

DIARY OF OSCAR TRASK 1863

| JANUARY | | |
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| THURS | JAN 1, 1863 | <i>John Stanleyⁱ is here. Have been hunting all day. Cloudy with some rain.</i> |
| FRI | JAN 2, 1863 | <i>Hunting with John and Mr. Wright. Mr. Wright shot six geese. Cold and windy.</i> |
| SAT | JAN 3, 1863 | <i>Mr. Wright and myself and John are hunting as yesterday. Very good luck. Shot 7. Very fine day.</i> |
| SUN | JAN 4, 1863 | <i>Mr. Wright and John and myself have been up to the coal mines. Enjoyed ourselves very well. Cloudy with some rain.</i> |
| MON | JAN 5, 1863 | <i>Have been to Facker (?) with John who is on his way to S. Francese. Paid thirty dollars of Mr. Wright. Also paid John \$30.</i> |
| TUE | JAN 6, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (1)</i> |
| WED | JAN 7, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (2)</i> |
| THURS | JAN 8, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (3)</i> |
| FRI | JAN 9, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (4)</i> |
| SAT | JAN 10, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (5)</i> |
| SUN | JAN 11, 1863 | <i>Reading and writing. Wrote a letter to father.</i> |
| MON | JAN 12, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (6)</i> |
| TUE | JAN 13, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (7)</i> |
| WED | JAN 14, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. (8)</i> |
| THURS | JAN 15, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. (9)</i> |
| FRI | JAN 16, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (10)</i> |
| SAT | JAN 17, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Framing wood etc. In the evening and went up to John _____ to see if they had got a letter for me.</i> |
| SUN | JAN 18, 1863 | <i>Went out hunting in the morning. Shot one goose and one duck. Wrote a letter to John Stanley.</i> |
| MON | JAN 19, 1863 | <i>Have been to Pacheco (?) and had two letters from home and one from John Stanley. Also got my teeth fixed. Paid six dollars and \$5/50 of Mr. Wright.</i> |
| TUE | JAN 20, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Cloudy and cold. (11)</i> |
| WED | JAN 21, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (12)</i> |
| THURS | JAN 22, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (13)</i> |
| FRI | JAN 23, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (14)</i> |
| SAT | JAN 24, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Chopping wood. Cold and windy. (15)</i> |
| SUN | JAN 25, 1863 | <i>Have been hunting this morning. Shot two geese and also three ducks. Do not feel well. Have a headache.</i> |
| MON | JAN 26, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Went to the _____ after hogs. (16)</i> |
| TUES | JAN 27, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (17)</i> |
| WED | JAN 28, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (18)</i> |
| THURS | JAN 29, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Was setting out trees. Charley has gone to _____. (19)</i> |
| FRI | JAN 30, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Hauling sand, etc. (20)</i> |
| SAT | JAN 31, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Hauling sand and setting out trees. Charley got home in the evening. (21)</i> |
| FEBRUARY | | |
| SUN | FEB 1, 1863 | <i>Have been out hunting. Got up at 2 o'clock. Shot two ducks. Have a severe headache. Bought a pair of boots for \$7.50.</i> |

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| MON | FEB 2, 1863 | Worked all day (22) |
| TUES | FEB 3, 1863 | Worked all day (23) |
| WED | FEB 4, 1863 | Worked all day. Rec'd one pound tobacco. Paid one dollar. (24) |
| THURS | FEB 5, 1863 | Worked all day (25) |
| FRI | FEB 6, 1863 | Worked all day. Received \$24 of Mr. Wight. Also paid twenty four dollars to _____ W. Berry. (26) |
| SAT | FEB 7, 1863 | Worked all day on the garden. |
| SUN | FEB 8, 1863 | Reading and writing. |
| MON | FEB 9, 1863 | Worked all day (28) |
| TUES | FEB 10, 1863 | Worked all day (29) |
| WED | FEB 11, 1863 | Worked all day (30) |
| THURS | FEB 12, 1863 | Worked one-half day. Was sick with headache in the afternoon. (30-1/2) |
| FRI | FEB 13, 1863 | Worked all day. (31-1/2) |
| SAT | FEB 14, 1863 | Worked all day. Went to Pacheco (?). Rec'd five letters. One from John Stanley. (32-1/2) |
| SUN | FEB 15, 1863 | Writing all day. Wrote to J & E. Dixfield, Me. |
| MON | FEB 16, 1863 | Worked all day. (33-1/2) |
| TUES | FEB 17, 1863 | Worked all day. (34-1/2) |
| WED | FEB 18, 1863 | Worked all day (35-1/2) |
| THURS | FEB 19, 1863 | Working all day (36-1/2) |
| FRI | FEB 20, 1863 | Working all day. (37-1/2) |
| SAT | FEB 21, 1863 | Worked all day. It has been a very rainy week. Cold and rainy today. (38-1/2) |
| SUN | FEB 22, 1863 | Have been hunting. Shot two ducks. Am going down to help Charley _____ get the cow out of the mud. |
| MON | FEB 23, 1863 | Worked all day (39-1/2) |
| TUES | FEB 24, 1863 | Worked all day (40-1/2) |
| WED | FEB 25, 1863 | Worked all day setting grape vines. (41-1/2) |
| THURS | FEB 26, 1863 | Worked all day. Spreading around trees. (42-1/2) |
| FRI | FEB 27, 1863 | Worked all day chopping wood. Very fine weather. (44-1/2) |
| SAT | FEB 28, 1863 | Worked all day. (45-1/2) |
| MARCH | | |
| SUN | MAR 1, 1863 | Had a headache in the morning. Felt well in the afternoon. Have been out and tried to _____. Shot one white goose. |
| MON | MAR 2, 1863 | Started up to Carreltep to get _____. Rec'd \$82.25. Was up all night. |
| TUES | MAR 3, 1863 | Arrived on Candelton. John came over and met me at the _____ House. |
| WED | MAR 4, 1863 | Have been up with John to see the New Town being built above Franklin Road |
| THU | MAR 5, 1863 | Have been on Doton Bar ¹ playing Billiards with Frank Tillman and Dudley. In the evening went to New Town to a Ball. Did not sleep any last night. |
| FRI | MAR 6, 1863 | Came from New Town in company with John, Frank, Dudley, Galney. Sleeping |
| SAT | MAR 7, 1863 | Was in Carroltin Hill all day. |
| SUN | MAR 8, 1863 | Am at the _____ |
| MON | MAR 9, 1863 | Went up to New Town with John. |
| TUE | MAR 10, 1863 | Have been out at P_____ acting. Also went down to the Frenchmen's and saw Alfred Charley killed him last night. |
| WED | MAR 11, 1863 | Went up to New Town with John. Had our (?stereotypes) taken. Walked home. |

¹ Doton's Bar, Placer Co., CA is one of the places where the old gold miners hung out.

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| THUR | MAR 12, 1863 | <i>Am tending store for Pratt. Pratt and John have gone to Auburn as w___ for Charley Dontell</i> |
| FRI | MAR 13, 1863 | <i>Came from Carrolton to Ben___. Albert met me there. We stopped at the Salem House.</i> |
| SAT | MAR 14, 1863 | <i>Came from Ben (ioia). Saw Mr. Wight in New York. Albert came most to Pacheco with me. Sent a letter to my sister Louisa.</i> |
| SUN | MAR 15, 1863 | <i>John O.H___ was here. Have been reading and writing.</i> |
| MON | MAR 16, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (46-1/2)</i> |
| TUE | MAR 17, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (47 ½)</i> |
| WED | MAR 18, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (48 ½)</i> |
| THUR | MAR 19, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (49 ½). Rec'd 3 plugs of tobacco.</i> |
| FRI | MAR 20, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (50 ½)</i> |
| SAT | MAR 21, 1863 | <i>Working all day. Fine weather (51 ½)</i> |
| SUN | MAR 22, 1863 | <i>Reading and writing</i> |
| MON | MAR 23, 1863 | <i>Worked all day hoeing in the garden. Let Mr Wight have ten dollars. (52 ½)</i> |
| TUES | MAR 24, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (53 ½)</i> |
| WED | MAR 25, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (54 ½)</i> |
| THUR | MAR 26, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (55 ½)</i> |
| FRI | MAR 27, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Had a thunder shower today (56 ½)</i> |
| SAT | MAR 28, 1863 | <i>Worked all day around the henhouse. Also churned and worked over butter (57 ½)</i> |
| SUN | MAR 29, 1863 | <i>Reading and writing.</i> |
| MON | MAR 30, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Did not feel well (58 ½)</i> |
| TUE | MAR 31, 1863 | <i>Sick all day. Number of days worked at \$30.00 per month. 58 ½ X 1.15 = \$67.27</i> |
| APRIL | | |
| WED | APR 1, 1863 | <i>Commenced work for Mr. Wight today at \$35.00 per month. Worked all day. Do not feel very well (1)</i> |
| THUR | APR 2, 1863 | <i>Have worked all day. Feel much better than yesterday. (2)</i> |
| FRI | APR 3, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (3)</i> |
| SAT | APR 4, 1863 | <i>Have worked all day butchering. Killed and dressed an ox. The afternoon cut him up and boiled him for the hams. Rec'd letter from my brother Henry.</i> |
| SUN | APR 5, 1863 | <i>Have been writing to Henry.</i> |
| MON | APR 6, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (5)</i> |
| TUE | APR 7, 1863 | <i>Worked as usual all day (6)</i> |
| WED | APR 8, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (7)</i> |
| THUR | APR 9, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Hoeing etc (8)</i> |
| FRI | APR 10, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Was chopping most of the day (9)</i> |
| SAT | APR 11, 1863 | <i>Went to Pacheco to get my teeth fixed, but did not find the dentist. Bought a S___ coat, pair pants, Hat also. Paid 75 cts for Wight. Spent in all ten dollars.</i> |
| SUN | APR 12, 1863 | <i>Reading and writing etc. Wrote to John Stanley. Have had some green pears. The first that I have had this season.</i> |
| MON | APR 13, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (10)</i> |
| TUES | APR 14, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Rec'd two letters from home. One from Father. The second that have seen from him since I have been in this State!!</i> |
| WED | APR 15, 1863 | <i>Worked as usual all day (12)</i> |
| THUR | APR 16, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Wrote a letter to Albert (13)</i> |
| FRI | APR 17, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Do not feel very well today. (14)</i> |
| SAT | APR 18, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Charley has gone to Pacheco. Rec'd a letter from John Stanley (15)</i> |

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| SUN | APR 19, 1863 | <i>Writing and reading all day</i> |
| MON | APR 20, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (16)</i> |
| TUE | APR 21, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (17)</i> |
| WED | APR 22, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Rec'd two letters from home (18)</i> |
| THUR | APR 23, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Wrote a letter to Albert. (19)</i> |
| FRI | APR 24, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (20)</i> |
| SAT | APR 25, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (21)</i> |
| SUN | APR 26, 1863 | <i>Writing and reading all day. Wrote to father and Albert.</i> |
| MON | APR 27, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (22)</i> |
| TUE | APR 28, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (23)</i> |
| WED | APR 29, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (24)</i> |
| THUR | APR 30, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (25)</i> |
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| FRI | MAY 1, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (26)</i> |
| SAT | MAY 2, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (27)</i> |
| SUN | MAY 3, 1863 | <i>Went to Mortimer (?) to see Albert. Did not see him. Gave ____ a party ____ from __ Isabelle.</i> |
| MON | MAY 4, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Received one pound of tobacco. (28)</i> |
| TUE | MAY 5, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (29)</i> |
| WED | MAY 6, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (30)</i> |
| THUR | MAY 7, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (31)</i> |
| FRI | MAY 8, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (32)</i> |
| SAT | MAY 9, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Received a letter from John Stanley. Also from J & E (33)</i> |
| SUN | MAY 10, 1863 | <i>Reading and writing</i> |
| MON | MAY 11, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (24)</i> |
| TUE | MAY 12, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (35). Wrote a letter to Albert in the evening.</i> |
| WED | MAY 13, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Got in my boots _____. Paid \$1.75. (36)</i> |
| THUR | MAY 14, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. (37)</i> |
| FRI | MAY 15, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (38)</i> |
| SAT | MAY 16, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (39)</i> |
| SUN | MAY 17, 1863 | <i>Reading etc. Do not feel very well. Got a bad cold.</i> |
| MON | MAY 18, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (40)</i> |
| TUE | MAY 19, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (41)</i> |
| WED | MAY 20, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (42)</i> |
| THUR | MAY 21, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Went to Pacheco to Badero. Rec'd letter from Albert (43)</i> |
| FRI | MAY 22, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Mowing and making hay. (44)</i> |
| SAT | MAY 23, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Haying, etc. (45)</i> |
| SUN | MAY 24, 1863 | <i>Have been working all fore noon. Am going to write this after morn. Mr. Wight __ Charley have gone to Dr. Adamiris.</i> |
| MON | MAY 25, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Haying. (46)</i> |
| TUE | MAY 26, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Went to Pacheco to a circus. (47)</i> |
| WED | MAY 27, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Charley has gone to Martinez on _____.</i> |
| THUR | MAY 28, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Haying, etc. (49)</i> |
| FR | MAY 29, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Churning, chopping, etc. (50)</i> |
| SAT | MAY 30, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Helping put in pump, etc. (51)</i> |
| SUN | MAY 31, 1863 | <i>Reading, etc.</i> |

| JUNE | | |
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| MON | JUN 1, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (52)</i> |
| TUE | JUN 2, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (53)</i> |
| WED | JUN 3, 1863 | <i>Worked chopping all day (54)</i> |
| THUR | JUN 4, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (55)</i> |
| FRI | JUN 5, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (56)</i> |
| SAT | JUN 6, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Charley has gone to Pacheco. Bought me one pound of tobacco. Paid \$1 (57)</i> |
| SUN | JUN 7, 1863 | <i>Went to Pacheco to get my teeth fixed. Did not find the dentist at home so I went to Martinez. Saw WK Leavitt.</i> |
| MON | JUN 8, 1863 | <i>Worked all day doing chores (58)</i> |
| TUE | JUN 9, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Charley has gone to Martinez. Got me a letter from home (59)</i> |
| WED | JUN 10, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (60)</i> |
| THUR | JUN 11, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (61)</i> |
| FRI | JUN 12, 1863 | <i>Worked as usual (62)</i> |
| SAT | JUN 13, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Charley has gone to Pacheco. (63)</i> |
| SUN | JUN 14, 1863 | <i>Reading and writing.</i> |
| MON | JUN 15, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Do not feel well. (64)</i> |
| TUE | JUN 16, 1863 | <i>I am sick today. Got a bad cold.</i> |
| WED | JUN 17, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Feel better than yesterday. (65)</i> |
| THUR | JUN 18, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Have quit chewing tobacco. (66)</i> |
| FRI | JUN 19, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Went to Pacheco in the evening after the _____. (67)</i> |
| SAT | JUN 20, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Charley has gone to Pacheco. (68)</i> |
| SUN | JUN 21, 1863 | <i>Reading, writing, etc.</i> |
| MON | JUN 22, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (69)</i> |
| TUE | JUN 23, 1863 | <i>Worked all day as usual (70)</i> |
| WED | JUN 24, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (71)</i> |
| THUR | JUN 25, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. In the evening went to Pacheco. There was a fandango at old Pacheco (72)</i> |
| FR | JUN 26, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. There was a ball at Antioch. Did not attend. (73)</i> |
| SAT | JUN 27, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Went to Suchow (?) in evening. Joined the Union boys. (74)</i> |
| SUN | JUN 28, 1863 | <i>Do not feel well. Have been abed most all day. Went up to John O'Harrano (?) with Mrs. Wight in the afternoon.</i> |
| MON | JUN 29, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (75)</i> |
| TUES | JUN 30, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Rec'd a letter from Christina of Henry's death. (76)</i> |
| JULY | | |
| WED | JUL 1, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Did not feel well. (77)</i> |
| THUR | JUL 2, 1863 | <i>Went to Benicia (?) to see Albert. Came back in eve.</i> |
| FRI | JUL 3, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. (48)</i> |
| SAT | JUL 4, 1863 | <i>Went to Green Valley to a picknic (sp). Had a very fine time. Albert came over to Pacheco and went with me.</i> |
| SUN | JUL 5, 1863 | <i>I am Mrs. Wight's. Albert is here. He came home with me but is going home in the after noon.</i> |
| MON | JUL 6, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (79)</i> |
| TUE | JUL 7, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Getting good news from the Army of the Potomac (80).</i> |
| WED | JUL 8, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. (81)</i> |

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| THUR | JUL 9, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Rec'd 25 cts north Sacto (?). Bot pain killer bottle. Hosteters Bottle. (82)</i> |
| FRI | JUL 10, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (83)</i> |
| SAT | JUL 11, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Have not felt well all this week (84)</i> |
| SUN | JUL 12, 1863 | <i>Reading, writing all day</i> |
| MON | JUL 13, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (85)</i> |
| TUE | JUL 14, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (86)</i> |
| WED | JUL 15, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Charley has gone to Pacheco (87)</i> |
| THUR | JUL 16, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. (88)</i> |
| FRI | JUL 17, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Went after _____ wood. (89)</i> |
| SAT | JUL 18, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Went to Pacheco in the evening. (90)</i> |
| SUN | JUL 19, 1863 | <i>Reading, writing, etc.</i> |
| MON | JUL 20, 1863 | <i>Worked all day as usual (91)</i> |
| TUE | JUL 21, 1863 | <i>Working all day. Charley went to town in evening. Have a bad headache. (92)</i> |
| WED | JUL 22, 1863 | <i>Working all day. (93)</i> |
| THUR | JUL 23, 1863 | <i>Working all day. Charley went to Pacheco. Bought me pair boots. (94)</i> |
| FR | JUL 24, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. White washing hen house. Very warm today. (95)</i> |
| SAT | JUL 25, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Charley Randolph and Mrs. Wight have all gone to Pacheco. Wrote a letter to SAE. (96)</i> |
| SUN | JUL 26, 1863 | <i>Went to Martinez. Met Albert. Also I saw William K. Leavitt.</i> |
| MON | JUL 27, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Charley has gone to Benicia. Rec'd letter from John.</i> |
| TUES | JUL 28, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Doing chores, etc. (98)</i> |
| WED | JUL 29, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Charley has gone to Pacheco. Sent my boots to mend. (99)</i> |
| THURS | JUL 30, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. White washing the house (100)</i> |
| FRI | JUL 31, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (101)</i> |
| AUGUST | | |
| SAT | AUG 1, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Went to the _____ after _____. Did not get any ____ is bad crossing, etc. Went to Pacheco in the evening. (102)</i> |
| SUN | AUG 2, 1863 | <i>Feel very sleepy today. Resting, etc.</i> |
| MON | AUG 3, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (103)</i> |
| TUE | AUG 4, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Rec'd tax report. (104)</i> |
| WED | AUG 5, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Mr. and Mrs. Wight have gone to the city. (105)</i> |
| THUR | AUG 6, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (106)</i> |
| FRI | AUG 7, 1863 | <i>Worked all day doing _____ (107)</i> |
| SAT | AUG 8, 1863 | <i>Went to a convention at Pacheco. Had a very bad headache.</i> |
| SUN | AUG 9, 1863 | <i>Reading, etc.</i> |
| MON | AUG 10, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Am all alone. Charley has gone to Benicia after Mr. and Mrs. Wight. (108)</i> |
| TUE | AUG 11, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Am alone as yesterday. Charley and the folks got home in the evening. (109)</i> |
| WED | AUG 12, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Rec'd one shirt. Also pair _____. Paid \$2.50 (110)</i> |
| THUR | AUG 13, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. White washing hen house. (111)</i> |
| FRI | AUG 14, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Went after load wood. (112)</i> |
| SAT | AUG 15, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. White washing hen house. Went to Pacheco in the evening. (113)</i> |
| SUN | AUG 16, 1863 | <i>Reading, etc.</i> |
| MON | AUG 17, 1863 | <i>Have been working around the hen house all day (114)</i> |

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| TUE | AUG 18 , 1863 | <i>Have been whitewashing the hen house all day (115)</i> |
| WED | AUG 19, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (116)</i> |
| THUR | AUG 20, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (117)</i> |
| FR | AUG 21, 1863 | <i>Worked until half past ten oclock. Then went to Pacheco to hear ex Governor Miller (?Welles) and Downey. Had a severe head ache into the evening.</i> |
| SAT | AUG 22, 1863 | <i>Working around the hen house all day (118)</i> |
| SUN | AUG 23, 1863 | <i>Reading etc</i> |
| MON | AUG 24, 1863 | <i>Working (119)</i> |
| TUES | AUG 25, 1863 | <i>Working (120)</i> |
| WED | AUG 26, 1863 | <i>Working around the henhouse. Charley has gone to town. Rec'd \$1.00 worth of tobacco. 25 cts stamps (121)</i> |
| THURS | AUG 27, 1863 | <i>Working all day (122)</i> |
| FRI | AUG 28, 1863 | <i>Working all day (123)</i> |
| SAT | AUG 29, 1863 | <i>Working all day (124)</i> |
| SUN | AUG 30, 1863 | <i>Writing. Wrote to father and John Stanley.</i> |
| MON | AUG 31, 1863 | <i>Working all day. In the eve went to Pacheco to hear Harry Leone (?) speak. (125)</i> |
| SEPTEMBER | | |
| TUE | SEP 1, 1863 | <i>Working all day (126)</i> |
| WED | SEP 2, 1863 | <i>Worked all ½ day. Went to election. Rec'd \$1.50 (127-1/2)</i> |
| THUR | SEP 3, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. (128-1/2)</i> |
| FRI | SEP 4, 1863 | <i>Worked all day at the _____ (129-1/2)</i> |
| SAT | SEP 5, 1863 | <i>Mowing in the Tule ? all day. (130-1/2)</i> |
| SUN | SEP 6, 1863 | <i>Reading, etc.</i> |
| MON | SEP 7, 1863 | <i>Worked all day around the house. (131-1/2)</i> |
| TUE | SEP 8, 1863 | <i>Was doing chores. Charles has gone to town. Rec'd \$1 worth of tobacco. (126-1/2)</i> |
| WED | SEP 9, 1863 | <i>Worked all day (132-1/2)</i> |
| THUR | SEP 10, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Charley has gone to salt marches after peaches (133-1/2)</i> |
| FRI | SEP 11, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Pearing peaches. (134-1/2)</i> |
| SAT | SEP 12, 1863 | <i>Went to the Tule after some hay. Feel very tired. (135-1/2)</i> |
| SUN | SEP 13, 1863 | <i>Have a headache this morn. Feel better this evening.</i> |
| MON | SEP 14, 1863 | <i>Worked all day haying. (136-1/2)</i> |
| TUE | SEP 15, 1863 | <i>Working mowing in the Tule (137-1/2)</i> |
| WED | SEP 16, 1863 | <i>Working all day (138-1/2)</i> |
| THUR | SEP 17, 1863 | <i>Working in Tule (139-1/2)</i> |
| FR | SEP 18, 1863 | <i>Mowing all day (140-1/2)</i> |
| SAT | SEP 19, 1863 | <i>Drawing hay all day. I went to Pacheco on eve. Rec'd letter from John Stanley wanting me to come up and work for Pratt. (141-1/2)</i> |
| SUN | SEP 20, 1863 | <i>Wrote to Major Barnard. Also to John Stanley</i> |
| MON | SEP 21, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Charley has gone to Pacheco (172-1/2)</i> |
| TUES | SEP 22, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Second day of the fair! (173-1/2)</i> |
| WED | SEP 23, 1863 | <i>Went to Pacheco to the County Fair. Rec'd \$20 of Mr. Wight.</i> |
| THURS | SEP 24, 1863 | <i>Went to Pacheco.</i> |
| FRI | SEP 25, 1863 | <i>Went to Pacheco as yesterday. I entered Mrs. Wight's mule to run – got beat.</i> |
| SAT | SEP 26, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. (174-1/2)</i> |
| SUN | SEP 27, 1863 | <i>Reading, etc.</i> |

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| MON | SEP 28, 1863 | <i>Worked all day haying. 175-1/2</i> |
| TUES | SEP 29, 1863 | <i>Working haying all day. 176-1/2</i> |
| WED | SEP 30, 1863 | <i>Am haying as usual. 177-1/2</i> |
| | | OCTOBER |
| THUR | OCT 1, 1863 | <i>At work haying. Received one plug tobacco. Paid 39 cts - 163-1/2</i> |
| FRI | OCT 2, 1863 | <i>Working all day. Rec'd letter from John saying that Pratt had hired a man. 164-1/2</i> |
| SAT | OCT 3, 1863 | <i>Working all day. 165-1/2</i> |
| SUN | OCT 4, 1863 | <i>Wrote Louisa a letter.</i> |
| MON | OCT 5, 1863 | <i>Worked all day cutting hay in the tule. 166-1/2</i> |
| TUE | OCT 6, 1863 | <i>Working in tule. 167-1/2</i> |
| WED | OCT 7, 1863 | <i>Working all day. Rec'd 3 plugs of tobacco. Paid \$1 168-1/2</i> |
| THUR | OCT 8, 1863 | <i>Haying all day. 169-1/2</i> |
| FRI | OCT 9, 1863 | <i>Haying as yesterday. Rec'd \$1 of tobacco. 170-1/2</i> |
| SAT | OCT 10, 1863 | <i>Working the tule all day. Went to Pacheco in the evening. 180-1/2. Bought pair of pants. Paid \$2.60</i> |
| SUN | OCT 11, 1863 | <i>Have a severe headache today.</i> |
| MON | OCT 12, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. 181-1/2</i> |
| TUE | OCT 13, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. 182-1/2</i> |
| WED | OCT 14, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. 182-1/2</i> |
| THUR | OCT 15, 1863 | <i>Worked all day chopping wood. 184-1/2</i> |
| FR | OCT 16, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Went after a Spanish bull. Shot him 20 times. 185-1/2</i> |
| SAT | OCT 17, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Locking ____ for chickens.</i> |
| SUN | OCT 18, 1863 | <i>Have been up to John O'Hearn's. I am going to start up to see John Stanley tomorrow.</i> |
| MON | OCT 19, 1863 | <i>Came to Pacheco from Sacramento. Paid \$30 of Mr. Wight.</i> |
| TUES | OCT 20, 1863 | <i>Came from Sacramento to Castleton.</i> |
| WED | OCT 21, 1863 | <i>Election today. Have voted.</i> |
| THURS | OCT 22, 1863 | <i>Have been with John all day.</i> |
| FRI | OCT 23, 1863 | <i>Have been down to Pratt's _____.</i> |
| SAT | OCT 24, 1863 | <i>Went up to Auburn _____</i> |
| SUN | OCT 25, 1863 | <i>Reading and writing.</i> |
| MON | OCT 26, 1863 | <i>Have been with John all day.</i> |
| TUES | OCT 27, 1863 | <i>Have been down to Pratt's _____</i> |
| WED | OCT 28, 1863 | <i>Have been with John. ____ John ____ \$8</i> |
| THURS | OCT 29, 1863 | <i>Have been at Doten Bar</i> |
| FRI | OCT 30, 1863 | <i>Do not feel very well. Now at John's cabin.</i> |
| SAT | OCT 31, 1863 | <i>Went down to Carrolton.</i> |
| | | NOVEMBER |
| SUN | NOV 1, 1863 | <i>Have been down to Pratt's _____ John ____ \$5. Also rec'd \$30 from Albert</i> |
| MON | NOV 2, 1863 | <i>Left Doten Bar to come to Benicia. Stopped in Benicia all night. John came to the cures with me.</i> |
| TUE | NOV 3, 1863 | <i>Left Benicia and came to Pacheco where I met Wight. Bought Mrs. Wight shoes. Paid \$3.25. Rec'd letter from C.T.</i> |
| WED | NOV 4, 1863 | <i>Commenced work again for Mr. Wight. Worked all day. 187-1/2</i> |
| THUR | NOV 5, 1863 | <i>Worked all day chopping wood. Lent \$3 to Mrs. Wight. 188-1/2. Wrote to John</i> |
| FRI | NOV 6, 1863 | <i>Worked all day chopping day. Rec'd letter from SAE 189-1/2</i> |

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| SAT | NOV 7, 1863 | <i>Worked all day. Mrs. Wight paid me \$6.25 190-1/2</i> |
| SUN | NOV 8, 1863 | <i>Writing, etc.</i> |
| MON | NOV 9, 1863 | <i>Worked half day. Went down to Mrs. Sayles to see about taking his ranch. 191</i> |
| TUE | NOV 10, 1863 | <i>Went to Benicia to see Albert about coming over to take ranch with me. He said he would come.</i> |
| WED | NOV 11, 1863 | <i>Went over to Mrs. Sayles to look at her ranch, etc.</i> |
| THUR | NOV 12, 1863 | <i>Went down to Mrs. Sayles. She _____ up some writings, etc.</i> |
| FR | NOV 13, 1863 | <i>Worked all day around the hen house. 192</i> |
| SAT | NOV 14, 1863 | <i>Worked all day chopping wood, etc. 193</i> |
| SUN | NOV 15, 1863 | <i>Went down to Mrs. Sayles with Charley.</i> |
| MON | NOV 16, 1863 | <i>Commenced work on Mrs. Sayles ranch. Mr. Wight paid me \$180. I also _____ Mrs. Sayles \$100. I settled Mr. Wight. He gave me all but \$20.</i> |

[NOTE] MAY 14 1864 - Sold out my interest in Mrs. Sayle's ranch to my brother Albert. O.F. Trask

| DECEMBER | | |
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| THURS | DEC 3 | <i>Charles Bird went to Pacheco and hauled me some wheat. 12</i> |
| FRI | DEC 3 | <i>Charles Bird helped me draw wood.</i> |
| SAT | DEC 4 | <i>Charles Bird drew wheat from Pacheco 13</i> |
| SUN | DEC 6 | <i>Charles Bird got one of his colts out of Burrows Field. 15</i> |

MAY 18, 1864

A.S. Trask to O.F. Trask

Value rec'd \$100

MAY 25, 1864 – I am on Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA. I think I will go to Pacheco tomorrow. Oscar F. Trask. Born July 7, 1837 in the town of Mexico, County of Oxford, State of Maine.

ⁱ b. 1839