlie Coster
at Robinsons School gave him a ride
from there out: we got to the camp
at half past 7 o'clock P.M.

Monday October 11th

Fine cool day again with the wind from the West. Conn. Bob Cook and myself
were at the limestone trenches again
To day: 8 o'clock P.M. - I was sitting at the
Camp fire with some more men, when I heard
the noise of a trap, and it soon turned out
to be my own the Mrs. came down for me
as Mrs. Smith wanted me at the Cockris Crossing
to go water carting) his man took some water from
the house

Tuesday October 12th

Cool again to day with a Westerly Wind
There was also great Signs of Rain
I was water carting to day to the Cockris
Crossing Camp. I went up to Walshes Place for
Some Water but could get about 100 gallons there
as it was not in the Tank there I came on to
Mrs. Scotts then and took the balance from there
I got to the camp at 1 o'clock I left the Tank and
Drove there and came home and had some dinner
I put 2 horses in the Buggy and Drove up to
Meyers Near Port Pirie to get some chaff for
Mrs. Smith I got three 3 Bags and Brought it
to the camp. I was at the camp the second time
6 o'clock ~

Bill was in Port Pirie to day with a Load
of Wood he had 2 ^{tons. Cart.} 14 = 2 - he was home at
Sunset

Wednesday October 13th

Cool again to day with some heavy clouds hanging about and showing great signs of rain. There was a light breeze from the South it turned very cold in the after noon. I brought a tank of water to the camp again. To day I got it at Featherstone's.

Bill took a load of wood to the camp also this morning for Mr Smith & Price & Co. The Mr went to Crystal Brook this after noon with the children to have the pot taken from their arms. She had an idle journey as the doctor was not home.

I sent home McGuire's horse drag this evening. I received a letter this evening from the Milling Company Port Pirie dated 23rd of September 86. It was for £11-18-10. It was also a receipt for acceptance due December 4th 1886.

Thursday October 14th

Cold to day with a nice breeze from the East until 9 o'clock a.m. it then went round to South West there was a lot of white clouds hanging about all day. The Sun also set behind a bank of clouds - it is threatening for rain very much for the last 3 or 4 days the air is very cold at night -

Bill & myself strained the wires along the Road Fence this morning all the bullocks and 2 of Thorpe's horses were in the wheat last night after we had the fence done. I sent Bill to the Lockies Crossing camp with 2 lbs of butter and a quart of New milk to Mr Smith (when he came back he went to John Staints, for Featherstone's horse drag he got it and brought it home).

I was fixing the stock yard myself. I also had to go after the cattle up to Trevascus' place. 2 swagmen came near today.

Friday October 15th

Fine cool Day with a light Breeze from The South West. the Rain clouds Seem To be all cleared off again as the Sky was very clear all Day.

I Loaded a Load of Wood This morning with Bill we had it done at 9 o'clock (a.m.) after that I put the mare in the Dray and went to Featherstones for a Tank of Water for the camp. I Bought 3 lbs of butter off of Mrs Featherstone at 10 Per pound.

I got to the camp at half past 2 o'clock p.m. the Tank at the camp was empty.

I Bought a Set of Shirt Studs from the Storekeeper at the camp for 1/6 and a Lead Pencil for 2 pence. The Mrs went to Crystal Brook to Day with the children to the Doctor and as before it was a drive for nothing. I Received a Letter from Joseph Banyan to say

Saturday October 16th

Fine clear Day with a light wind. From the South West there was also a very clear Sky and all Signs of Rain Vanished although a little is wanted at the present as the crops are rather short as yet. I took another Tank of Water to the camp to Day I was at the camp at a little after 2 o'clock - P.M.

The Butcher from the Brook was also there with Bread and meat I took 14 pounds of Beef from him James O'Donnell came up from N^o 7 camp this Evening he helped myself & Mc Guire to cut the old Bull it was just dark as we had him finished I paid Mc Guire Six Shillings for doing it he is to cut the young Bull in the morning for me & Bill lost the Bullocks from where he was camped Last Night some of them was at the crossing this morning.

Sunday October 17th

Fine clear warm sort of day
With a light breeze from the North East
John Mc Guire came here this
morning at 9 o'clock. to cut the young
Bull so James O'Donnell helped us to do it
he went down to Mrs. Gregg in the fore
noon. I sent 3 lbs of butter to the crossing
by Jim, and Bill took a quart of milk
also to the cook. James O'Donnell came
back again in the after noon and
Patt Guare came with him.
James soon left again for the Mundorach
Camp. Walter Brown & Percy
came here at 8 o'clock P.M.
They stayed until 11. —

Monday October 18th

Dull & cloudy to day with a light wind
from the North East it changed in the after noon
to the North. it came up very Black and
heavy at 12 o'clock. but at 4 it seemed to
Brighten up a bit. It thickened up again at
Six and is showing great signs of rain
there was some Lightning this evening
in the South West. I went to the crossing
this morning for the Dray and Tank to go for
some water. So there was orders left at the camp
by Mr. Smith that I was to go down to Mundorach
Camp. to Shuter with some picks & handles
Patt Guare was with me down & up again
Bill went to Featherstones for a tank of water
for the camp when he had that done
he took some straw also to the camp to Bed down
the horses. I took a quart of
milk over to the cook this morning

Tuesday October 19th

Fine and cool to day and showing great signs of Rain there was heavy clouds rolling up all day there was also a stiff breeze blowing all day from the West by South West there was a light Shower at 3 o'clock this morning.

I took a tank of water to the camp again to day I also took 2 quarts of milk to the cook. When I came home I fixed the fence around the Well and also along the road.

The Mrs went down to Thorpes this evening for some blue & starch.

Patt Guare went away this after noon. He went to Crystal Brook with David Fitzgerald. 10 o'clock P.M. it is still cold and showing great signs of Rain. The Wind is also rising.

20th

Wednesday October

Fine cool day again with some Rain clouds hanging about also showing good signs of Rain. There was little Shower at half past 11 o'clock also a little Shower at half past 3 P.M. the wind was from the South West. I sent Bill to Featherstone this morning for a tank of water for the camp. I went across to the camp in the morning with 5 lbs of Butter and 2 quarts and one pint of milk to the cook.

I met Bill on the Wandearah Road with the Water. So I took it to the camp and Bill went home.

I shut the Water out of the tank at half past 12. So I then stepped and had some dinner and after that.

I went to Featherstone again for another tank of water. I had young Hughes with me we got back to the camp at half past 5. — Thorpe had six of my Bullocks in his yard this morning. Bill took them home at dinner time. — Harry Bates came here this evening to see us he did not stop long.

Thursday October 21st

Fine and cool again to day with a Northerly
Wind it freshened up to a good Breeze at
Noon and showed great Signs of rain
There was Rays from the Sun. This Evening
before it Set - At Six P.M. it came on a
regular storm with clouds of dust flying
it also looked very Black to the South West
and North West. it had the appearance of a
Regular down pour. - 9 o'clock P.M. the wind
has changed to the South West. and is still
Blowing a stiff gale. there was some
Lightening also this Evening

I took one Tank of Water to the camp.
To day I went for the second but when
I got to Featherstones the Windmill was
out of order so I had to come back again
Without it. - so when I came home with the
Dray I went over to the crossing again

To see about the Water for the morrow
I spoke to Mrs. Jobson about it. So he told
me to come over in the morning and he would rig
some thing on the Tank so as I could get the water
out of the pipes. he also told me to Bring him
a Load of wood

I took 2 quarts and one pint
of milk to the Cook this morning I took one
pound of butter to John Finn this Evening
I got it from Mrs. Thorpe and Paid a Shilling
for it

I met David Fitzgerald and Patt
Guare at the Whim this morning
We had a couple of drinks together

David paid me the 17 Shillings which
he owed me for a Trowsers I Baught for him
some time ago.

Bill was in Port Pirie to day
With a Load of wood to the Milling Company
he had 2-11-^{cut} or he was home at half past 8 - 2
John of Fitzgerald

He Brought home a Bag of Flour

Friday October 22nd

Fine cool Day with a nice cool
Breeze from the South West there was
a lot of White clouds rolling up all Day
From the West the Rain is all gone again.

I took 2 Tanks of water to the camp.

To Day I got it out of the Pipe Main
at Howes gate. I had another man
with me. we were done at three o'clock.

I Stopped at the camp until half Past
5 o'clock P.M. Waiting for the Paymaster
as he was expected at the camp to Day
To pay men? but he did not come.
So I came home and had my Supper
and went over to camp again to see

Mr. Jobson about shifting the camp.
To Mundorah. He called me into his tent to
arrange about shifting. He wants 6
Teams to shift on Monday morning.

He gave me Instructions to ^{look} look for
the Teams tomorrow. Mr. Featherston came
there while I was in the Tent. So I went out
to the Cooks place and Stopped until 10 o'clock.
I then ~~stopped~~ Started for home and lost
myself in Gallays paddock. I soon found
myself again though I got home again
at 11 o'clock. (P.M.)

Bill took a Load of Wood
to the camp to Day with the six Bullocks.
I took 2 quarts & one pint of milk
to the Cook this morning. Patt Macknery
Left his tent as he is going away
to the gold diggings near Manahill.

Saturday October 23rd

Cold Stormy sort of day with the Wind
From the South west. we got a few nice Showers
through the day. Bill took 2 Tanks of water
To the camp to day. I was riding about
until dinner time looking for Teams
To Shift the camp on Monday.

I went up to the Braughton to get
Patt Fungans. Team I got his and
James Featherstones. In Guire Charlie Parkers
and my own 4 Waggons and 2 Drags.

I took 2 quarts and one pint of milk to
the Cook. I came home at 2 o'clock.

I then got ready and put 2 Horses in
the Buggy and drove over to the camp again
To take Mrs Hughes her Brother and
Corn Bresnahan into Port Pirie. we got in
there at a quarter to Six P.m.
I put the horses in Presto yard.

And then three of us went into the
Central Hotel we had a glass of Beer each and
then came out again and went to Whidnback
Shop. Mrs Hughes bought some things there.
We came down to Presto then and Mrs Hughes
bought some more things there also.

Corn & Mick Hollans and myself went back
To the Royal Exchange and had 2 glasses
each of Beer. so we came down again to Presto
so I bought a Pair of Boots for the Mrs for
Six Shillings and six pence. I also bought
2 hats for Bill one for 3 Shillings & one for 2 Shillings.
I also bought a Broom.

I put the Horses in the Trap then and we came
to the Railway Hotel we had 2 drinks each.
There we stayed until 11 o'clock p.m. we then started
To come home and as we did Michael Hollans
got into a row with some Sailors they had
a fit and he got locked up. so we came home
without him we got home at 2 o'clock a.m.

Michael Fitzgerald & James O'Sullivan were here

Sunday October 24th

Weather cool again to day with the wind
From the South west The time Keeper came
here in the fore noon for me to cart water
To the camp as they were run out

So I put the Harness on the mare and took
one Tank to the camp James O'Sonnell helped me
So I came home then

Patt Fitzgerald came here from Lavanoe
He only stayed for a couple of hours and then
Went away again. Patt Guare also came
here and stayed all Night

I took three Pounds of Butter to the cook

Monday October 25th

Very wet in the morning also a strong wind
From the South West it was showery all day
until 12 noon it then cleared up but showed signs
of some more Rain I went over to the camp this
morning to see about shifting the men would
not shift on account of it Ben also showery
Bill took over the three horses and the bray
and to Mr James Featherstone also came there with
his team and Patt Finigan's team also came
and McGuere Patt Finigan came there
himself as well The Mr. came out to the camp
to me with the Buggy So we went down to Mr.
Halliday to get some £3 = Pounds he
owed me for a Bull I told him I Bought a
Sheep from Stevens for seven shillings
I Brought it home as we were coming So I killed
it as soon as I Brought it home
Bill took a Jar of milk to the cook this morning

Shilling
we
Bill
Patt
Ben
McGuire
Patt
Mr.
Halliday
Stevens
Bill
Cook