

Alvin Thompson Smith
Diary 1847

- Jan. 1st Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 2 Did the same
- Sabath 3 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks & had a communion session
 4 Butchered hogs with Mills, Hammer & Alvin Brown
 5 Delivered A.R.T. Loceys pork to his son & P.H. Hatch & did chores about home
 6 Salted my pork & did chores
 7 Plowed out some drains & halled logs across the slough to get to the meeting house
 8 Went to mill with my team
 9 Cut wood at the door & tended Purdyer (?) meeting
- Sabath 10 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 11 Cut some wood at the door & did chores
 12 Did the same
 13 Helpt Br. Clark butcher his hog
 14 Did chores about home
 15 Cut wood at the door
 16 Did the same
- Sabath 17 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 18 Hunted horses & cut down fir trees
 19 Did chores about home
 20 Did the same
 21 Did the same
 22 Did chores & hunted cattle
 23 Went to mill with the team
- Sabath 24 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 25 Hunted horses & cattle
 26 Did the same
 27 Hunted cattle & found one cow down. Halled her to the barn & she died
 28 Skinned my cow & a calf died. Carles skinned it & I hunted cattle & Mrs. Smiths riding mare & led her home
 29 Tended to my cattle
 30 Ditto & tended a prayer meeting at Br. Clarks
- Sabath 31 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
- Feb. 1 Tended to my cattle & did chores
 2 Did the same
 3 Ditto

- Feb. 4 Tended to cattle & hogs
 5 Ditto & went to Mr. Catchins & Jones
 6 Tended to my cattle & hogs & prayer
 Sabath 7 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 8 Went to the East Plains to tend a meeting of the people but no meeting
 9 Went up to Mr. Gales & Newbanks
 10 Sold Mr. Pomeroy sows for 20 doll & 34 lbs of pork for 4 50/100 dolls to be paid in halling rails & one doll per 100 to be halled by the 1st April
 11 Butchered my hogs
 12 Cut up & salted a part of my meat & hunted & found one of my mare & could not get her up
 13 Finished salting my pork & tried to get up my mare but would not & hunted some for my cattle but did not find them & tended prayer meeting
 Sabath 14 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 15 Skinned Jerry & Doll & did chores
 16 Tended to my cattle & went to Mr. Gales
 17 Tended to my cattle & did chores
 18 Did the same
 19 Did the same & had visit from Br. Clark
 20 Ditto & tended prayer meeting
 Sabath 21 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 22 Tended to my cattle & cut wood at the door
 23 Tended to cattle & did chores
 24 Did the same
 25 Did chores & tended prayer meeting
 26 Tended to my cattle & hogs
 27 Got Mr. Owensby to help me alter 15 sows & tended prayer meeting
 Sabath 28 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 Mar. 21 Tended to my cattle & commenced plowing
 2 Went to the blacksmiths & got my plow repaired
 3 Commenced plowing in my field
 4 Sowed one bushel of white wheat
 5 Went to mill & got ground
 6 Did chores about home
 Sabath 7 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 8 Tended to my cattle & did chores

- Mar. 9 Did the same
 10 Did the same & sold a hog to Mr. Harrison for a rifle
 11 Did chores about home
 12 Tended to cattle & went to mill
 13 Did the same
- Sabath 14 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 15 Tended to plowing
 16 Culled over potatoes & went to mill
 17 Ditto & tended to my cattle
 18 Went to mill & culled over potatoes
 19 Went over to the North plain to Mr. John Harrisons & made a conditional bargain for 80 bushels of wheat
 20 Went to Mr. Newbanks & tended prayer meeting at Br. Clarks
- Sabath 21 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 22 Went to mill & did chores
 23 Sowed 3 bus. of wheat
 24 Did the same
 25 Sowed $1\frac{1}{2}$ bu of wheat
 26 Bought a beef of Frederich Waymire & went to mill & to Owensby with my sorrel mare to his horse
 27 Paid Waymire for his bull & did chores about the house & tended prayer meeting
- Sabath 28 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
- Sabath 29 Went to mill & did chores
 30 Did the same & went to Mr. Joseph Davises & got two buffalo robes at 5 dolls apiece
 31 Went to mill & did chores & Br. Geiger came home from Wailitpu (sic)
- Apr. 1 Went to mill & did chores
 2 Went to look a claim for Mr. Samuel L. Campbell & drove home my bull that I bought of Waymire
 3 Sowed 3 bu of wheat & tended the farmers meeting at East Plain
- Sabath 4 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 5 Sowed about $4\frac{1}{2}$ bu wheat & went to Mr. Gales & got the steelyards
 6 Butchered my hogs for _____ (illegible)
 7 Helped Carl(e) plow some & went to Gales & drove home my bull again
 8 Went to Portland with Br. Clark

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Apr. 9 Assisted Br. Clark to see to his bedes (?) & came home
10 Worked about home & tended prayer meeting
Sabath 11 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
12 Did chores & worked some at my fence
13 Sowed 3 bu of wheat & split rails
14 Ditto 4½ & ditto stakes
15 Halled some rails & tended to plowing
16 Plowed some & commenced writing to my brother
17 Planted 1½ bu potatoes & tended meeting at Mr. Clarks
Sabath 18 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks & had a communion service
19 Did chores & wrote some to Alfred
20 Did the same
21 Sowed about 4 bu of wheat & finished sowing wheat & laid up some fence & measured off my ground for orchard
22 Tended to plowing
23 Did chores about home
24 Did chores & tended prayer meeting
Sabath 25 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
26 Tended some to plowing & bought some things of Br. Littlejohn & wrote home to Connecticut
27 Worked some at my yard fence
28 Helpt Br. & sister Littlejohn to start for the states & sent a letter to Illinos & one to Connecticut
29 Cleaned over my peas to sow
30 Sowed 16 bu of peas
3 May
Sabath 1 Took my 2 mares to Owensbys horse & tended prayer meeting
2 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
3 Sowed my oats & tended probate court
4 Did chores & halled some rails
5 Did chores about house
6 Planted corn & sold a horse to Mr. Jacob Grusenvelt for 45 bushels of good merchantable wheat & 5 doll in cash due the first Nov. next
7 Plowed & planted some potatoes
8 Plowed my garden & tended prayer meeting
Sabath 9 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
10 Planted part of my garden & David Harper worked for me
11 Planted potatoes with David Harper
12 Plowed & planted corn & potatoes

- May 13 Plowed & planted corn & potatoes
 14 Plowed & planted corn & did chores & David Harper Helpt me
 15 Tended the farmers meeting on the East Plain
- Sabath 16 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 17 Sheared sheep & rolled my wheat
 18 Rolled peas & made fence
 19 Worked at my fence
 20 Did the same & rolled my new grass
 21 Took my mower to Owensby house & hunted a cow & calf
 & Mr. Owensby brought his nâeces here to stay until they
 are each of them 14 years of age to be kept and managed
 as our own children
 22 Worked some at my fence & tended prayer meeting & hired
 David Harper for 20 dollars per month in currency paid
 in hogs at 4 dolls per wk
- Sabath 23 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 24 Worked at my fence & david Harper commenced working
 25 Had a public meeting with the Tualatin Indians.
 D. Harper worked half a day.
 26 Worked at my fence with D. Harper
 27 Did the same & D Harper went to Portland for Mr. Clark
 28 Did chores about home
 29 Unwel & kept house pretty much
- Sabath 30 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 31 Went to Davis & Co. sawmill & received 115 $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch boards
 making 900 ft & 55 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch plank making 453 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft.
 David Harper helpt me
- June 1 Set some stakes & did chores
 2 Hunted for the wolves that killed my colt & set some stakes
 3 Worked at my fence
 4 Took my mare to Owensby horse
 5 Did chores about home
- Sabath 6 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 7 Worked about home & hunted my cow
 8 Worked on the camp ground
 9 Did the same
 10 Did the same, David Harper helpt me
 11 Did the same with the same
 12 Spent the day in fasting & prayer
- Sabath 13 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 14 Started for Vancouver & went to Mr. Chapels
 15 Went to Vancouver & did my business & came home
 16 Butchered a beef for the camp meeting & did chores

- June 17 Tended to the camp meeting & sold Mr. Barlow 100 lbs pork
 18 Did the same except the pork
 19 Tended the camp meeting
 20 Did the same
 21 Did the same & had a very good meeting
 22 Did the same & broke up the meeting & came home & got hurt by the horses running with the wagon & by the mercy of God I was not killed
 23 Was lame & kept house
 24 Went to Mr. Gales & Newbanks
 25 Did chores about home
 26 Did the same & tended meeting on the camp ground
- Sabath 27 Tended meeting at camp ground
 28 Delivered to Mr. Buxton a cow & calf for 35 dollars on account & did chores about the house
 29 Culled out oats from my wheat
 30 Ditto & tended prayer meeting at Mr. Tuckers
- July 1 Culled out oats from my wheat
 2 Did the same
 3 Did the same part of the day
- Sabath 4 Tended meeting at the camp ground
 5 Did chores about house
 6 Did chores & visited the sick
 7 Went to Portland & did my business
 8 Came back home
 9 Did chores about home & tended meeting at Mr. Emericks
 10 Assisted in making a coffin for Mrs. Newbanks & took up to them
- Sabath 11 Tended meeting & the funeral of Mrs. Newbanks
 12 Went to the Wallamette Falls
 13 Did my trading & came home. Robert Newell paid for me 12 doll at Silburn Lorton & Co. to apply on his note that I hold against him
 14 Went to Portland & back
 15 Did chores about home
 16 Went to the camp meeting on the Yamhill
 17 Tended the meeting
- Sabath 18 Tended the meeting
 19 Came home
 20 Went to mill & pulled oats out of my wheat

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- July 21 Went to mill & got my grist
22 Made preparations to go for my lumber
23 Went to the sawmill & got 2 loads of planks. David Harper went with me
24 Did chores about home
- Sabath 25 Tended meeting
26 Tended a Campbellite meeting & did chores about home
27 Went to the mill & got the balance of my lumber. Eli Harper helpt me
28 Did chores about home
29 Did chores & went after more lumber
30 Brought Mr. Cornwall to Br. Clarks
31 Did chores about home
- Sabath Aug. 1 Tended meeting on the camp grounds
2 Did chores about home
3 Ditto
4 Ditto
5 Cut a little wheat & did chores
6 Worked about home
7 Cut wheat & tended church meeting
- Sabath 8 Tended meeting at the camp grounds
9 Cut wheat
10 Did the same
11 Did the same & tended prayer meeting
12 Cut wheat
13 Did the same
14 Did the same
- Sabath 15 Tended meeting at the camp grounds
16 Shocked up my wheat
17 Worked at my barn floor & hired Eli Harper to work until the first of October for 25 bu of wheat or its equivalent in other produce or pork
18 Halled in 109 shock of wheat & tended prayer meeting
19 Cut & got out wheat
20 Did the same
21 Did the same
- Sabath 22 Tended meeting at the camp ground
23 Cut wheat & mended fence & Dr. Whitman came here this evening

- Aug. 24 Cut & cleaned up wheat
 25 Did the same
 26 Cut wheat & peas & finished cutting red wheat
 27 Worked at the old house to store my wheat
 28 Did the same
- Sabath 29 Tended meeting at the camp ground
 30 Worked at the old house
 31 Ditto & did chores
- Sept. 1 Cleaned wheat
 2 Halled in wheat
 3 Halled in wheat & cut oats & Messrs Shuey & Shepherd came here & brought a letter from Brother Caleb
 4 Cut oats & tended meeting
- Sabath 5 Tended meeting & had a communion service
 6 Finished cutting my harvet & did chores
 7 Got out wheat
 8 Did the same & tended prayer meeting
 9 Did the same
 10 Went up to Dixons & got my shoes mended
 11 Got out a port (?) and made a pair of bars
- Sabath 12 Tended meeting on the camp ground
 13 Halled rails & settled with Br. Geiger & made preparation to go to the Falls
 14 Went to the Falls
 15 Did some trading & came home
 16 Got out my white wheat
 17 Cleaned up my white wheat
 18 Cleaned some wheat & went to Br. Buxtons with my family
- Sabath 19 Tended meeting
 20 Came home from Br. Buxtons
 21 Cleaned up wheat
 22 Did the same
 23 Ditto
 24 Ditto
 25 Ditto & finished cleaning up wheat
- Sabath 26 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
 27 Halled in 20 bu. of wheat
 28 Went to mill & did chores
 29 Halled in my oats & some peas

- Sept. 30 Halled in some of my peas
- Oct. 1 Finished halling in & getting out peas
- 2 Made fence in my fields
- Sabath 3 Tended meeting at Br. Clarks
- 4 Helpt Br. Geiger butcher a hog
- 5 Went to mill & got my grist & tended Br. Geigers wedding & let Br. Clark have 160 lbs of beef
- 6 Did chores about home & let Br. Cornwall have 77 lbs beef
- 7 Worked at my yard fence & went with Mr. Shuey to David Hills
- 8 Salted my beef & tended meeting at Mr. Joseph Davis
- 9 Worked at my yard fence
- Sabath 10 Tended meeting at home
- 11 Worked at my yard fence
- 12 Did the same
- 13 Did the same & tended meeting at Wm. Catchings
- 14 Worked on the campgrounds
- 15 Helpt Mr. Samuel Davis start my plan. I rented my field to him at the halves
- 16 Worked at my yard fence
- Sabath 17 Tended meeting on the camp ground
- 18 Got in my squashes & did chores
- 19 Got in my corn
- 20 Halled in my stalks & got the fanning mill
- 21 Cleaned up some peas & did chores
- 22 Did the same
- 23 Went to the blacksmiths shop & got my chain mended
- Sabath 24 Tended meeting at the camp ground
- 25 Cut & halled wood to the door & helpt Br. Clark kill hogs to go to the Falls
- 26 Started to the Falls & went to Ash Creek
- 27 Went to the Falls & did a part of my business
- 28 Finished my business & came out to Mr. Masters
- 29 Came home & did chores
- 30 Took some hides to Mr. Wilks & did chores
- Sabath 31 Tended meeting at Mr. Naylor's
- Nov. 1 Halled up wood & worked at the old house
- 2 Worked at the old house & did chores & Br. Geiger moved to his house

- Nov. 3 Halled in my peas 100 bushels
 4 Helpt Mr. Harper raise his barn
 5 Did chores about home
 6 Did the same & tended church meeting
- Sabath 7 Tended meeting at Br. Naylor's
 8 Cut wood at the door & dug some potatoes
 9 Dug potatoes
 10 Did the same
 11 Worked on the camp ground
 12 Did the same
 13 Did the same
- sabath 14 Staid at home & kept house
 15 Did chores about home
 16 Dug some potatoes in my new field
 17 Dug some potatoes & did chores. My birthday 45 yrs old.
 May the Lord forgive the past & give Grace for the future
 18 Tended to writing my journal
 19 Dug potatoes
 20 Did chores about home
- Sabath 21 Stayed at home, wife went to Cornwall's
 22 Finished digging potatoes
 23 Staid at home & wrote out the Indenture of Ellen &
 Catherine Owens
 24 Had the indenture signed & witnessed & then halled some rails
 25 Killed a hog & made fence
 26 Halled rails half a day around my field & then went to
 assist in making a coffin for Mr. Naylor's child. Stokes
 helpt me $\frac{1}{2}$ a day
 27. Tended the funeral of Mr. Naylor's child
- Sabath 28 Tended meeting on the camp ground
 29 Halled rails & worked at the fence
 30 Workt at my fence & let Br. Clark have 2 hogs
- Dec. 1 Halled rails & water & repaired my truck
 2 Laid up & halled rails
 3 Did the same
 4 Finished my fence & tended church meeting
- Sab. 5 Tended meeting at the shanty
 6 Went & got the fanning mill & cleaned up some oats

- Dec. 7 Cleaned up oats (my finger hurt)
8 Finished cleaning up oats & got 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels
9 Halled in the oats
10 Staid at home & cut wood at the door. Wife was called to Mr. Cornwallis & news came that Doc. Whitman & wife & 10 other men at his station were murdered by the Indians.
11 Cut wood at the door
- Sab. 12 Tended meeting at the shanty
13 Mended my truck body
14 Halled rails from my old garden
15 Made some fence at the house
16 Did the same
17 Got some wood to the door
18 Tended meeting at Ebberts to take into consideration the necessity of sending men to punish the murderers of Doc Whitman & family
- Sab. 19 Tended meeting
20 Went to mill, got my grist & back
21 Worked about home
22 Helpt Br. Clark butcher hog
23 Took Mr. Cornwall some pork & got some wood from field
24 Did chores about home & tended meeting
- Sab. 25 Tended meeting & had a communion service
26 Did chores about home
27 Did chores about home
28 Did the same & got my shoes mended
29 Cut wood at the door
30 Cut & halled wood to the door & loaned the Commisary General's agent for this territory 10 hogs at the rate of 5 dolls per wt. in cash to be paid by this territory in three years from this date at ten percent interest if not sooner paid by the government of the United States.
31 Delivered the 10 hogs to Samuel Davis to drive to the Falls. O Lord do help me hence forward and to live more to thine honor & glory.