

Alvin Thompson Smith
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- Oct. 17 Began to frame my corn shed
18 Halled in corn
19 Halled in oats
21 Had a meeting to alter the burying ground & tended the funeral of Mr. Ben Catchings oldest son
25 Went to Messrs Spalding, A. Smith, O. Brown, Gales, Mills & home
31 Went to Mr. Wilks & got some leather
- Nov. 3 Commenced plowing for wheat (Note: first time Fall plowing) (Plowed most of the days in November)
22 Butchered my hogs
23 Salted my pork
24 Went to Mr. Wilks with a beef hide & 2 calf skins & got some leather
30 Went to the meeting of the trustees of our academy to see about locating it
- Dec. 1-2 Did the same
9 Wrote a contract between Charles Conklin & Alvin C. Brown & tended church meeting
12 Tended to locating the academy
13 Went to see Mr. Butts about putting up the frame of the academy
- Sab 31 Tended meeting. Thus endeth another year
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- Jan. 1 Went up to Mr. Dawsons & up on the Yam hill to see about the cattle belonging to Margaret & Catherine
2 Came home from Mr. Dawsons
3 Went to Mr. Spaldings with Mrs. Smith & then went to Mr. Harpers to consult him respecting Eli & he retains his wages which is 6 months & 17 days work
4 Went to the mill & had a talk with Mr. Allen respecting his & Gales affairs
5 Went to the probate judge G.H. Coffinburg with Mr. Wm. Dawson & he as agent of the guardian of Robert Owens children got an order from the judge for the cattle belonging to the said Owens estate & the said Dawson received the cattle being 18 in number & brought them to my house, the cattle being 4 old cows with 2 male & 2 female calves, 3 two yr old heifers, one with a young bull calf, two steers & 2 (?)

- Jan. 11 Went over to Mr. Wilcox & back
 19 Cut wood & went to Mr. Newbanks
 22 Went with Mr. Spalding & gave bond with him for him to administer on the estate of Jacob Hoffman, deceased, & took oath as one of the appraisers of said estate
 29 Tended to my stock & had a partial settlement with Mr. H.H. Spalding
 31 Started for Fort Vancouver & samped
- Feb. 1 Went to fort & traded & back to Mr. Logies
 2 Wrote a letter to Mr. Gale & came home
 5 Settled with Andrew Harper for Elis work & settled a part of Mr. Gales affairs with Mr. Allen & sold to Mr. Mahlon Brock two cows for 20 da(?) lbs each & delivered them to him & he is to pay me as soon as he can get his gold dust exchanged for coin money
 7 Went to visit Alanson Hinman as a committee of the church
 12 Tended a meeting of the friends of the Orphan asylum
 15 Went & got Mr. Orus Brown to go with me to Isaac W. Smiths to see him respecting 100 dollars worth of gold dust which Mr. Gale sent by him to myself but I got none
 16 Went to see Mr. D. Allen to get a quit claim deed from him & his wife to Joseph Gale for the land in California but Allen would not give it.
 17 Went to Mr. Copenhavers & back & tended church meeting
 19 Did chores & wrote a letter to Mr. Gale
 20 Did chores & went to Mr. Buxtons with Mr. Gales letter to send it by Mr. Duane.
 21 Came home & bought a cow & calf & a 3 yr old heifer of Mr. Duane for forty five dollars
 23 Settled with & paid Mr. Clark for all my stock & jooling (?)
 28 Tended meeting & C. Eells preached & got Mr. Snowden to survey the meeting house lot
- Mar. 1 Tended meeting of the trustees of the academy & agreed to furnish flour, meat & potatoes for the boarding house for 3 months, my donation to the boarding house & children (Butts, Stokes, Stephens, Jones & Terwilliger children 16 in number)
 8 Did chores & tended to my duties as agent for the academy
 10 Worked on Naylor's bridge
 19 D. Carle came to get out timber & I set him to work
 20 Butchered my hogs. Joseph & John Davis helpt me
 27 Did chores & went to Whitcomb & got my yoke
 28 Did chores & hunted my cattle

- Mar. 30 Paid Clark Pringle 21 25/100 dolls for his work on the academy & went to mill & got my grist
- 31 Went to Mr. Knightons & to the saw mill to see about some lumber for the academy
- April 2 Transplanted peach trees
- 5 Sowed wheat
- 9 Went to Mr. Coffinbury with Mr. Spalding
- 10 Sowed some wheat & went to tend Mr. Newbanks sale
- 11 Went to B.Q.Tuckers & had a settlement with him & then went & had a talk with Orus Brown respecting what took place on last Saturday (nothing special in diary on Sat.)
- 12 Transplanted some apple trees & sold 4 cows to Mr. Tybsurn (?) for 95 dolls in cash
- 13 Delivered the cows & bargained for 100 bushels (of wheat) at 75 cts per bushel of Mr. Miller & paid him 50 dolls & plowed some
- 17 Halled the sills for the teachers house. Miller brought 24 bushels of wheat & left 10 at Mr. Clarks & I plowed some
- 18 Worked on the academy building
- 23 Planted red potatoes
- 24 Ditto white potatoes
- 27 The bridge across the creek got broke down
- (April 28 to May 6 is faded out, could not decipher)
- May 10 Sowed oats
- 12 Planted peas, beans, squash, & melons
- 14 Planted corn & sheared sheep
- 22 Went to Portland
- 23 Traded some & went to Vancouver
- 24 Did some trading at the fort
- 25 Finished trading & came to the Wallamette
- 26 Came home
- 29 Went to mill with grist & to sawmill & brought away the balance of my timber that I bought of Mr. Wood & paid Mr. Eells the tuition of Mr. Stephens children
- 31 Worked on the academy building (same on June 1 & 2)
- June 4 Tended to the election
- 5 Went to Portland
- 6 Traded some & came home
- 9 Planted corn, cucumbers & melons

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- June 10 Sab. Tended meeting & Owens came here from California
12 Worked on the academy building. Mr. Griffins horses went away today
- July 2 Got my lumber from the camp grounds, 47 boards & halled wood
9 Helpt Mr. Clark kill a beef
10 Went to Mr. Brocks & got the sash which he made for the academy
11 Tended meeting of the trustees of the academy & went to the mill & got my grist
13-14 Worked on the bridge
30 Went to Portland with butter from Wm. Stokes
- Aug. 1 Commenced my harvest
(He cut wheat with the help of one Indian from Aug. 2-22; then oats & peas until Sept. 2)
- Sept. 7 Worked at my wheat & Mr. Campbell arrived from the States
11 Shocked up my wheat & tended the examination of the school & paid the tuition
(Harvests corn, works on wheat through most of Sept.)
- Oct. 10 Halled in peas, corn & wood
17 Started for Mr. Spaldings with my wife & Catherine & went to Mr. Gerrins (?)
18 Went to Mr. Suneys & staid the night
19 Went to Mr. Spaldings
(Stayed at Spaldings for 4 days; trip home took 4 days)
- Nov. 1 Went to Wallamette Falls & tended a meeting of the trustees of Tualatin Academy
2 Came home
5-8 Worked on the meeting house & finished laying the floor
17 My birthday 47 yrs. old. Went to Mr. Parsons & got a letter & a little roll of cloth that Alfred sent me
25 Hunted hogs & drove my sow & pigs out of Mr. Davis pasture
- Dec. 2 Sab. Tended meeting & Mr. Clark declared that he should not preach in our house again unless it was fixed
8 Went to tend a church meeting but had no meeting. Messrs Clark & Geiger had rather a hard talk
15 Tremendous snow today
16 Had to shovel a path to my wood pile for the first time in Oregon. Snow on the level is $20\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep