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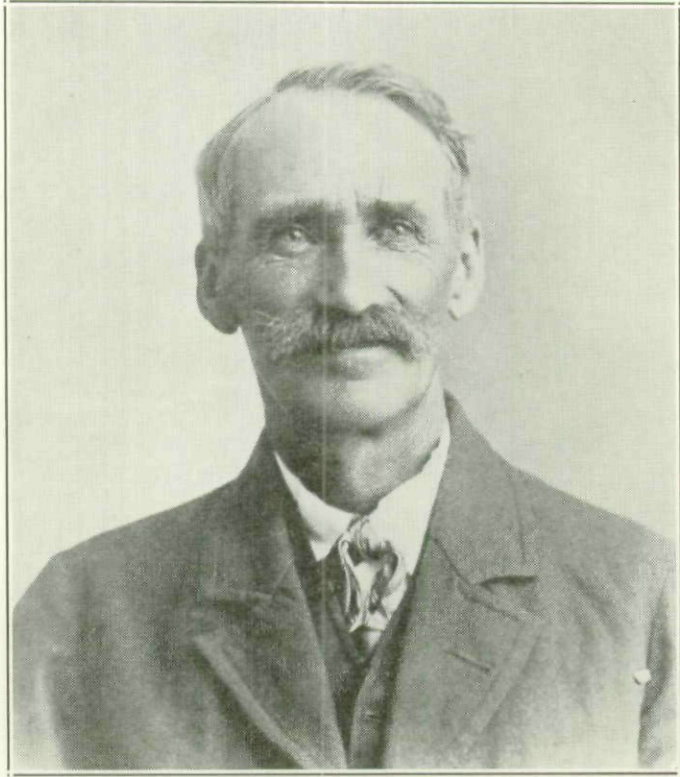
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IOWA PIONEER, DIARIST, AND PAINTER OF BIRDS

In the summer of 1903 Charles Aldrich, founder of the Historical Department of Iowa, in a tour of Van Buren County with this writer, met and formed an intimate acquaintance with William Savage, of Cedar Township, that county. In the *Register and Leader*, of Des Moines, for July 22, 1903, in an interview with Mr. Aldrich, it is stated:

“William Savage, a farmer, makes a specialty of painting birds in water colors. He has a remarkable collection of three or four hundred birds (painted) that seem to me to be as good as those of John James Audubon. Savage is sixty years old, and knows as much of woodcraft as Thoreau or John Burroughs. His collection is one the state certainly ought to own.”

Mr. Savage kept a diary, and Mr. Aldrich at the time examined extensive portions of it. He was acquainted with the region in New York to which Mr. Savage immigrated from England, namely, Cayuga County, and from which Mr. Savage came in 1855 to Cedar Township. It is of Mr. Savage's daily experiences in that home from the time he moved into it until his death, July 8, 1908. Mr. Savage was by birthright a Quaker, and as such was of the Salem, Henry County, settlement.

In 1907 Mr. Aldrich selected this writer as his assistant curator of the Historical Department, and after his death, March 8, 1908, by Governor Carroll's appointment the assistant became Mr. Aldrich's successor in office, and by consecutive elections by the Board of Trustees has so remained from that time.

By negotiations with Mr. Savage, and thereafter with the administrator of his estate, the entire Savage collections came to the Historical Department in 1917.

David C. Mott came to the Historical Department in 1919. Besides his original contributions Mr. Mott has made through the ANNALS OF IOWA, he has put into form for printing the Savage diary, up to October 25, 1858. It is presented herewith. Besides Mr. Mott having resided in Iowa since 1862, and by his practice of a newspaper man of twenty-five years, is sensitive to the value as historical material of the minds and morals of “short and simple annals of the poor.” In his judgment in his present task of editing the Savage diary he is especially strengthened through his being, like William Savage, a Friend by birthright, and

remains in the daily usage in his own home of the Friend's manner of speech, which is the speech of his own and Savage's ancestral folk, albeit both he and Mrs. Mott are now Methodists. Correct usage by Savage of the peculiar Quaker idiom in his diary up to the time he dropped it, therefore is presented as both consistent and correct.

Mr. Savage was neighbor to this writer, to his pioneer forbears, and was a personal and intimate friend and associate in the writer's earliest leanings toward his Historical Department work. Of much of the matter after 1870 which Mr. Savage notes the writer and all his neighbors knew. The Savage neighborhood was defined by the distance he could walk with a gun or trap, to meeting or to trade, and the direction was by that choice, or modification upon a sensitive soul that the weather, the "sign" and sounds of the woods impel.

William Savage's identity deserves to be preserved among those of his name, who even already are well known in scientific annals, and who share not only his name, but direct or close collateral kinship. In time, if the family remains true to type, confusion of individual Savages is as certain of such distraction to the general scientific students as now students of Iowa political history are confused among the names of Dodge, Mason, Wilson and Clark.

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William Savage was a man of far more than ordinary abilities, but was so unpretentious as not to claim distinction. A diary he kept for years is so rich in material relating to pioneer conditions in southeastern Iowa in the 1850's that we are here reproducing portions of it. It is written briefly, tells of his everyday life, and helps one to catch real glimpses of how people subsisted then—how they made their homes in the woods, how they began farming, how they secured their food, how they laid the foundations of society—when he was not trying to show that, but simply keeping a record of his own work.

In March, 1929, Carl Sandberg called at the Historical Building to enquire for source materials. We had shortly before published in the ANNALS the Civil War portion of the Benjamin F. Pearson diaries (Vol. XV, No's 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1925-27). He asked for the printed copy, and we inquired whether as student and writer it and similar materials were useful. His response was a letter dated March 28, 1929, as follows:

The ANNALS which you mailed me did arrive. I am very glad to have

this basic human material and I appreciate your readiness to let me have them. I shall retain all of them for my library except No. 3 of Vol. III which you indicate as out of print. I shall make notes from this and return it to you shortly.

The Pearson diary has basic material. One could write extensively on the historical derivations to be made from such papers. They should be published in a separate volume, available to any one working in source material giving true impressions of men in the ranks during war time. There has been too much about the exploits of heroes and not enough about drudgery, fun and philosophy of the "high private in the rear rank." Having been one myself in the Spanish [War with Spain], I have keener appreciation of this need. The diary should be gathered into one volume by all means.

It is in the course of finding and preserving more of the record of the "drudgery, fun and philosophy of 'the high private in the rear rank'" of the valiant home founder on the Iowa frontier that we offer the "log book" of William Savage's humble life.

He was born in England in 1833,¹ was apprenticed to the tailor's trade, and came with an uncle, William Savage, to America in 1847. He stayed a few years in New York state in the neighborhood of Venice and Ledyard, villages a short distance south of Auburn, where he worked principally on farms. It was not until 1855 that he removed to Iowa.

Preceding his diary Mr. Savage at a later time wrote the following introduction to the dairy:

"About July 10, 1847, I left Uncle William's shop and went to William Carman's, Hector, Tompkins County, New York, to work on a farm. Received my board, cloth for a fine coat, some coarse pants and socks, etc. Came home to Uncle Samuel's about Christmas, did chores and went to school. In 1848 worked for Abram Reynolds for 28 cents per day. [He was then fifteen years old.] Uncle Samuel Savage died May 26, 1848. In winter did chores for Long Tom Mosher and went to school. Spring of 1849 worked for Job Young for 37½ cents per day. In winter did chores for Elery Howland and went to school. Spring of 1850 worked for Francis Armisted one month for \$7.00 and seven months at \$8.00. Winter did chores for B. F. Chase and went to school and in the spring

¹See "Notable Death" section of ANNALS OF IOWA, Vol. VIII, p. 557, October, 1908.

of 1851 worked for him one month for \$9.00 and seven months for \$10.00. Next winter stayed at A. Harris', chopped some wood and went to school.

"On Fourth Day,² Fifth Month 5, 1852, I commenced work for Cyrenus Wheeler, Jr.; worked Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh days at five shillings per day. Received \$2.50. Then the next Second and Third and Fifth and Sixth days for Job Young at five shillings per day, the next Second Day for three shillings, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth days for five shillings per day, Seventh Day for three. Then the next Second, Third and Fourth days for Hannah Savage at four shillings per day, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh days for Job Young at three shillings per day, ending 30th of Fifth Month."

His record continues in a similar way, working for Hannah Savage, John Wetzel or Job Young for five shillings a day until July 8, when he says: "On Sixth Day I next commenced haying at Job Young's at \$1.00 per day." He worked for different persons, nearly always at haying and at the same wages, until August 24 he "threshed for Cyrenus Wheeler, Jr. and received six shillings." A little later on in September, "The next Fourth and half of Fifth days, for John Wetzel and received ninety-four cents." A little later found him sawing wood at four shillings per day, and one half day he received, instead of two shillings, he called it, "twenty-five cents." He was working nearly every day, and if not for one wage, then a lower one.

"Ninth Month 25, a part of Second Day for Ben T. Chase for 31 cents; next day, one hour, 6 cents; all the next day for 62 cents. The next Sixth Day for Hannah Savage for 4 shillings, and Seventh Day for Charles H. Teter and received 62 cents. Tenth Month 2 finished cutting his corn."

The next year, except a few weeks in the winter was largely occupied by working at day labor on farms—splitting wood, chopping wood, making garden, grafting fruit trees, plowing, hoeing corn, etc., mostly at 5 shilling per day. For haying, mowing and harvesting grain he received \$1.00 per day. On August 28 he "took 11 cords of wood to split and pile for

²Mr. Savage was reared among members of the Society of Friends (Quakers) and in his early diaries he uses their style as to dates.

William Kendall for 3 shillings per cord." Then followed threshing oats at \$1.00 per day, and cutting corn at 5 shillings per day. Toward fall of 1853 he husked corn at 5 shillings per day, and "made a vest for Henry Reynolds for 6 shillings, a vest and a pair of pants for John Fox for \$1.25 and a fine black coat for Elson Teter for \$3.00."

During January, 1854, he chopped 10 cords of wood for Giles Landon, did more tailoring work, and drew a figure of Cyrenus Wheeler's model grass and grain harvester for \$1.50. Trimmed nursery stock and grape vines at 6 shillings per day. His work varied but little from the previous year except he mentions that one day in April he killed a mink and sold the skin for \$1.50, the first evidence shown in his writing of his later great interest in trapping. In May he was picking stone from the field and dragging, and planting corn.

January, 1855, finds him chopping wood at 4 shillings per cord for David Armistead and for others. That spring he caught several minks while chopping, selling the skins at Auburn. This summer he did a small amount of farming for himself, but was most of the time working for wages. He notes he attended an occasional wedding among his acquaintances, but does not mention his own marriage, which likely occurred about this time.

Late in September, 1855, he notes they began packing their goods for their removal to Iowa. On October 2 he "bid farewell to Venice and Ledyard, started for Auburn, arrived there about ten o'clock, left there for Iowa at 1 o'clock and 20 minutes. Bought a ticket through to Chicago for \$32.12, paid \$1.00 for extra baggage." Had to wait at Detroit from 9:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. and reached Chicago about 10:00 the next morning. There had to wait until 10:00 in the evening. "Then finally started for Burlington. Got into that city at 8 o'clock next morning. Took the stage for Salem about 10:00 (after much tribulation). Arrived there about an hour after sun down."

"Stayed at Dr. Shriner's Sixth Day night. Seventh Day morning I walked down to Uncle William's and found them all comfortably sitting around the stove and were some surprised when I stepped in. Seventh Day, at Uncle William's.

Second Day John and Charley Holmes went to Burlington after my goods. I did chores. Third Day, also did chores and picked a load of corn, Fourth Day dug potatoes, Fifth Day threshed buckwheat, Sixth Day unpacked my large boxes and found all safe and sound, Seventh Day went down to the timber and got a load of wood. Second Day cut pair of pants and drew a load of manure. Third Day we went to hunt for John Russell's cattle and cut down small trees—crotches for Uncle William's cattle shed; Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh days worked on shed and drew wood, and went to J. Russell's vendue. Second Day went to Salem and hired a room for \$2.50 per month. Third and Fourth days helped John with shed. Fifth Day John and I got a load of wood for me and took it to town. Sixth Day we took our goods to Salem and commenced housekeeping, and Seventh Day put things to rights."

On October 29, 1855, he went to work for Job Simpson at tailoring in Salem. For the next three weeks he tells of different pieces of tailoring he did, principally on coats, reaching up to November 17. Then he says, "Lost a correct account from this time for two or three months, but worked for Simpson on and off up to Second Month 23 and earned of him \$43.44. Took part in store and house rent, \$30.82 and received in cash \$12.62. Was sick with inflammatory fever about six weeks. After that took two coats to make for Dick Spurrier for \$4.00 in trade. Made one pair of pants for Thomas Siveter, Jr., \$1.00. Did mending for Dr. T. Siveter, received \$2.25. Then on Second Month 11 David Burden and I went to William Lyon's to hire his farm to work on shares. He not being at home we went again in a few days and talked it over, he to board us and we to have one-third of all we raised. He then agreed to meet us at Salem before the first of March, but did not come. I waited until the morning of the 4th, then started west towards my own land in search of a house, or a part of one, to live in until I could build one for myself. Went to John Turnham's to get warm, and from there to Henry Sneath's. He being in the woods at work, told his wife my business. She said that if I could do no better we might come into their house with them for a few weeks, and accordingly

in Third Month 7 I hired Samuel Siveter to take one load of goods down to his father's barn and one load and ourselves down to Henry Sneath's. Paid him \$1.50 for the remainder of the month."

The land which Mr. Savage acquired and was now, March, 1856, preparing to make his home was near the northeast corner of Van Buren County. It was the east half of the northeast quarter of section 11, Cedar Township, one mile from the north line of the county, and one mile from the east line. Jefferson County was adjacent on the north, and Henry County on the east. The land was six miles west and two north from Salem. The north end of the tract reached to within a few rods of Big Cedar Creek. Nearly the whole tract was covered with heavy timber. Cedar Township had been surveyed nearly nineteen years earlier. Deputy Surveyor E. F. Lucas ran the lines between July 19 and 27, 1837. In his notes on Cedar Township Surveyor Lucas says:

"I may add by way of a general description of this township that nothing past common appears upon the face of the country. It mostly consists of prairie skirted on the north with first rate timber, and on a general view all will be valuable for farming. Water appears scarce on the south boundary, but on the north Big Cedar Creek passes along the whole boundary and is remarkable for its fine mill sites and a sufficiency of water to propel machinery. Limestone ledges of rock have been discovered in abundance along its banks."

The surveyor's notes also mention that at that time, 1837, they found twelve actual settlers in the township, and several other claims staked out. On the Big Cedar about half a mile west of where Mr. Savage later secured his land was a saw and grist mill in an advanced state of construction, and near there was a "large wigwam surrounded with a beautiful sugar grove." At this point Big Cedar was 90 links (about 60 feet) wide.

Into this environment this young man of not quite twenty-three years, with his wife and baby, is to build their home and wrest a living from nature. His training of a few years in farm work among the woods and hills and stones in New York state will be useful. His industry, his powers of observation,

his adaptability, his quick mastery of many trades, his ardent love of nature fit him for his place and work. We shall now closely follow his notes.

This month (March, 1856) was cold, stormy and quite wintry; did not do much toward building. Went down to Sigler's mill several times to pick out slabs and engage lumber for home. Hired Uriah Leick Odel to haul slabs one day. He hauled four loads; paid him \$1.00. Went to Salem several times, bought mattock, spade, sash, glass, nails, etc.

Third Month 29. Cut down brush and cleared a place for house, and commenced making brush fence around about ten acres. Made a vest for James B. Sneath, 75 cts. Was at work hacking brush for two or three weeks. Went to Salem several times. Stephen Young came to Iowa prospecting about the middle of Fourth Month. Hired Captain F. Killebrew to haul slabs one day, hauled six loads, paid him \$1.00.

Fourth Month 25. Went grubbing at Jonas Spray's three and a half days on Henry Sneath's account. Had Sneath in return to help put up my house. Commenced said house Fifth Month 2. Also William Steivens commenced plowing my land the same day and he finished it the 4th. Paid him \$6.00 for 4 acres. Had H. Sneath $3\frac{1}{4}$ days more than I worked for him. Paid him \$3.40 in cash and \$2.75 in work. Paid him 60 cts. for corn for W. Steivens' horses.

Fifth Month 12. Went to Zear's mill after more sheeting; could not find any that suited me, then went to Sigler's mill and bought some more that they were just sawing. The 13th Finess Killebrew hauled sheeting and more slabs. Then had H. Sneath to finish the house. The next three days, laying floor and fixing. Fetched Walter³ from Sneath's. The next week, fixing house, grubbing, etc.

Fifth Month 26. Planted corn for F. Killebrew; 27th, commenced planting my corn. Planting my corn on the 28th, 29th and 30th. Went to Salem with F. Killebrew after a load of goods from Dr. Siveter's. I came back with him.

Sixth Month 1, 1856. Walked to Salem again and came home with Anna⁴ on Second Day.

4th. Finess Killebrew hauled 13 slabs and I bought 50 pounds of flour.

5th. Finished planting my corn.

6th. Made brush fence around calf pasture.

8th. Went to Uncle William's and to Salem next day.

9th. Bought a cow with a bull calf two weeks old for \$30 of Dr. Siveter. David Siveter and Thomas Savage and I drove her home.

10th. I went part way home with the boys. The 11th and 12th grubbing corn. Supervisor came and gave me notice to work on the road Sixth and Seventh days of this week.

17th. Grubbing corn. Assessor came. Taxed the land at \$3.00 an acre and the cow at \$20.00.

³Their little son.

⁴His wife.

- 18th. Made north door to the house.
- 19th. Went to Hillsboro to trade.
- 20th. Also the 21st, worked on road aforesaid.
- 23rd. Hoed corn and hauled water.
- 24th. Hoeing corn, and filled mattress.
- 25th. Hoed corn, went to mill, and hauled water.
- 26th. Hoed corn.
- 27th. Went after tomato plants to H. Sneath's, and cabbage plants to W. Weaver's.
- 28th. Set out plants and hoed corn, also hoed corn next day.
- Seventh Month 2, 1856. Finished hoeing and grubbing my corn. Rain and thunder.
- 5th. Building milk house.
- 7th. Fixing brush fence, and hoeing garden.
- 8th. Went to mill, and chopped a saw log for Meshack Sigler. Next day threw the rock up together at the schoolhouse for the well.
- 10th. Quarrying rock for school well.
- 11th. Digging and boring in said well at \$1.25 per day.
- 12th. Harvesting at William Weaver's, also the next Second Day, the 14th, cradling for W. Weaver at \$1.25 per day.
- 15th. Haying for F. Killebrew.
- 16th. Went down to Sigler's mill to raise a bent under the bridge; was there $\frac{3}{4}$ of the day and then worked for F. Killebrew.
- 17th. Commenced cradling Captain Killebrew's wheat. The next day and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the next, worked at the same and finished it.
- 20th. Sunday, went to H. Sneath's. They gave us a pair of young pigeons and a tabby gray kitten.
- 21st. Cradled wheat for Morgan Paine, \$1.25.
- 22nd. Cradled for William Weaver.
- 23rd. Cradled for Captain Killebrew, and the 24th and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the 25th for W. Weaver harvesting at the same price.
- 26th. Seventh Day, went to Salem and brought home my pictures.
- 28th. Rain.
- 29th. Went to school meeting and made milk house door.
- 30th. Rain, paint a bird. Went to Sigler's mill and picked out slabs.
- 31st. Stacked Captain's (Killebrew's) wheat.
- Eighth Month 1, 1856. Mowed weeds.
- 2nd. Seventh Day, rainy.
- 4th. Went to election and coming home killed my first wild turkey—killed two.
- 5th. Cocked up weeds.
- 6th. In the house. Anna went to Salem.
- 7th. Worked on brush fence, also the next day, and killed a turkey.
- 9th. Seventh Day, worked on fence.
- 11th. Stacked hay, weeds, and grubbed some. Also 12th and 13th worked on brush fence.
- 14th. Hunting, and went to Cornelison's.

15th. Grubbing, and went to the creek after water with F. Killebrew. His wagon broke down. Took the remainder of the day to fix it up and haul said water.

16th. Seventh Day, quarrying rock and picking grapes.

18th. Went to Morgan Paine's. He gave me three small chickens and a black kitten. Quarrying rock. Rainy.

19th. Quarrying stone and cutting road to the quarry.

20th. Went to Sneath's after onions, planted there on shares, and finished cutting said road.

21st. Went to mill, and quarrying stone.

22nd. Rainy and went to Hillsboro. Also Dr. Siveter and Lydia came and made us a visit.

23rd. Seventh Day, F. Killebrew hauled slabs half a day. Went hunting the other half.

25th. Making hogpen, and went prospecting for water with Mr. Gill.

26th. Went after pigs, and grubbed some.

27th. Picked grapes, and killed five turkeys.

28th. Fetched home the little pigs that got out, and quarried stone.

29th. Went to mill and bought 53 pounds of flour, $3\frac{1}{4}$ cts. per pound. Sick the rest of the day.

30th. Seventh Day, went to Jackson Lee's for a half gallon of whiskey. Could not get any there. Went to John Turnham's and got it there for 35 cts.

Ninth Month 1, 1856. Second Day, quarrying stone.

2nd. Had F. Killibrew hauling said stone.

3rd. Worked on brush fence.

4th. Rainy, and in the house.

5th. Anna and self went to Uncle William's. Rode as far as the steam mill with F. Killebrew and walked the rest of the way there. Came home in the evening.

6th. Seventh Day, went to H. Sneath's after a letter from J. Wetsel. Second and half of Third days, quarrying stone.

9th. Afternoon David Siveter came. Anna went home with him and stayed till Sixth Day afternoon. I was grubbing and keeping house while she was away. Half of Seventh Day was hunting. John and Thomas S. came in the evening and stayed till Second Day morning, then I went part way home with them. The remainder of the day and Third Day, worked on stone.

17th. Fourth Day, Finess Killebrew hauled rock to the well in the branch till about two o'clock, then went to the creek after a barrel of water. Killed a turkey.

18th. Went to the creek hunting. Coming home I killed a turkey and took it to Salem and sold it for 30 cents. Stayed at Dr. Siveter's all night and got home next day noon. After noon and all the next day battenning up the cracks inside the house.

22nd. Second Day, commenced cutting up my corn. The next three days worked on the same, and finished it, thirteen shocks in all.

26th. Commenced cutting four acres of buckwheat for David Cornelison.

27th. Seventh Day, threshed for F. Killebrew. Half the next Second Day, worked on buckwheat. Rainy. Third Day, finished it.

Tenth Month 1, 1856. Rainy.

2nd. Cleaning off dirt in stone quarry.

3rd. Had F. Killebrew to help quarry stone.

4th. Seventh Day, hauled water, finished the stone and went hunting.

6th. Went to town meeting about a tax for a railroad. Killed two turkeys, and to school meeting in afternoon. They voted me in president of the school board to fill the place of David Cornelison.

7th. Had F. Killebrew to haul stone for chimney. Settled with him.

8th. Worked on little well. Went to Hillsboro to the justice of the peace to get sworn in.

9th. Worked on said well and finished it Sixth Day afternoon when it began to rain and rained all next day. Worked in the house sewing for Dr. Siveter.

12th. First Day, went to Sneath's after pieplant roots. The calf got out and the cow went off with him.

13th. Went to hunt them and found them in Carter bottom. Had considerable trouble driving them home. Commenced digging hole west of house.

14th. Finished digging said hole by noon, then went to William Weaver's after stone hammer.

15th. Went down to the mill. Afternoon, worked on the school well.

16th. Commenced building a chimney; had F. Killebrew to help. At noon Weaver fetched away his hammer. Afternoon went to Hillsboro to borrow one, but could not get one.

17th. In morning went up on the prairie and finally got a loan of Solomon Gill and in the afternoon and all Seventh Day worked on chimney. David Siveter and Thomas Savage came here and stayed till Monday. They brought me a puppy three weeks old. We call him Watch. Got one the day before of Wisdom Stanley. Call her Rose. She is six weeks old.

20th. Second Day, work on chimney a little while, then it came on rainy and I worked on the hearth. The next four days worked on chimney.

25th. Seventh Day, went to Weaver's, took off the roof of his house. Came home and laid hearth.

27th. Captain [Killebrew] and I worked on chimney.

28th. Worked on chimney alone.

29th. Went to Salem. Stayed there all night. Took a coat to make for Job Simpson.

Seventh Month 2, 1856. First Day morning took it home and received \$2.00. Took coat and pants to make for Daniel Siveter.

3rd. Came home from Salem and half of that day and all of Third and Fourth days daubing house and packing wood.

6th. Stormy, also the 7th. Was in the house tailoring.

8th. Seventh Day, went to the prairie to buy some lard. Got 3 pounds of William Hopper, 25 cents.

10th. Went with Solomon Gill to Waldrop's [?] after a steer; received 35 cents. Next three days, tailoring and daubing the house.

14th. Went to Salem. Took a turkey and David Siveter's coat and pants. Stayed there and sewed for Dr. Siveter and came home that evening with Samuel Siveter and Anna went home with him to Quarterly meeting.

15th. Went to Weaver's after a spade and worked at daubing the house.

16th. First Day. Anna came home.

17th. Went to Salem with two turkeys. Had a tooth pulled out at Dr. Shriner's.

18th. Chopped and hauled wood for Captain [Killebrew] and self.

19th. Picked corn for Captain. Next three days were stormy and I made Captain's coat.

24th. Second Day, picked corn at Killebrew's, also did same next three days.

28th. Went to mill, also chopped wood for self.

29th. Hauled it, and chopped for Captain.

Twelfth Month 1, 1856. Second Day, went to mill and went deer hunting.

2nd. Stormy, and work in the house.

3rd. Made brush pen for Dick, calf.

4th. Help kill nine hogs at Sigler's.

5th. Went up to I. Conley's to help butcher on S. Gill's account, but the weather being extremely cold they quit and I came home and built a brush house for my hogs.

6th. Seventh Day, finished said house and split some stakes.

8th. Fix calf pen gap, and mend Anna's shoes.

9th. Hunting around, and mend my boots.

10th. Mended my coat. Stormy.

11th. Helped Captain kill a pig, then went on deer drive.

12th. Cut out coat for Morgan Paine.

13th. Chopped wood and hauled it for Captain and self.

15th. Second Day, went deer driving.

16th. Went to mill. From there, went to Salem in the evening with I. Potter.

18th. Went to James Steadman's. Had the dog of my gun fixed, 50 cents. Stayed at Dr. Siveter's all night and came home next day.

20th. Seventh Day, carried up wood.

22nd. Choring.

23rd. Went hunting and up to Weaver's.

24th. Chopping wood on Dr. Siveter's land.

25th. Christmas. Went to Sneath's to dine.

26th. Went to Sigler's, picking corn.

27th. Seventh Day, stormy. Made Walter's shoes.

- 29th. Helped William Weaver kill eight hogs.
- 30th. Went to Captain Killebrew's. He had gone away. Came back and Weaver brought two hogs to my house, one 38 and the other 109 pounds, at 4 cents per pound. Then Captain and I hauled one load of wood apiece.
- 31st. Went to A. Runyon's store, and then to Hillsboro to get pair of boots for me and pair shoes for Anna. Came home and finished my vest and fixed pants.
- First Month 1, 1857. Anna and I went to Uncle William's. There saw the marriage of David Burden and Rosa Savage, our cousin. Came home.
- 2nd. Went to Captain's and cut up some of one of my pigs, and carried wood.
- 5th. Second Day, went to mill with grist of corn.
- 6th. Went to work for Morgan Paine. Went to blacksmith's shop. Hauled self a load of wood. The balance of the day hauling his corn fodder.
- 7th. Went to mill and to coal bank, then hauled fodder all for M. P.
- 8th. Helped Captain kill three hogs.
- 9th. Cut and hauled wood for Captain and self.
- 10th. For M. Paine, hauled one load of wood, one load of coal, then finished his fodder and built a pen around it.
- 11th. Sunday. Samuel Siveter came here.
- 12th. Went hunting.
- 13th. Went to work for Meshack Sigler. Sam and Anna went to H. Sneath's.
- 14th. Sam and I went to cut wood for self and Captain.
- 15th. We went hunting on north side of the creek.
- 16th. We started for Salem. Went to north side of the creek and fell in with five deer. Sam and I each fired at a separate deer twice. Mine fell on the second shot, but Sam's made off, evidently severely wounded. His shot barrel was loaded with turkey shot, mine with large bullets and buckshot.
- 17th. Seventh Day, took four quarters of my deer to Salem and sold them for \$4.50.
- 19th. Returned from Salem.
- 20th. Went to F. Killebrew's and hauled one load of wood apiece.
- 21st. Making pair of pants for David Siveter.
- 22nd. Chopping wood for Captain and self.
- 23rd. The same and we hauled three loads apiece.
- 24th. Seventh Day, went to Cox's coal bank with David's pants. Sent them to Salem by L. Brown, then went up on the prairie after bake oven. Did not get any.
- 26th. Went to mill with corn. Got it ground, also ground my ax.
- 27th. Third Day. Worked for E. Ingraham.
- 28th. Help O. M. Wells kill four hogs. The next three days, was sick and did not do much.

Second Month, 2, 1857. Second Day, went to mill and chopped some wood for self.

3rd. Chopped wood for self and captain, and he hauled.

5th. Worked for E. Ingraham, 75c.

6th. The same.

7th. Seventh Day, stormy, and tinkering in the house.

9th. Helped Captain kill one hog.

10th. Went to Hillsboro.

11th. Chopped wood for Captain and self. The next three days worked for E. Ingraham at the mill.

16th. Second Day. Cut a road to the schoolhouse.

17th. Went to Captain's to borrow flour and cut brush.

18th. Made broom and went to mill.

19th. Hunting and cut some wood.

20th. Cut a little wood for Captain, and hunting.

21st. Seventh Day. Hunt and went to mill. Got some corn meal.

23rd. Worked for Solomon Gill making sugar troughs.

24th. Commenced painting a hawk.⁵

25th. Chopped wood.

26th. Tapping sugar trees for S. Gill.

27th. Went to Hillsboro.

28th. Went to mill and ground drawing knife. Made ax handle.

Third Month 2, 1857. Second Day. Work on brush fence.

3rd. Went to Glasgow to James Anderson's sale and bought two trace chains, 45c.

4th. Worked for E. Ingraham and David Siveter came here.

5th. Chopped wood at home.

6th. Captain hauled it.

7th. Seventh Day. Hunting.

9th. Hunting and went to Captain's. The next two days I was chopping and hauling wood.

12th. Went to Hillsboro, to the Carter bottom land sale and C. Bruington auction.

13th. Working on brush fence, and made Walter a cap and mend Anna's shoes.

14th. Seventh Day, Anna went to Salem. I went down to the creek hunting and killed a possum. Stayed all night at Killebrew's.

16th. Went up on prairie to A. Runyon's store and in said store both my young dogs, Rose and Watch, got poisoned.

17th. Third Day. Went to Hillsboro.

18th. Went to mill and to John Stanley's and on the prairie.

19th. Went to Uncle William's, stayed there all night.

20th. Went to Salem. Stayed with D. Burden all night.

21st. Seventh Day, back to Uncle William's and John and Thomas came home with me.

⁵First mention in the diary of the painting of some 400 specimens of birds and 16 small mammals of the "Savage neighborhood," which constitute the Savage Collection in the Historical Department.

- 23rd. Mend John's boot. Rainy day.
- 24th. Went to the bottom to look after my cow. Killed three ducks.
- 25th. Went to mill and got 52 pounds flour, and mended my boots.
- 26th. Went to the other side of creek after one dead duck. Half soled my other boot.
- 27th. Went to the creek bottom and killed two ducks. Worked on brush fence.
- 28th. Seventh Day, work on fence and made sap trough.
- 30th. Went to mill and settled with E. Ingraham, ground my ax, then worked on fence.
- 31st. Went to F. Killebrew's and helped make a harrow.
- Fourth Month. 1, 1857. Fourth Day, went after my cow and then went with Captain after his, then soled and mended Anna's shoes.
- 2nd. Went to Captain's and worked on said harrow. Made a pair of pants for Andrew J. Stanley for \$1.00.
- 4th. Seventh Day, grubbing at home.
- 6th. Went to election of town officers.
- 7th. Mend Eliz Killebrew's shoes. She and Jane came here to practice writing. Then I went to Hillsboro.
- 8th. Went up on prairie to I. Conley's for onion seed. Made salt lick and grubbed some.
- 9th. Work on brush fence.
- 10th. Went to creek bottom, shot one duck, and then grubbed some.
- 11th. Seventh Day, went to R. D. Sneath's sale and bought a bake oven, 50 cents.
- 13th. Went to Wells's, bought 14 pounds of soap. Helped with Cap's heifer.
- 14th. Chopping for Wells, 75 cents.
- 15th. Carry wood and went to mill. Bought 62 pounds flour.
- 16th. Chopped for O. M. Wells.
- 17th. Down on creek bottom. Shot two ducks. John and Thomas came here.
- 18th. Seventh Day, fixed Thomas' boot, 25 cents.
- 20th. Went up to Mrs. Stanley's and got another puppy, call him Watch. Came home and work on brush fence. Old cow went off and did not come home at night. Commenced making Captain's coat.
- 21st. Went to hunt cow, did not find her. Work on said coat.
- 22nd. Hunting cow and heard of her by S. Gill. Help M. Payne get his cow out of a slough, but she died in the night.
- 23rd. In the morning I helped M. Payne skin his dead cow, then he and I went down to the bottom and found my cow lying down and could not get up. We went to the Captain's and got help and raised her up, drove her to Captain's and left her there.
- 24th. Attended to my cow and grubbed some.
- 25th. Seventh Day, attended to the cow and went to the mill and to O. M. Wells's. He wrote an order for some money from the upper district came home and grubbed balance of day.

- 27th. Helped up the cow and grubbed.
- 28th. Also the same.
- 29th. Raised the cow up, but she being very weak fell very heavily, and it appeared to have hurt her very much. Then we concluded to leave her lying down, turn her over once a day, feed her well, and not lift her again until she gets stronger.
- 30th. Built a shed over the cow. Went to mill, and grubbed some.
- Fifth Month, 1, 1857, went to the creek and shot a duck. Rainy. Then grubbed some.
- 2nd. Seventh Day, grubbing.
- 4th. Grubbed. Went to school meeting.
- 5th. Clearing, and went to help M. Payne lift his bull out of a slough.
- 6th. M. Paine and I skinned I Conley's cow for the hide. Grubbed balance of day and the next.
- 8th. M. Payne commenced plowing my old ground. I grubbed and dug with him.
- 9th. Seventh Day, he finished it and I commenced planting my corn.
- 11th. Planting corn. My poor old cow died. We skinned her and the calf. It was unborn.
- 12th. Planted corn.
- 13th. Went to creek bottom with Captain [Killebrew]. A. M. to Daniel Barger's with his presidential papers. From there to William E. Taylor's and partly traded my yearling bull calf and \$5.00 to him for a cow three years old.
- 14th. W. E. T. came here and we went to the creek bottom to hunt Dick. Did not find him, but he offered me the heifer for Dick and \$5.00 and we made the trade. I was to take Dick to his house when I found him.
- 15th. Filling up pantry floor. Dug up piece of ground in field and made Walter's shoes.
- 16th. Seventh Day, found Dick and took him up to W. E. Taylor's.
- 18th. Planting corn.
- 19th. Finished planting corn on old ground.
- 20th. Went to Daniel Barger's to buy some wheat at \$1.00 per bushel. David Burden and Rosa, his wife, and Edward Simkins came here to see us.
- 21st. Planting corn for M. Payne. He took my wheat home in the evening.
- 22nd. Took said wheat to mill and shot a good mess of fish.
- 23rd. Seventh Day. Grubbed. Cut a coat for James Davis and one for Mr. Magee, 60 cents. Anna went to Salem and David Siveter came here.
- 25th. Grubbing.
- 26th. Fixed my calf pen gap and prepared new ground for Captain to plow.
- 28th. Went to W. E. Taylor's after my cow, and Captain came and plowed said ground.
- 29th. Helped Captain replant his corn.
- 30th. Seventh Day, went to town. Sold cow and calf skins for \$2.70,

and my share of the Conley cow hide 81 cents. Half soled Ely Killebrew's shoes.

Sixth Month, 1, 1857. Planting corn for M. Payne.

2nd. A. M. finished his corn. Uncle William, Aunt Mary and Tom came here and I went part way home with them.

3rd. M. Payne and I planted my new piece of ground.

4th. Grubbed water mellow patch and planted it, and some beans, and cut out a pair of pants for Captain Killebrew.

5th. Fixed brush fence, and fishing.

6th. Seventh Day, on brush fence.

8th. Second Day, Went to school meeting in A. M., in P. M. helped M. Payne replant his broom corn.

9th. Helped M. Payne again.

10th. Helped Cap grubworm and replant his corn.

11th. Work on Cap's coat.

12th. On Cap's coat and half day haul water.

13th. Seventh Day, went to Hillsboro, also hoed corn.

15th. Cut off a log and fixed up a gap in brush fence. Finished my pants and hoed some corn. Supervisor came and warned me out on the road.

16th. Sticking peas and hoeing corn.

17th. Rainy. Hoed corn.

19th. Work on roads yesterday and today, from T. McCreddie's south.

20th. Hoed corn and went to mill to get some bran.

21st. First Day, went to Uncle William's.

22nd. To Salem, and from thence home.

23rd. Hoed corn.

25th. Anna went to Salem with Captain. I went to Captain's with her to carry her basket. Then hoed corn.

26th. Hoed corn.

27th. Finished hoeing my corn at ten o'clock, then made a shaving horse and bench, and fixed brush fence.

28th. First Day, service berry day.

29th. Sowed $1\frac{3}{4}$ acres of buckwheat on Captain's field on shares. I find seed and have half, and fix brush fence.

30th. Hoed, pulled beans, picked service berries.

Seventh Month 1, 1857. Fourth Day, hoed corn. David Siveter came here and brought Anna home from Salem, then he and I went to Carter bottom to pick berries.

2nd. Hooped my barrel. Wrote two letters for Mrs. Sneath, one to her son and one to H. Sneath's brother. Also commenced making hen house.

3rd. A. M. Cap and I hauled water. P. M. work on said house.

4th. Seventh Day, finished said house and went berry picking.

6th. Made door to said house. Went to mill, hoed some corn.

7th. Hoed corn and went to mill again to get some bran.

8th. Hoed corn.

- 9th.* Hauled water and finished hoeing my corn the second time.
- 10th,* also *11th.* work for M. Payne making brush fence around his horse pasture.
- 13th.* Second Day, mended my boots, poled the beans, and cut out a coat for M. Payne, 25 cents.
- 14th.* Commenced digging the cistern.
- 15th.* Went to Salem to pay Dr. Siveter \$15.00 due for Hannah cow.
- 16th,* also *Sixth Day,* dug in cistern and sowed turnip seed on Captain's land, also the same next day.
- 18th.* Seventh Day, Anna went to town with M. Payne and family. I dug some and went to mill. Weather very hot and dry.
- 20th.* Finished digging cistern and commenced walling it up.
- 21st.* At the same.
- 22nd.* Finished it, and sowed some turnips.
- 23rd.* Hauled water and mend my boots.
- 24th.* Harvesting for Wm. Morris, recd. \$1.00.
- 25th.* Seventh Day, harvesting for M. Payne, \$1.25 per day.
- 27th.* Commenced harvesting Cap's wheat. At same *28th,* *29th* and *30th.*
- 31st.* Harvesting for M. Paine.
- Eighth Mo. 1, 1857.* Seventh Day, harvesting for M. Payne at \$1.25 or an equivalent in wheat.
- 3rd.* Harvesting for M. Payne at same rate.
- 4th.* Hauled two barrels of water. Killed a turkey, the first this season. Helped Cap kill a sheep.
- 5th.* Stacked Cap's wheat.
- 6th.* Killed two turkeys and went to hunt a bee tree with Cap. Did not find it. Also went up to David Cornelison's to make an arrow point. He not being at home, came back without.
- 7th.* Cut a tree down in the branch and commenced hewing eaves troughs. There came a good rain, the first for three months. Went out in the evening and killed turkey at roost.
- 8th.* Went to Salem on horseback with Cap. Rained very hard that day and night.
- 9th.* First Day, David Siveter came here and killed two turkeys.
- 10th.* Cap and I went to the creek hunting a bee tree, and not finding one, I work on calf pasture fence.
- 11th.* Went to Cap's to help him tramp out some wheat. It being too wet we did not do it until afternoon. John and Tom came here hunting their ox. William Weaver came here and invited Anna and me to the infair of his son William's wedding which took place the day before.
- 12th.* Work on trough, and went to Cap's after lime, and finished calf pasture fence.
- 13th.* Stacking wheat for M. Payne.
- 14th.* Stack wheat half day, then it rained and I went hunting. Five of my chickens killed by a weasel last night. Four large ones and their mother killed previous to that.

15th. Seventh Day, last night set two traps, and this morning had one skunk and one weasel. Went hunting today.

17th. Went to mill and got some bran. Hunted some. Went to M. Payne's and raked up some wheat and grubbed some.

18th. Watched in Cap's wheat stubble and killed a turkey. Work on eaves trough. Went down to the creek at night and killed a turkey at roost.

19th. Plastered the fireplace. Mended my boots.

20th. Finished long trough.

21st. Mend Walter's shoes. Cut two aspens on Cap's land for short troughs and made them.

22nd. Seventh Day, grubbed some. Cap hauled said troughs.

24th. Went to Salem with Cap and bought 50 pounds flour at \$2.50 per hundred.

25th. Grub. Picked some plums.

26th. Helped Cap unmix his sheep, then picked more plums and grubbed.

27th. Grubbed.

28th. Went to camp meeting with Cap to put up his tent.

29th. Hewed troughs and hunting.

30th. First Day, went to camp meeting and back at night. Anna and I did Cap's chores while he and his family attended said meeting.

31st. Hunting with H. Sneath. I killed one turkey.

Ninth Mo. 1, 1857. Burned brush and picked plums.

2nd. Built a top on chimney and went to Wells's.

3rd. Rainy. Went to Wells's again to enquire the price of his hogs and calves; hogs 4 cts. per pound, calves \$4.00 per head. Went hunting.

4th. Putting eaves troughs up on north side of house.

5th. Seventh Day, wrote a letter to John Wetsal. Next day David Siveter came here and went hunting. I killed two turkeys and he one.

7th, also Third Day. I worked for O. M. Wells chopping a new road, 75 cts. per day.

9th. Sick.

10th, also 11th, worked for O. M. Wells.

12th. Samuel Siveter came here. Went to M. Payne's after my calf that broke out a day or two ago. Bought a heifer calf of M. Payne for \$4.00. Samuel and I intended to go to Salem but the rain prevented, and I helped Captain kill a sheep.

13th. First Day, Samuel and I went to Salem and David gave me a Shanghai rooster, then in the evening I went to Uncle William's.

14th. Took a squirrel hunt with John and I returned home.

15th, also Fourth Day, chopping for O. M. Wells.

17th. Threshing for M. Payne.

18th. Went to thresh, but rain prevented.

19th. Seventh Day, cut out my pants, cut forks for cow shed, and split some rails.

21st. Rainy and went hunting.

22nd. Went to thresh, but they did not come. In the afternoon, worked for M. Payne making fence.

23rd. Threshed for M. Payne.

24th. Chopping for O. M. Wells.

25th. Threshed for F. Killebrew.

26th. Unwell. Finished my ticking pants.

27th. First Day, the first frost. Ninth Month 27.

28th, also 29th and 30th, chopping for O. M. Wells at 75 cents per day.

Tenth Month 1, 1857, chopped for O. M. Wells.

2nd. Rainy. Fetched home two calves, Dick and Pete, that I bought of Wells, each \$4.00.

3rd. Seventh Day, hunting, and made a dog house. Also helped M. Payne kill a sheep. Went to sin[g]ing school at night—upper school.

5th. Raining. Went to mill with M. Payne. Got of him one bushel and a half of wheat, then made some rail fence by the bars and sewed some.

6th. Cut out a pair of pants for James Barton, 25 cents. Made a pig pen, and commenced cutting up my corn.

7th. Set two or three posts in cow shed, and Cap and I ground our corn knives, then I cut corn.

8th. Went to mill after my grist, not ground yet, then cut up corn, and helped S. Gill kill a cow that he bought of M. Payne, \$20.00.

9th. Went to mill twice and cut up corn. Weather—days very warm and nights very cool. Walter took sick with ague.

10th. Seventh Day, took home some borrowed flour to Wells's and waited for Wells to fetch my pig home, but he did not, then cut some corn.

12th. Work on road between Weaver's and Stanley's corner. Work for M. Payne, 59 cents, and my tax, 33 cents.

13th. Third Day. Cut up corn.

14th. Mowed the buckwheat on Cap's land.

15th. Wells brought my pig home. Rainy. I sewed some. Dick, calf, got out. I could not find him.

16th. Went to Hillsboro and got some medicine for Walter. Took 3¼ pounds butter to store and traded for goods, then cut corn.

17th. Cut corn.

18th. First Day, morning, caught a coon in steel trap in my corn field.

19th. Finished putting up my corn, 18 shocks, and found Dick calf at old man Baley's.

20th. Tremendous hard frost. [October 20]

21st. Yesterday and today, cut corn for M. Payne.

22nd. Rainy. Killed a partridge. Made a last and cut out a pair of shoes for Walter G. Savage.

23rd. Cutting up corn for O. M. Wells.

24th. Seventh Day, set up two-thirds of my buckwheat, and went to see the shooting match.

26th. Went to M. Payne's and to mill with some wheat and with him to the lower steam mill.

27th. Finished setting up my buckwheat and made a fork handle.

28th, also 29th, worked for M. Payne on his house. He is going to raise it and put a new roof on it.

30th. Went to Hillsboro for some worm medicine for Walter. Also helped M. Payne put his rafters up.

31st. Mowed grass for O. M. Wells.

Eleventh Month 1, 1857. First Day.

2nd. Commenced threshing our buckwheat.

3rd. Pulling turnips, threshing buckwheat.

4th. Finished threshing said buckwheat.

5th. Rainy. Soled Anna's shoes, and hunting. Killed one turkey at roost.

6th. Help O. M. Wells kill a fat cow. Came home and cut wood.

7th. Hauled wood and pumpkins and went to Uncle William's.

8th. First Day, went to Salem.

9th. Returned to Uncle William's and from there home.

10th. Borrowed Wells's fanning mill and cleaned up some of our buckwheat. Snowed that night.

11th. Built a pen to put said wheat in. It would not hold, then put it in Walter's box. Snowy. I fetched my calves home from M. Payne's.

12th. Chopped some wood, hunted, split rails.

13th. Finished our buckwheat. I had 53 patent bucketfuls for my half off an acre and a quarter. Cap hauled me a load of wood, and I went with him to John Coburn's after two shoats of his.

14th. Seventh Day, chopped and hauled a load of poles for wood, and one load of wood and rails, and set two posts in calf shed.

16th. Hunting some and worked on shed.

17th. Went to M. Payne's and borrowed 20 nails, and grubbed some. Afternoon went to Cap's and divided our turnips. I had about 26 bushels and some not pulled yet. Buried mine.

18th. Buried one bushel of potatoes. I had of Thomas McCreadie for cutting Jim Barton's pants. Set in rainy and I went to Wells's to borrow some sacks to take some buckwheat to mill.

19th. Went to M. P. to get the cattle, but did not. Then cut a pattern of Dr. Siveter's coat. Went to mill with seven bushels of buckwheat and brought home a load of poles.

21st. Seventh Day, chopped some wood and went hunting.

23rd. Worked on my pants and in the evening watched in Wells's cornfield and shot a spike buck, wounding him in the ham. He went into Cap's field and lay all night. Next morning I tracked him up and found him just north of Cap's house. He then jumped up and I shot him again and he rolled over the fence. He ran a piece and lay down, got up again and ran to the creek and crossed at the island. I then found him on the other side, shot him again and then Watch caught him. We killed him and dragged him home. Then I went to work on McCreadie's coat.

25th also 26th. At the same and finished it, then cut and hauled a load of wood with M. Payne's oxen.

27th. Went to Salem with Tom Lewis, took three quarters of venison

and sold it for \$3.18. Did [not] come again till Seventh Day morning. Then cleaned out the schoolhouse.

30th. Second Day, went to mill with some corn and got it ground and went to Thom Mereadie's and got half a bushel of potatoes for cutting a pair of sleeves for him. Went to creek bottom with James Spray to hunt his heifer.

Twelfth Month 1, 1857. Went to Mr. Payne's and helped kill a pig, then to mill with two bushels of wheat. Got it ground. Then Tom L. and I hauled a load of wood. I took some sacks to Wells's.

2nd. Wells came here to change said sacks, his being down at the mill with my buckwheat in. Went down and changed them. He fetched one bag of buckwheat flour home for me. I commenced making Dr. Siveter's coat.

3rd. Helped M. Payne gather a load of corn up in Sigler's field till noon, then worked on Dr.'s coat.

4th, and Seventh Day on said coat and finished it.

6th. First Day, went to H. Sneath's to tell him that his steer was at D. Barger's.

7th. Chopped wood in forenoon. Afternoon, rainy, and cut out Alex Martin's coat.

8th. Sewed on said coat.

9th. Helped M. Paine get a load of wood and a load of fodder, then he and I got a load of wood for self.

10th. Went to store and got some canvas for and worked on said coat.

11th. Worked on said coat.

12th. Seventh Day. Finished said coat and cut out a coat for Nicholas Boley, 50 cents.

14th. Second Day. Made Walter pair shoes.

15th. Started to Salem with T. Lewis and M. Paine. The road being very muddy, the oxen stalled. Tom and I unloaded the coal on side of the road and came home with empty wagon. Paine went to Salem with the steers.

16th. Went to Hillsboro to pay my part for the harrow teeth Cap and I bought, but Squire Newbold was not at home. I did not pay. P. M. finished my pants.

17th. Kill my sow pig, and cut out a coat for George Martin.

18th. Rainy. Grubbed. Cut some hand sled runners and went hunting.

19th. Seventh Day, went hunting. Went to Hillsboro and found Cap was not sued, so paid Dr. J. B. Allen 80 cents on aforesaid harrow. Then Tom L. and I hauled one load of wood.

21st. Sneath, Cap, Wells and I had a deer drive, but killed nothing.

22nd. Grubbed some and fixed rail fence by hen roost. At night I wounded a deer.

23rd. Cap and I hunted for it and could not find it, then we hauled wood. I shot two hogs for M. Paine.

24th. Went to mill, and nailed slabs on calf shed.

25th. Christmas day. Hunting. Shot common partridge.

26th. Tom and I hunted. Caught a young fox squirrel and gave it to Tom. Killed a possum and a rabbit. Tom roasted the rabbit in the woods. I chopped a load of wood.

27th. First Day, John and Thomas came here to invite Anna and me to Mary's wedding.

28th. Second Day. Went part way home with the boys. Came home and hauled a load of wood. I cut out a coat for West Runyon.

29th. Fourth and part of Fifth Day making said coat.

First Month 1, 1858. Anna and I went to Uncle William's, saw Edward Simkins and Mary Savage married.

2nd. Seventh Day, came home. I went to Cap's after Walter and commenced cutting a coat for Samuel Morris.

4th. Help O. M. Wells kill five hogs.

5th. Cap and I hauled a load of wood.

6th. Went to mill. Took 3 bushels of wheat and 2 of buckwheat and 1½ of corn. Came home and sewed.

7th. Sewing.

8th. Help M. Paine kill four hogs.

9th. Seventh Day, Captain hauled one load of wood and David Siveter came and I tried his rifle.

11th. Second Day. I went to Salem with David and took Doctor's coat.

12th, also Fourth day, sewed for Dr. at his house. Went to Uncle William's that night.

14th. He cut some patterns for me that morning and I came home.

15th. Sixth Day. Split 37 rails and chopped a load of wood.

16th. Seventh Day, Cap hauled it and I chopped for him and hunted with West Oldacre and Dave and William Barger for deer. Heard a Canada Jay, the first this spring, First Month 17.

18th. Fix eaves troughs, and went to Cap's after auger.

19th. Split rails and chopped wood.

20th. Grubbed some. Thomas Lefevere and James Lucas came here. I went as far as Sneath's house with them to show them the road.

21st. Help O. M. Wells kill a beef cow. I took a hind quarter weighing 134 pounds at 5 cents — \$6.70.

22nd. Chopping wood.

23rd. Seventh Day, putting up eaves troughs, and went to T. McCreadie's.

25th. Second Day. Went to Sigler's mill. There were five persons baptized.

26th. Went to Gill's. Came home and tied up seed corn, and made broom. Went with T. Lewis to make oxbow bender.

27th. Went deer driving with West Oldacre. Killed none. Fix shed.

28th. Went to Wells's to borrow an auger. Then measured Hen Hopper for a coat and cut it out.

29th. and 30th, making his coat.

Second Mo. 1, 1858. Second Day, went to Hillsboro. Sold 5 dozen eggs. Two pounds sugar and ¼ pound coffee.

2nd. Hauled one load of wood with M. Paine's oxen. Running deer.
3rd, and *4th,* chopping and making rails for O. M. Wells, 75 cents per day.

5th. Soling my boots and making ax handle.

6th. Seventh Day, chopping wood and hunting.

8th. Took the clock to pieces. Went to Hillsboro after Dr. Allen for Cap's daughter Parthene, then cleaned clock.

9th. Made a hand sled. At night I watch my field. At 20 minutes before 8 o'clock I shot a young buck killing him on the spot. 50 £.⁶

11th. Cut some aspen poles and Cap'n hauled me a load of wood. I chopped 40 poles for rails.

10th. Went to Cap's and chopped some wood for self.

12th. Cap and I killed two rabbits. I helped him cut wood, and cut a load for self.

13th. Seventh Day, Tom Lewis and I went hunting.

15th. Stormy.

16th. Help Cap kill a hog. Hauled some wood for self.

17th. Cap hauled two loads wood. I chopped for him and hunted.

18th. Chopped for Cap and it snowed.

19th. Had M. Payne's oxen and hauled three loads of wood and rails and two loads of fodder.

20th. Fish Hayes, Tom L. and I went hunting. Fish shot a doe deer and gave Tom and me a forequarter apiece.

21st. First Day, we fetched the deer home and Tom Savage came here.

22nd. I mended his boot and hunted.

23rd. Went to mill, and to Hoppers and got a pair of socks, \$1.00, one pound white yarn, \$1.00 in pay for making Hen's coat.

24th. Went part way home with Tom and chopped some wood.

25th. Hauled some wood and fodder and help Tom Lewis put tongue and roller in the sled.

26th. Finished the sled and helped Tom get a load of wood. I chopped some wood and poles for fence.

27th. Hunting. Shot a red-tailed buzzard on the nest.

28th. First Day, Thomas Siveter brought a pair of pants for me to make.

Third Month 1, 1858. Hauling wood with M. Paine's oxen, and commenced making Tom's pants.

2nd. Finished them.

3rd. Went to Salem with Tom's pants and stayed all night.

4th. In the evening I went to Uncle William's and stayed all night.

5th. Came home, made hog pen, and helped Cap'n put some glass in at schoolhouse and cut some wood there.

6th. Seventh Day, Cap helped me kill my fat hog. I then hauled a load of wood with the oxen.

⁶Mr. Savage having been born in England and acquainted in his youth with the symbols of the British monetary system here used the sign of the British pound sterling, as at the instant it carried in his mind the sound of "pound."

8th. Commenced making Tom Lewis's pants. That night I watched my field and 20 minutes before 8 o'clock four deer came into the field. I shot at one 43 yards. It was so dark I could see no more of him then.

9th. Went out in the morning and by the fence in the field I found the deer lying dead, shot through the heart, a young buck. In afternoon went to Mr. Paine's. Also mended my boots.

10th. Took Uncle William a hind quarter of said deer. Coming home I broke through the ice at Warner ford, my gun in one hand and a cane in the other. I got out with a good soaking about from my arms down. Saw the first wild geese. Shot a partridge and a duck.

11th. Had M. P.'s oxen. Hauled one load of wood and two loads of fodder.

12th. Made box and put $5\frac{1}{3}$ bushels buckwheat in it.

13th. Seventh Day. Went to creek bottom and to Runyon's sugar camp. Came home and mended Anna's shoes. Fixed lady calf's head to her foot and turned her out.

15th. Went to Sigler's and returned their candel moulds. In afternoon chopped wood.

16th. Rainy. Cut out and sewed on Tom L.'s coat.

17th. Went to mill with T. L. and B. Weaver Creek very high. Sewed on said coat. Old cow and three calves strayed off.

18th. Went to creek bottom to hunt them. Were not there, but found them up at Runyon's.

19th. Went to Cap's and O. M. Wells and I appraised two stray heifers, then went to creek bottom and dug up some gooseberry bushes and set them out.

20th. Seventh Day, went to Hillsboro to take oath to said strays and then went to mill.

22nd. M. Paine and I went to Jonathan Hoskins' for some young apple trees. Dug some up and left them, then went part way home with John and Tom S.

23rd. Help Cap kill two hogs, and went after my wedge at Wells's.

26th. Went to Glasgow with Cap. Took ten dozen eggs, each 4 cents, and 17 pounds paper rags, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents, and traded for groceries. Brought home 25 apple trees and 6 cherry trees from J. Hoskins, and 5 for Wells.

27th. Seventh Day, hunting. Killed two ducks. Set out some of my trees.

29th. Also 30th, worked for O. M. Wells hand threshing and grubbing in his wheat field.

31st. Went to mill, got my grist, came home and fixed my dip net. Tom. L and I went fishing and caught a few.

Fourth Month 1, 1858. Grubbing at home and ground my mattock.

2nd. Grubbed and helped Cap mark his hogs.

3rd. Grubbed. Packed away the meat. Killed four ducks, fix hen's nest, shelled some corn.

4th. First Day, went to Uncle William's and Anna and I came home.

5th. Grubbed, packed away the meat, and took Wells's borrowed flour home.

- 6th. Grubbing for Jonathan Hoskins to pay for apple trees.
- 7th. Rainy. Put some stalks on hen house.
- 8th. Went to Hillsboro with M. P. and came home and hauled a load of wood with his cattle.
- 9th. Tom and I went fishing, came home and fixed my boot, and went hunting.
- 10th. Seventh Day, fixed Anna's and Walter's shoes. Big Cedar Creek very high and washed away Sigler's dam.
- 12th. Set five apple trees and six cherry trees, then helped Tom L. make brush fence around a cow pasture on M. P.'s farm. Rainy.
- 13th. A snow. I finished Tom's coat.
- 14th. Also 15th, work on pasture brush fence.
- 16th. Commenced making garden. Sadly too wet. Sowed two rows of peas, some lettuce and cabbage seed, and grub.
- 17th. Took some corn to mill, got it ground, caught some fish in a dip net, and shot one duck.
- 18th. First Day, Thomas Siveter brought a pair of pants for me to make.
- 19th. Went with Anna to Cap's to make soap. Sewed some, and went to Jim Elarton's mill and took three bushels wheat with M. P. and caught some fish.
- 20th. Made soap. Finished Tom's pants.
- 21st. Went to Salem with said pants, and took a coat and pants to make for David Siveter. Stayed at Uncle William's that night.
- 22nd. Came home by the two bridges on account of high water, then took our meat out to dry it.
- 23rd. Hauled my corn out of the field, and hauled one load of wood. Cool and frosty nights.
- 24th. Seventh Day, killed two ducks at Weaver's ford. Watch fetched one out; the other being on the shore, he would not. L. and R. Wells and I crossed on Gill's raft and went round after it.
- 26th. Grubbed at home.
- 27th. Went to Cook's mill with M. P.'s oxen. Came home and commenced making David Siveter's coat.
- 28th, also 29th, worked at the same, and his vest and pants.
- 30th. At the same.
- Fifth Month 1, 1858. Seventh Day, finished D. Siveter's clothes. In afternoon David and Thomas Savage came here and we went hunting and fishing.
- 3rd. Second Day. Rainy. I mended Tom's boots and Uncle's shoes, and went fishing.
- 4th. Tom and David went home, and took Dr.'s clothes.
- 5th. Went to Thomas McCreddie's to get some potatoes, and to J. Hoskins' to change some more eggs for Poland eggs, then went to Caleb Giberson's house raising, and husked some corn.
- 6th. Husked corn.
- 7th. Work on cow shed.

8th. Seventh Day. Went to Salem with M. Paine. Went home with Tom Savage and stayed all night.

9th. First Day, came home.

10th. Went to mill with Tom Lewis. I went to T. McCreddie's. Got 1 bushel potatoes, 25 cents, and grubbed some.

11th, also 12th, grubbed and burned brush at home.

13th. Grubbed for Jonathan Hoskins. Paid for my apple trees.

14th, and 15th, worked on Daniel Barger's coat, and cut a pair of pants for David Siveter. This is a very wet spring so far, and very late rainy now.

17th. Second Day, cow hunting.

18th. Finished D. Barger's coat, and coat and pants for Walter G. Savage. Cow stayed out all night again.

19th. Tom L. and I went fishing A. M. In P. M. M. Paine and I commenced on my cow pasture fence.

20th. Tom L. and I finished it, and cropped the left ear of my four calves and turned them out, and made a poker to put on the cow and put her in the pasture.

21st. Made pair of pants for David Siveter, and caught some fish.

22nd. Attended the law suit between M. Sigler and M. Paine, but gave notice of an appeal to a higher court and paid the costs.

23rd. First Day, painted a black-capped sparrow, and went to Salem with David Siveter's pants. Stayed all night.

24th. Bought pair pants and shoes. Took vest to make for David and went to Uncle William's. It being very rainy, stayed there all night.

25th. Came home by the bridge. Creek very high. Went fishing.

26th. Anna and I went to Jane Killebrew's quilting.

27th. Went on prairie after old cow and calves, then fishing and work on shed.

28th. Put fodder on shed. Came another hard storm. Lightning killed William Hopper's ox. I went fishing.

29th. Seventh Day, went to Hillsboro trading. Worked on David's vest, and fishing.

31st. Second Day. Work on D.'s vest.

Sixth Month 1, 1858. Finished the vest. Tom Lewis commenced plowing my ground.

2nd. Rainy. I filed my saw and ground cold chisel, and fished.

3rd. I went and helped dig a grave for P. W. Bennett's child (half an hour old). Thomas Savage and H. Sneath and his wife came here.

4th. Mending pair boots for Tom, and fished.

5th. Seventh Day, went part way. He came back on account of high water. In afternoon he tried another route and got home. M. Paine plowed two rounds in field. It being too wet he quit. I shelled corn. Cow got out but came back at night. I chopped some poles.

7th. Plowed some ground.

8th. Rainy. Cut out my pants. Went to Sigler mill to wait for M. Paine to take my meal home. He did not come. I fished.

9th. Nearly made said pants.

10th. About 4 o'clock in the morning M. Paine came here and called me up. I went to Salem to fetch Aunt Polly Garretson, M. P.'s wife being sick. Before we returned she gave birth to a son. Finished my pants, mowed some weeds, and commenced a piece of rail fence south of the house.

11th. Work on said fence. Morgan Paine sold his south 40 acres to a Mr. Brothers.

12th. Seventh Day, help M. P. plow my new ground.

14th. Work on fence. Also I commenced planting corn, Sixth Month 14.

15th. Planting corn.

16th. Went to hunt M. P.'s oxen. Found Pod, but Bolly hid in the brush and I could not find him. Afternoon Samuel Siveter came here and we went service berrying down to the creek. Planted some corn.

17th. Again hunted Paine's oxen, harrowed my new ground and planted some.

18th, also 19th, planted corn and potatoes.

21st. Second Day. Finished planting my corn.

22nd. Carry rails and make fence west of house.

23rd. Forenoon, sick. Afternoon, work on rail fence.

24th. Anna and I went up to M. Paine's. Then I worked on my fence by the bars. That night Cook's flour mill was burned, supposed by incendiary. Also Sigler's buggy top cut in pieces, seat taken away, one spoke cut in two, one wheel taken off lumber wagon and big cable rope taken away. Old Burras suspected of the fire.

26th. Seventh Day, went to mill and then work on rail fence north. John and Thomas came and went home Sunday.

28th. Finished said fence, and spade garden.

29th. Third Day. Commence hoeing corn.

30th. Fourth Day, hoeing corn.

Seventh Month 1, 1858. Fifth Day, hoeing corn.

2nd. Fishing and went to M. Paine's and to mill. Carried home some flour.

3rd. Seventh Day, went to S. Gill's shop, and I. Conly fixed my steel-yard poise and made me an arrow spike. I hoed corn.

5th. Harvesting for Job Davis, \$1.00.

6th. Went to mill with Tom Lewis. We fetched home my wheat box, barrel, and shovel plow. I helped Tom load up a big cupboard. Hoed corn.

7th. Had Paine's oxen and put in my buckwheat and hoed corn.

8th. Morgan Paine moved his family to Salem. I worked on the road from N. Boley's to Sigler's mill, from thence up new road. W. F. Barger, Supervisor.

10th. Seventh Day, rainy. I went to Isaac Conley's to get some more rye straw. Hoed corn and fixed brush fence.

12th. Had Will and Harman Giberson to help me hoe corn.

13th. Hoed corn.

- 14th. Helped Caleb Giberson hoe corn.
- 15th. Commenced haying for O. M. Wells.
- 16th. Hoeing corn, poled beans, and sowed turnip seed.
- 17th. Seventh Day, rainy. Finished my straw hat. Went to D. Barger's for some rutabaga seed.
- 19th. Haying for O. M. Wells.
- 20th. Very rainy. Mend my pants and boots. Commenced hat for Walter G. Hoed melon patch.
- 21st. Went to Wells's. Ground our scythes and the boys and I went swimming. Came home and finished Walter's hat. At night skunk killed bob hen and five chicks.
- 22nd. Watch killed three skunks in brush fence. I trapped one old one at night. Rainy.
- 23rd. Shelled some corn and went to mill with Cap. Helped him catch and kill a sheep, and tried to catch another.
- 24th. Seventh Day, trying to catch one of Cap's sheep till noon, and could not. P. M., went to Hillsboro on Kid and traded eggs and lard for drygoods.
- 26th. Hoed corn and sowed turnips. Caught a cat fish, 2½ pounds.
- 27th. Rainy. Put rockers on chair, and hunted.
- 28th. Went to Wells's and went fishing. Hoed some and sowed turnips. Rained heavy that night.
- 29th. Went to creek.
- 30th, also 31st. Haying for O. M. Wells.
- Eighth Month, 1 1858. First Day.*
- 2nd. Rainy. Mend my boot and went to creek.
- 3rd. Made Walter a pair of shoes and went to creek.
- 4th, and 5th, and 6th. Haying for O. M. Wells, 75 cents per day.
- 7th. Seventh Day, fix my boot and went to creek hunting. Tom Savage came here and brought a brindle puppy for Wells, two months old.
- 9th. Through haying.
- 14th. Seventh Day. From the 10th to the 14th noon, threshing and haying for O. M. Wells. Very hot all this week. Rain this afternoon.
- 16th, also 17th, 18th and 19th. Haying for O. M. Wells.
- 20th. Went to Hillsboro and bought \$1.70 in goods at Dr. Allen's store on Wells's account.
- 21st. Seventh Day, at home. Fixed the stand, and hunting and went to Uncle William's and from there to the M. E. Camp meeting one mile west of Salem. Stayed until 23rd.
- 24th. Mowed weeds in corn field. Old cow broke out.
- 25th, also 26th, hunting cow. Could not hear of her.
- 27th. Went to trial of John Jolly, Benjamin Weaver, William Stanley, James Stanley, and Joseph Runyon, taken with a state's warrant for throwing eggs into the Masterson Schoolhouse, District No. 2, during a temperance lecture, tried before William Morris, J. P., fined, John Jolly, \$20; Benjamin Weaver, \$15; Joseph Runyon, \$10; James Stanley, \$8, and costs equally divided. William Stanley was acquitted. Going up to

said trial I heard of my cow. She was up at Frederic Endersby's. Went that evening to get her home. Drove her to Rock Creek and she ran away from me. David Seveter came.

28th. Seventh Day, David and I went to Endersby's. Cow was not there. We examined every gang of cattle we could see on the open prairie, but in vain. We then went to Fisher Haise's to wait for the cattle to come up in the evening. In about two hours we heard a bell, and again we went on the prairie, found her in a big gang of cattle, and got her out after some extra running and dodging. We then drove her as far as I. Conley's. There she hid in brush. We passed her by and went home. Then Anna and I went and found her again. Could not coax her. I. Conley helped us drive her home. Then I put a solid poker on her and went to rest.

30th. Went to Wells's with some corn, got some butter, moved the stove and set up lye leach.

31st. Mowing hungarian grass for Captain K.

Ninth Month 1, 1858. Mowed weeds in corn.

2nd. Went to Cap's. Saw Mathew B. Sparks and Sarah Jane Killebrew married. Stayed there all day.

3rd. Worked on the road north of Sigler's mill, and hunting.

4th. Seventh Day, hunting.

6th. A. M., work on schoolhouse well. P. M., went to town meeting. Voted antitax.

7th. Mowing weeds in corn.

8th. Rainy all day. Hunting.

9th. Work on my ticking pants, and gather hazelnuts.

10th. Chopped one log of hickory tree by road, then Arthur Bennett and I tried to find a line between him and me. Went to Wells's. He paid me \$10.50 in cash for haying.

11th. Seventh Day, split some rails and Leonidus Wells and I hunting.

13th. Shell some corn and took it to mill. Fix fence and commence a new one north of field.

14th. A little while working on fence. Rainy.

15th. Hunting and work on fence.

16th. Went to Salem. Came home same day.

Friday, Sep. 17.⁷ John Albert Savage, born 9:15 A. M., our second son. Had Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Brothers, Mrs. Killebrew, and Dr. J. B. Allen.

Saturday, Sep. 18. Kill first turkey of the season. Went to Uncle William's. Had Mr. P. W. Bennett's team. Aunt Mary could not come. Brought home a sow pig Uncle gave me. Got out the same night.

Sept. 20. Went to Cap's. Sent by him to Fairfield for flour. Got 100 pounds, \$3.00. I mowed grass for P. W. Bennett, and his wife took care of Anna.

Sep. 21. Picked some seed corn, and in house.

⁷At this point in the diary Mr. Savage discontinues the use of Friends' style as to dates, etc., and uses the language generally prevalent in his locality.

- Sep. 22.* I went to Cap's and to creek. Commenced cutting up my corn.
- Sep. 23.* Hunting and cutting corn.
- Sep. 24.* In house and gathered seed corn, and some to grind.
- Sat. Sep. 25.* Cut corn and hunted.
- Sep. 27.* Corn cutting and in house.
- Sep. 28.* Cut corn.
- Sep. 29.* Fixed pig pen and went to Jacob Runyon's after Mary pig. Fixed fence and cut corn.
- Sep. 30.* Cut corn and fixed corn field fence.
- Oct. 1, 1858.* Tried to borrow a log chain to haul brush with Caleb Giberson's cattle, but could not get any. Mary pig and old cow got out. I cut some corn.
- Sat. Oct. 2.* Went to Hillsboro to trade 4 dozen eggs. Tom Savage came here.
- Oct. 4.* Mended a pair of shoes for Tom, and went part way home with him. I shot a duck and two squirrels.
- Oct. 5.* Hauling brush with said cattle, and fixed part of a fence.
- Oct. 6.* Rained. I fixed my shoe. The cattle ran away and caught the hook in my shoe tore one side of the sole off. Got some white oak bark for Anna, and hunting. Old cow out again.
- Oct. 7.* Anna very sick. Took cold and it settled inwardly. I was in the house all day.
- Oct. 8.* In house, and went to hunt a squirrel for Anna. Shot my second turkey this season. Got one squirrel, got some bark, and cut some corn.
- Sat., Oct. 9.* In house, and finished cutting corn, 24 shocks. Shot one prairie chicken in cherry tree.
- Oct. 11.* Went up on prairie to hunt old cow. Did not find her. Went to Thadeus Clark's, heard cow was north in timber.
- Oct. 12.* Rainy. Went to Cap's after my tools. Shell some corn and took it to mill and got it ground, then went to J. Runyon's and fetched Mary pig home again.
- Oct. 13.* Found cow on summer creek bottom, but could not drive her home. Then mowed some buckwheat.
- Oct. 14.* Went to T. Clark's to see if cow had come up. Had not, so I cut corn for Cap.
- Oct. 15.* Cut corn for Cap, and at night I went to Bennett's cotillion party.
- Sat., Oct. 16.* A. M., cut corn for Cap. P. M., went to school meeting and to T. Clark's.
- Oct. 18.* Rainy. Fixed cradle and hunting with Leonidus Wells.
- Oct. 19.* Finished cutting my buckwheat, and went to Job Davis' sale and brought old cow home. T. Clark had her in a lot.
- Oct. 20.* Cutting corn for Cap Killebrew $\frac{3}{4}$ of day.
- Oct. 21.* Went to Hillsboro, traded one dozen eggs for box of matches, and took an oilcloth cloak to make for Dr. James Boyd Allen. Also made hog pen.

Oct. 22. P. W. Bennett and I went north side of creek and mowed some grass to cover sheds. Set up my buckwheat. Gave Giberson notice that I should open the road on my east line.

Oct. 23. Went to mill and helped Bennett's drive a cow into their stable.

Sun., Oct. 24. John and Tom came here.

Oct. 25. Helped Bennett kill said cow. I mended John's boots at night. We went cooning. John and Tom went home. We killed two opossums.

(To be continued.)

THE FIRST JUDGE OF IOWA

The first court ever held in Iowa was presided over by David Irvin. He was a native of Albemarle County, Virginia, and commenced the practice of law in that state, at Harrisonburg. He was a young man of much promise, and in 1834 was appointed by President Jackson, judge to officiate in that portion of what was then Michigan which lay west of the lakes. His district embraced the country extending west to the Missouri and White Earth rivers, and north to the northern boundary of the United States.

In 1836 the Territory of Wisconsin was organized and embraced all this country; and of the three Judges appointed for the new territory Irvin became one, and the district to which he was assigned embraced all that part of the territory which was west of the Mississippi River, and he came to Burlington and made it his home till the Territory of Iowa was organized. He then went back to Wisconsin, and by successive appointments he retained the judgeship there till that territory became a state. In 1848 that territory assuming a state government, his office expired and he removed to Texas where he resided till his death.

When Judge Irvin first came west it was comparatively one vast wilderness. At the time he took up his residence in Burlington, the place contained scarcely three hundred inhabitants, and there were only about ten thousand whites within the present limits of Iowa.—C. Negus in the *Dollar Monthly and Old Settlers Memorial*, Vol. 3, No. 6, p. 5, in Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.

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