

DIARY OF JOHN H. KNAPP  
FORT MADISON, IOWA  
1851  
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Friday, March 14, 1851

Henry Eno Knapp was born to day in the afternoon. Son of John H. Knapp & Carrie Maria Knapp.

Saturday, March 15

I fear much for Carrie as a large majority of ladies that have been confined this spring have died of Puerperal Fever. It seems to be very fatal.

Sunday, March 16

My anxiety about Carrie for fear of what might take place, is intense. Yet she improves & is very well under the Circumstances.

Thursday, March 20

Through the great blessing of a merciful Providence dear Carrie & our little boy are both doing well.

Tuesday, March 25

Started to St. Louis to purchase supplies for Mill in the Pinery. Left, at noon in stage to R-- & for S. B. Die Vernon for St Louis

Wednesday, March 26

On the Die Vernon going down Stream.

Thursday, March 27

Awoke this morning in St L-- & find I am quite unwell Went to various houses that I purchased of last fall & paid up. Bought & had shipped two or three Bills goods (?) for Dr. Franklin for 1,40 c pr hundred to Lake Went to see Miss Cushman

Friday, March 28

Buying goods during the day. In the evening went with J. C. Davis to Odd Fellows Hall & visited Missonnic Lodge No 11. Spent a pleasant evening

Saturday, March 29

Collected Bills of Goods—Intended to start home but the boat left to soon Went to Bates New Theatre in the evening & saw Miss C Cushman as Julia in the Hunchback My birthday 26 years old to day

Sunday, March 30

To day at 11 oclck left St Louis on Dr. Franklin No. 2 about 130 cabin passengers on board. Met with Mr. Brewster & he goes up in same boat

Monday, March 31

Arrived at Keokuk about dusk. Got my trunk &c which came up on the Kate Kearney. Had a dance on board in the evening & singing

Tuesday, April 1

Got home today about 10 oclck—found folks as well as could be expected

Wednesday, April 2

Paid Samuel Williams Bal I owed him on note of 250\$ Attended singing school in the evening

Thursday, April 3

Made arrangements for some corn & oats to ship up the River & attended to various items of business

Friday, April 4

To day Jonas & I went to Carthage on horseback to pay taxes on some land. We came back to within two miles of the river & staid over night at Mr. Tulls. We rode all the afternoon in the hardest cold storm I was ever out in

Saturday, April 5

This morning started in a heavy driving snow storm. Snow foot deep on the level – more than we have had all winter. Had to help repair the Ferry Boat before we could cross Got home about 6 oclck P M

Sunday April 6

Went to church Rev Mr Lyman preached

Monday, April 7

Getting read to go up to the Pinery

Tuesday, April 8

Court met to day

Wednesday, April 9

Rec'd some Pork Lard & corn & getting it ready to ship.

Thursday, April 10

The Dr. Franklin No 2 came up about 6 oclck P.M. & I took passage for Lake Pepin & shipped my freight on board

Friday, April 11

Getting along slowly our boat having but one wheel Saw Branham & H. S. Allen at Muscatine. Got to Rock Island about 11 oclck

Saturday, April 12

The Yankee overtook us above Albany & made fast to our boat to help us along Got into Galena late in the evening

Sunday, April 13

Laid in Galena nearly all day – rained pretty much all the time. Paid Nominee Freight Bill 69.87 dolls. The No. 2. shipped her frt. & passengers on the Yankee & we left on her about dark Saw Mr & Mrs Rice about 12 oclck P.M.

Monday, April 14

Arrived at Prairie du Chien this afternoon. Sent J. S. Lockwood 100\$ to be endorsed on my note for Mr. Pelton

Tuesday, April 15

Was very sick last night—was taken about 12 oclck at night with vomiting & purging(?) & not able to sit up much during the day. Arrived at Read's Landing in the evening

Wednesday, April 16

Went over to Nelsons Landing to day & back & then took two men with me & paddled up to Wm Newcom's place & staid all night

Thursday, April 17

Got a horse of old man Newcom this morning & with my two men started for the mill. Travelled hard all day sometimes on foot sometimes on horseback. Dark overtook us in the Gap but we still traveled on

Friday, April 18

As we could not get through to the Lower Mill last night on account of the darkness we staid in a cabin 3 miles below & had no bed or supper & had rather a cold night-- to day out. Got breakfast at Mr. Ballards & then went to Upper Mill

Saturday, April 19

Spent the day in reading from the fatigue of the journey from the Lake & looking about at the New Mill &c which I find advancing rapidly to completion

Sunday, April 20

Got on a horse & rode down to see Mr Ballards folks at the Lower Mill Menomonie River Chippewa County Wisconsin. After dinner returned home viz(?) to Upper Mill alias Knapp & Tainter Mill

Monday, April 21

Made out my cash a/c's & then took a short tramp up the River hunting. Tainter came down to day & Brown & Vance. Ballard came up to the Mill

Tuesday, April 22

Have been making out a/c's &c. Help eat five cans oysters Went fishing on the opposite side of the river from the Mill by the Dam & two of us caught a barrel & a half in about half an hour

Wednesday, April 23

Settled with Mr. Wilson all a/c's to date. Left \$107.80 with Tainter to pay hands &c at Mill

Thursday, April 24

Mr. Wilson & self started for Willow River on St. Croix Lake – Left the Mill at 6 ¼ oclck A.M. on horseback Arriving at Willow River at dusk –distance 50 miles & very bad roads Mr. Wilson went to Land Office & preempted the Land about the Mill

Friday, April 25

We looked about the Town of Willow River & went up to the New Saw Mill there. It runs very well but is rather a weak concern altogether. No boat came up to date

Saturday, April 26

This forenoon the Dr. Franklin No. 2. came up & we took passage on board. Sent one of our horses back home by land & took one on board. The boat went to Stillwater, St. Paul, Ft. Snelling &c&c same day.

Sunday, April 27

Sunday Morning found us at Reads Landing Lake Pepin where we left the horse. Same evening about 5 oclck the boat touched at Prairie du Chien – called 180 miles from Lake Pepin

Monday, April 28

The boat lay at Cassville nearly all night & until noon to day taking in freight. Stopped at Dubuque a few minutes & called on Mrs. Rice – there youngest child was very sick – Got into Galena same evening – stopped at the Am. House. Visited Wildez(?) Lodge No 5 I.O.O.F. in the evening.

Tuesday, April 29

Got on board the Dr. Franklin & went down with the intentions of stopping at Albany to try & sell some lumber. Have a raft of 3000000 on the way down. Did not stop at Albany—went down to R. Island Mr. Nelson from Stillwater on board & we were nearly all the passengers

Wednesday, April 30

Staid on board the boat last night & returned to Albany this morning—But cannot affect a sale of lumber. Took stage from R. Island. Arrived there about 3 oclck – I crossed to Davenport to see Wm Howard & thence back to R. Island

Thursday, May 1

Crossed over to Davenport in sail boat in company with Mr. N. B. Buford – Collected 200\$ of Mr. Howard which I paid to Mr. Buford on some castings for the mill. – Went back to R. I. & Mr. Vandoorn of Quincy & self returned to Davenport & put up at LeClaire House

Friday, May 2

We left Davenport this morning at 4 ocl'k on stage for Muscatine distant 30 miles where we arrived to breakfast at 11 ocl'k a.m. Took tea at Mr Parmer's (?) – Telegraphed to Quincy

Saturday, May 3

I have been waiting two or three days for a steamboat to come down so that I might go home. I set up until 12 ocl'k p.m. & the Danube came down crowded with passengers – I took passage Went to bed at 2 o'clk

Sunday, May 4

Got home to day about 10 ocl'k Found family all well & the baby grown quite large

Monday, May 5

Dr. Franklin No. 2 came up this forenoon & I shipped 50 Bbls Mess Pork to Lake Pepin. Very busy all day

Tuesday, May 6

Attended to various matters Made arrangements to sell Lumber Yard to Mr Hale entirely

Wednesday, May 7

Took passage on the Highland Mary No. 2 this morning & went to Oquawka My raft arrived there same evening. I stopped at the Pioneer House & it is much better kept than it used to be

Thursday, May 8

Sold 25,000 lath to Jamison & Moir a 2.25 pr M. It being such a windy day the raft could not run so I took passage on the Excelsior & went to Burlington to see what chance there would be to sell Lumber there

Friday, May 9

Found the Raft here this morning. Sold Mr. Rand 50 M. shingles & 2 cribs lumber & 8,000 lath Sold J. S. Kimball & Co 101,000 shingles a 2.60 pr M Sold several smaller lots of shingles & lath to various persons Went on board of the raft in the evening & slept all night

Saturday, May 10

When I awoke on the raft this morning we were floating down below Burlington. The wind rose very high & we had to lay to about 10 miles below B.—for the remainder of the day & night also

Sunday, May 11

The Musquitoes were exceedingly bad last night & between them & the rain I did not have a very good nights rest Started the raft early & ran down to Dallas & tied up. I then walked to Pontoosoic(?) two miles came home from there in sail boat

Monday, May 12

Rainy day – Sold Raft to Mr Hale & to J. R. Atlees (?) & J. Johnson & a small portion to Jno Wilson Jno Wilson paid 110\$ on his amt – balance to be paid when drawn out ac

Tuesday, May 13

Drew 500\$ of Atlee & Johnson to send to Fergus & Buford of R. Island. Set up until 12 oclk p.m. trying to settle Lumber yard accounts

Wednesday, May 14

Sent money to Fergus & Buford to be credited on Bill of Castings (500\$) Paid Mr Lyman 3\$ Measured lumber to Jno Wilson – in the two cribs there were 23,293 ft & also 17,100 lath. 13,500 shingles

Thursday, May 15

Measured some siding at yard

Friday, May 16

Measured lumber at the River to T Hale & Co River rising Very rainy

Saturday, May 17

Rainy day but nevertheless finished measuring Hale & Co's lot of lumber 109,140 – ft.

Sunday, May 18

Staid at home. Atlee & Johnson & Hale are all engaged with as many teams as possible getting hauling the lumber up from the River –it is rising very fast

Monday, May 19

At home & trying to have Balance of the lumber measured

Tuesday, May 20

Sam. Williams & Chad Martin measured the lumber which I sold to Atlee & Johnson. There is 102000 ft

Wednesday, May 21

Rec'd \$484.15 fro Atlee & Johnson & took their notes due 20<sup>th</sup> June for 250\$ which settles the amt. sold to them

Thursday, May 22

Rec'd 400\$ from T. Hale & Co. on lumber. Started for St Louis pier(?) Highland Mary No. 2 about 2 oclk p.m.

Friday, May 23

Arrived at St. Louis 2 oclk p.m. & settled various bills Went to see Mr. Collins play at the old Theatre in the evening.

Saturday, May 24

Made some purchases & finished what business I have here at present & started at 4 ½ oclk on Highland Mary No. 2 for Ft. Madison

Sunday, May 25

Travelling rapidly River high & over the banks

Monday, May 26

Got home about 2 oclk A.M. having made a very quick trip to St Louis & back

Tuesday, May 27

Mother Almeda & John Douglas left in company with Mrs Kilbourne for New York -- Went on the Oswego about 8 oclk A M

Wednesday, May 28

Regulating papers writing letters &c

Thursday, May 29

Jonah started for Chicago last evening on board Dr. Franklin No. 2. I picked a quart of very fine strawberries from my orchard lot – first of the season

Friday, May 30

Started to Burlington on board the Murtha (?) No. 2. in the forenoon. Deposited 424.62 dolls at E. W. Clark & Co's Banking House to meet our acceptance favor of McCartney & Hamilton Started home about 10 o'clk p.m.

Saturday, May 31

Landed off the "Minnesota" about 2 ocl'k A.M Paid Jno Murray(?) Jos. Sexton, Francis Dumas & Nicholas Hemmer – hands from the Mill – over 300\$ due them for work

Sunday, June 1

Little, McDonald & self went down to my orchard lot & picked about 10 qts Strawberries in a very short time. I wrote to Mr. Eno Got ready to start up the river

Monday, June 2

Did not get off to day Boat passed too early for me. Wrote to J. (?) S. Lockwood. Waited for a boat all day with much anxiety

Tuesday, June 3

Twenty minutes before 11 o'clock A.M. the Steamer Fleetwood came up & I took passage for R. Island & Davenport Water very high. The Mississippi is higher than it has been before since 1828

Wednesday, June 4

Arrived at Davenport 5 ½ o'clock A.M. Sold Howards Note for 519.78 Dollars to Cook & Brother for 479.79 Paid Fergus & Buford on castings 500.\$ Saw Mr. Percy. Took passage on "Minnesota" for Galena 6 P.M.

Thursday, June 5

Arrived at Galena – paid Horatio Dix's note to I & I (or J. & J.?) Carter & Co 253.81 Left for Dubuque on the Dr Franklin. Arrived about 4 o'clock. Paid I.(?)P. Farley & Co Bal of our a/c 483.80 Stopped at Mr. Rice's

Friday, June 6

Took passage for Galena in stage at 3 o'clock. Mired down once & walked one third of the way Got into Galena 8 o'clock P.M. Put up at the American House

Saturday, June 7

Took passage on the Steamer Danube for Ft. Madison – Left Galena at 11 o'clock A.M. Heard of my raft at Albany

Sunday, June 8

Arrived at Ft. Madison 9 o'clock – found Mrs Rice with Kate & the babe (?) on a visit – so Carrie has not been as lonely as I feared she might be

Monday, June 9

Paid Roger 100\$ & Tom Love 231.25 Dollars. In the afternoon Love & I rode out to Jonas to look at his oxen

Tuesday, June 10

Took Carrie, Mrs. Rice & the children a riding Went to Jona's. Brought Sarah Bates in to work for us

Wednesday, June 11

About home working in Garden &c&c

Thursday, June 12

Went to look at some work oxen – but did not buy any –Jonas returned from Chicago The River is falling – but the rainy weather continues still

Friday, June 13

The Raft arrived this evening. Rec'd of T. Hale & Co. 310\$. There is in the raft about 160. to 190. M ft lumber & 193.500 shingles

Saturday, June 14

Settled with four men that came down on the Raft. Paid them about 308\$ Mr & Mrs Rice Mrs. Guthrie & Mrs. Corriell visited us this afternoon

Sunday, June 15

Attended church this forenoon Mr. Lyman preached his farewell sermon from John 15-5 "For I am the tree – ye are the branches" &c Very rainy weather

Monday, June 16

Sold my raft to T. Hale & Co with the reserve of one crib lumber & 20 M shingles – Rec'd. Bal. of Mr. Jones 25\$ in full of all demands to date

Tuesday, June 17

Recd of T Hale & Co 310\$ Paid John Gilbert 160.84 with what he rec'd for lumber & Canoe

Wednesday, June 18

Bot. 303 bushels corn of Zimmerman & Conrad at 24 cents sacks returned Thomas & Eliza Wilson came down to day. Have been very busy all day getting ready to ship on Dr Franklin No. 2.

Thursday, June 19

The Boat came up this morning about 10. ocl'k Mrs. Rice went up on it & I shipped my freight Paid to the Dr Franklin No. 2. 342.65 Dolls & to Zimmerman & Conrad for corn 62.72 including sacks sold them

Friday, June 20

Rode out to Grahams in the forenoon with Rogers to look at some oxen. Measured some lumber to Crane & Jonas in the afternoon. Sent letter to Mrs Rice.

Saturday, June 21

Finished tacking up Grape vines – fixed cistern pump & c

Sunday, June 22

Wrote to Mother & also to Almeda. Attended church in forenoon & heard Mr Armstrong preach

Monday, June 23

Paid J. R. Buckley amt. due him at Mill \$173.00 Rec'd of T Hale & Co 200\$

Tuesday, June 24

Measured lumber to day in the afternoon being indisposed in the forenoon Paid Wm Switzer 96.10

Wednesday, June 25

Thomas Hale & I finished measuring the raft to day

Thursday, June 26

Tore off the roof of the buttery & commenced laying a new roof. It rained very hard in the afternoon so I had to leave my roofing for another day Forenoon excessively warm

Friday, June 27

Finished roofing buttery & helped Mr Hesser put up lightning rod for which I pay him \$6.00. Paid Blott for hauling sod \$1.80 Rec'd. a letter from Almeda

Saturday, June 28

Sick to day. Wrote to J. P. Farley Dubuque & sent Telegraph Dispatch to him also in relation to corn which I wish him to purchase for us Wrote to E. I. Eno. Heavy rains still continue Rec'd a letter from Madison Seely

Sunday, June 29

Sung some church music with Mr Little Wrote to Wm Wilson & B H Campbell & Co Paid James Jacobs 40.70 Rec'd. a letter from Mr. Wilson

Monday, June 30

Help some at making hay & attended to various matters of business. Paid McOlgan 1500 for 172 Mulberry posts Attended Empire Lodge No 31 in the evening

Tuesday, July 1

Made hay &c. Paid Isaac Henshaw 7.39 Made out Bills Lading to ship his household goods to Lake Pepin

Wednesday, July 2

Attending to hay-making &c

Thursday, July 3

Wrote to C M Clark Bros & Co to buy draft on St Louis for 250.50(?) dolls

Friday, July 4

Carrie & I went to a Pic-Nic on the hill near D F Miller residence Eat, Danced eat Ice Cream &c. Dr. Franklin No. 2 came up about 5 oclk P.M. Shipped some frt. a/c. Fire works in the evening

Saturday, July 5

Forwarded a draft rec'd yesterday from Burlington to F. Crow McCreevy(?) & Co St Louis Bought another draft on Boston from 308\$ of Fox Epps(?) & Fields

Sunday, July 6

Carrie & I rode out to Jona's taking the baby – Henry along with us—returned about 5 o'clock We went to Mrs. Guthrie's in the evening, saw Mr Corriell who has just returned from California

Monday, July 7

Wrote to Mr Eno & also Stacey (?) Rogers & Crow McCreevy & Co Hauled hay in the afternoon

Tuesday, July 8

Finished hauling hay Tomorrow shall start up the river -- if a boat comes

Wednesday, July 9

Left home for Excelsior about noon. Several acquaintances got on at Burlington. We set up late

Thursday, July 10

Our boat runs slow & stops too long at the various Landings Saw Col. Buford at R. Island

Friday, July 11

Arrived at Galena in the night or rather this morning. Bot some articles from B. H. Campbell & Co & had them shipped to Read's Landing Saw John Gilbert & rec'd two letters from Tainter & Wilson

Saturday, July 12

Got to Dubuque yesterday afternoon. Called to day at the various lumber yards – Made no engagement – Had 385 Sacks corn shipped yesterday for Excelsior. Stopped at Mr. Rice's

Sunday, July 13

Attended church twice. Wrote to Almeda & also to Carrie. Spent the day very pleasantly. I shall be detained a week here & at P. du. Chien on account of the raft not coming as soon as I expected

Monday, July 14

Sent a letter to my wife & Sister Almeda. Engaged to saw a small bill of lumber for Langworthy & Stout, a 10.50 per M Took passage on the Nominee(?) in the evening for P du Chien

Tuesday, July 15

Arrived at P du Chien this morning just after breakfast. Saw Mr. Lockwood about an amt. due him In the evening there was a Biological Lecture at the Hotel where I stopped & afterwards a dance

Wednesday, July 16

Walked up around about & in Old Ft. Crawford in the forenoon In the evening attended another Lecture & exhibition of Animal Magnetism. It proved to be a complete hoax. Danced afterwards until late

Thursday, July 17

John Gilbert came down this afternoon. Went to bed early expecting to start down the river on my raft early in the morning

Friday, July 18

This morning the wind blows so hard against this shore that we cannot start. Sold 20 M. shingles to Moreau(?) for 2.74 pr M. Took a walk in the afternoon back of P du Chien with Jno Gilbert

Saturday, July 19

Wind blows so we cannot start. It is very dull times for me to be staying here when I want to be at home with my wife & child There is no place like home – in the bosom of one's family Staid on the Raft all day

Sunday, July 20

Left P. du Chien this morning 4 o'clk. Had a very pleasant day –landed at night four miles above Wells Ferry having run about 43 miles No. 2. Franklin passed up just as we landed

Monday, July 21

Landed at Dubuque about 10 o'clk Sold Mr. Farley 55 M Shingles or 2.75 Paid him 201.25 on corn & Mr Rice 12.5 on Poores order. Rec'd two letters from Carrie. Took passage for home on Robt Fulton

Tuesday, July 22

Staid in Galena last night & all day to day waiting for the boat to start north to Wilson Musquitoes were so bad last night I had to leave the boat & go to the American House to stay all night

Wednesday, July 23

We left Galena early this morning. Found the raft at Albany. Called on Mr Gilberts family & took tea at Mrs. Whitcomb's – Boat was all night in loading it few(?) places

Thursday, July 24

Was at R Island about breakfast time – Arrived at Muscatine just after dinner – concluded to stop & wait here for the raft & try & sell it. Took tea at Mr L Parmers

Friday, July 25

Went to the Post Office to get some 3 cent pieces & found much to my satisfaction a letter there from Carrie

Saturday, July 26

Waited all day patiently for the Raft to come down Rode up the River about 8 miles to see if I could see it but no success Heard unwelcome news from Ft. Madison about the cholera

Sunday, July 27

About ½ after 3 oclk this morning took passage on the Danube for home Arrived about 1 oclk P.M. Bad news here much excitement in relation to the Cholera

Monday, July 28

Not very well to day Paid J H Alexander 147. 76 dolls & Wm Johnson 18.75 Dolls  
Took a dose of Blue Mep (?) and went to bed

Tuesday, July 29

Felt Pretty weak all day – from effects of medicine Very heavy rain last night. Sent letters to Dubuque

Wednesday, July 30

Paid Rogers 15\$ & sent 200\$ to E W Clark Bros & Co of Burlington to buy a draft in St Louis.

Thursday, July 31

Sent 148\$ to Burlington to buy draft on St Louis to pay our note to King & Carey. Went out to Jona's & in the afternoon commenced to put up the hay in stack but found it to wet

Friday, August 1

The raft arrived to day commenced stacking the Timothy hay in the afternoon. Tried to dispose of the raft but did not succeed

Saturday, August 2

Settled with John Gilbert & he started up to the Lake again Weather rainy & bad for out door work

Sunday, August 3

Went to church. Mr. Strong the new minister preached. The congregation was very small The discourse was good Wrote to Almeda, Mr Eno & others.

Monday, August 4

The Excelsior came up & I paid the clerk \$9.90 dolls. Being Bal. on corn bot. at Dubuque & frt. On same

County Elections came off to day. Eder Johnston is elected County Judge

Tuesday, August 5

Tried to sell the raft to Atlee & Johnson. Made some mosquito Bar frames

Wednesday, August 6

Busy about home & trying to sell piece of land to a Dutchman

Thursday, August 7

Have concluded to draw my raft out rather than let it lay in the river while I go to the Mill

Friday, August 8

Had 5 men commence drawing lumber today – Cannot sell to the dealers here Went out to Jona's in company with Stacy Rogers

Saturday, August 9

Bought a horse of Jonas for riding – had him shod Paid Rogers 234\$ for Hashbagen & 50\$ to pay expenses of driving cattle to the Pinery

Sunday, August 10

It rained very hard in the forenoon Attended church in the afternoon 3 oclk Rev Mr Strong preached his second sermon in this place

Monday, August 11

Attended to having lumber drawn –

Tuesday, August 12

Sold my raft now lying here to Fox, Epps, & Fields of Dlumant (?) Lumber @ \$10.50 pr M Shingles @ 2.75 pr M Bought 50 Bbls Mips(?) of F. E. & F @ \$14.50 pr Bbl

Wednesday, August 13

Commenced measuring lumber. In the afternoon it rained so that could not measure full day – got pretty mad(?)

Thursday, August 14

Finished measuring raft to day. There is 73225 ft lumber & 15 ½ M Shingles

Friday, August 15

Attended to various matters getting ready to go up to the Mill Bought 21 bushels red wheat a 65 cents

Saturday, August 16

Settled with Fox Ehbr & F The amt sold to them was \$1021.62. Bought two wheat Fans. Paid sundry small bills amounting to \$52.80. Paid note to W A Thurston 50\$ f lat (lath?) to Mr Douglass 20\$

Sunday, August 17

Went to church & heard our new minister preach a very good discourse

Monday, August 18

Left home immediately after breakfast on board Dr Franklin No. 2. for the Pinery

Tuesday, August 19

Arrived in Galena in the afternoon & will lay over until to-morrow Visited one of the Odd Fellows Lodges in the evening

Wednesday, August 20

Purchased some supplies for the Mill & left Galena about noon. Stopped at Dubuque about an hour Saw Mrs. Rice – Mr R was in school – Paid 17\$ on Poors order

Thursday, August 21

Steaming away up the river on the No. 2.

Friday, August 22

Arrived at Reads landing in the morning & after receiving our freight, started in company with Mr. Carson for the Au Gallette Mills. Left the Lake about 10 oclk & walked to the Au Gallett. 25 miles

Saturday, August 23

I was completely worn out with my walk yesterday being very weak Mr. Carson let me have his horse to ride home on Took dinner at Mr Bullards & got to our mill about 4 oclk P.M.

Sunday, August 24

Rested from the fatigue of my journey. I find myself worn out & very weak – only weigh 112 ½ lbs – having fallen away some 23 lbs since I was at the Mill before.

Monday, August 25

Went hunting & fishing & over to see the farm Caught 5 trout & killed 3 Prairie Chickens & a squirrel Begin to feel better

Tuesday, August 26

Men are to work at the dam. The Mill will probably not be running in less than three weeks

Wednesday, August 27

At the mill – not doing much except trying to recruit my health which is getting better every day

Thursday, August 28

Went to Bullards in company with Vance on our small boat--from there went up the creek & both caught a mess of trout & came back to the mill on our large boat

Friday, August 29

Scaled Brown & Vances Logs & did some writing

Saturday, August 30

Went over to the farm Killed five pigeons

Sunday, August 31

For the first time since my acquaintance with this place we had preaching on the Sabbath Rev Mr Mane of the Methodist denomination preached in the mens boarding house from John 3<sup>rd</sup> 16 verse

Monday, September 1

Heavy rains have set on for two or three days past – the Menomonie is rising. Busy all day posting books making settlements &c

Tuesday, September 2

Settled our firm accounts & prepared to go down the River to-morrow Weather very warm

Wednesday, September 3

Left the Mill at 9 oc'lk in a canoe to go to Lake Pepin. A man got in to the canoe at the Middle Mill to go down with me – reached Lake Pepin about 10 ½ oclk P.M. Wind blew all day

Thursday, September 4

Settled with C R Read Bal due me \$91.28 which he gave K & J credit on F. S. Richards Books for that amt Got on the Nominee about 8 oclk P.M. to go to Dubuque

Friday, September 5

Arrived at Dubuque in the afternoon Went up to Mr Rice's was disappointed in not finding any letters here from Carrie

Saturday, September 6

Went to see the new Dredge Boat. Called at the Lumber offices &c

Sunday, September 7

Went to Church twice during the day & to Monthly (?) Concert in the evening Rev Mr Holbrook preach'd

Monday, September 8

Took passage on S. B. Lamastine (?) for home 10 oclck A.M. Went over to Galena & got left by L-- as also did Mr. Stripe – Got on Dr. Franklin No. 2 & overtook the L-- at Savannah Had a race between the boats

Tuesday, September 9

Last night while racing with the No. 2 our yawl went overboard with three men in it & the boat rounded to as soon as the alarm was given & we found them all alive clinging to the capsized boat

Wednesday, September 10

Arrived at Ft. Madison at 3 oclck A.M. found family all well – The musquitoes were so bad that I got very little sleep on board the Steam boat

Thursday, September 11

Rode out to Jona's & took Thos Love out with me We tried my new horse Fox before A buggy for the first time Called at Mr Littles & Mr Johnstons in company with Carrie

Friday, September 12

Mr Little & self went hunting pigeons – took dinner at Jonas – I killed 5 pigeons & 1 squirrel & 1 bluebird Mr L killed 1 pigeon

Saturday, September 13

I rode out to Mr Grahams – Assisted him to measure some land Took dinner there Weather extremely warm dry & dusty & it has been so far nearly two weeks

Sunday, September 14

Rainy day. Dr Franklin No. 2 came up & I shipped Roger's folks. Men women & children about 30 in all went to hear Mr. Knig (?) preach. Was much disappointed in his mode of delivery his discourse

Monday, September 15

Paid 20\$ on Note to Edw E Lyon – Paid Rogers Bill at Madison House & for handling (?) him is \$9.80

Tuesday, September 16

Made bargain with a going(?) Englishman he to furnish paints & paint. The Cornice up stairs rooms –paint kitchen door & fence in front – two coats all round for 12\$ Commenced whitewashing fence Shipped Hoggatt & family up

Wednesday, September 17

Busy at home

Thursday, September 18

Got Mr. Marseil to come to work at stable & in the afternoon Mr Berry came & we went out & surveyed & establishing the boundaries of several of my lots—

Friday, September 19

This forenoon went out & established the boundaries of several more lots of land. Paid Mr Berry for surveying 4\$ Finished working at the stable in the afternoon

Saturday, September 20

Mr. Marseil & self made a chicken coop &c. Looked over account with T. Hale & Co. The past week has been a very busy one for me & I have tired enough every night Took two degrees this evening

Sunday, September 21

Wrote to H Eno & to Almeda took a bath in the river

Monday, September 22

Got ready to start to St Louis to purchase goods Weather begins to grow cooler – considerable rain

Tuesday, September 23

The Dr. Franklin No 2 came down after dinner & I took passage for St Louis

Wednesday, September 24

Arrived in St Louis about 10 oclk A.M. Payed up what we were owing for goods

Thursday, September 25

Busy all day buying various kinds Goods Went to the Theatre in the evening & saw Holland & I.(or J.?) M. Field play in several pieces

Friday, September 26

Finished principal purchases

Saturday, September 27

Bought some Furniture Feathers &c &c Left St Louis for home on Franklin No. 2 at 4 oclk

Sunday, September 28

Getting along slowly up the river

Monday, September 29

Arrived at Ft Madison early in the forenoon & found my family all well

Tuesday, September 30  
About home

Wednesday, October 1  
Went out to Jona's & then he & I put my horse to the buggy & went to Denmark – Bot 10  
Bbls Mess Pork of Fox Eppe & Fields @ 15\$ pr Bbl

Thursday, October 2  
Rode my pony to Pontoomc to see a man about some money for F S Richards -- & to try  
& buy some Flour – could not get either

Friday, October 3  
Busy getting ready to go up to the Pinery for the last time this fall

Monday, October 6  
Left home this morning between 4 & 5 oc'lk Jonas & Mr Hale accompanying  
Wednesday, October 8

At Galena. Met with Myra O Field on the boat quite unexpectedly

Thursday, October 9  
At Dubuque in the morning

Saturday, October 11  
Late this evening landed on the eastern shore of Lake Pepin at Newcoms – staid all night

Sunday, October 12  
Jonas & I mounted our horses & rode through to the Mill where we arrived 10 ocl'k P.M.  
Rained all day

Monday, October 13  
Went into the new Mill this morning & was surprised to find how well the Mill, Gang, &  
all parts of it working

Monday, October 20  
Tainter & I started up to the Hay River Country to see the various Logging companies—  
Pine &c &c Staid at Jack Northrops over night

Tuesday, October 21  
Went up to Rogers & thence up to Tainters place –got there at noon & remained until  
next day 9 ocl'k Snowed during the night

Wednesday, October 22  
Started homeward – Stopped at Rogers & completed & signed an Article of Agreement in  
relation to Logging Help scale some logs at Thompsons – staid there all night.

Thursday, October 23

Started for the Mill early Weather very cold –frosted my feet Got to the Mill about dinner time distance from Thompsons to Mill 23 miles

Monday, October 27

Monday left the Mill in the big Boat & run out to the Lake by 8 ocl'k P.M.

Tuesday, October 28

Got on board the Excelsior in the evening. Mrs. Henshaw was in my charge – going below to spend the winter Boat run very slow having broken one wheel

Thursday, October 30

Laid by considerable for fog last night – got into Dubuque about 11 ocl'k A.M. to day. My Raft came down soon after. Found Carrie & Henry & Myra at Mr Rice's

Friday, October 31

Took stage for Galena at 1 ocl'k P.M.

Saturday, November 1

Made some purchases for the Mill. Paid Bal on Chase's Note & Bal on Note to McCauley & 250\$ to B H Campbell & Co notes(?) Paid Dr Franklin Bal on pt due them

Sunday, November 2

Got into the stage at 8 ocl'k for Dubuque Paid Nominee before I left the amt due them for pt.

Wednesday, November 5

This afternoon left Dubuque on Dr. Franklin No. 2 for home

Thursday, November 6

Left Galena at 10 ocl'k a.m.

Friday, November 7

In the evening about 9 ocl'k landed at Ft M. & right glad to get home once more

Saturday, November 8

Raft arrived tonight

Thursday, December 18

We found the river closed with ice this morning The ice has been running for several days The Thermometer on Monday was 15 degrees below zero.

