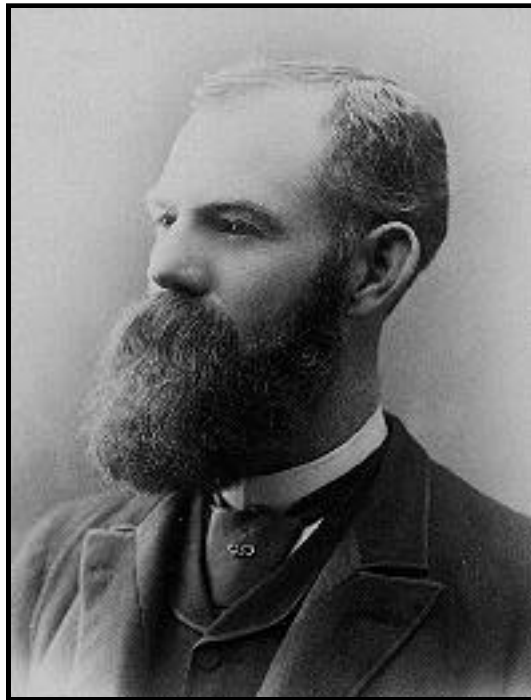


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The following was found in the front of the diary:

Property of J.M. Swain, La Jolla, California.

Monday, Jan 1, 1912 A lovely day, I went up to P.O. found no mail, came home and fed honey to bees just hived yesterday. Paid Genters \$19.00 interest tonight. Spent nice evening & came home happy.

Tuesday, Jan 2, 1912 Rained all night, in AM off up town, wife & I, she put in the day at Exchange. 3PM, we came home, found teams laying the main pipeline on our south side street, OK. I bought tobacco, 30 cts.

Wednesday, Jan 3, 1912 Up to Exchange & P.O. Pard¹ stayed, I came home, no mail. Bought 10 cts bacon & some papers to send off showing San Diego County & Cajon & its progress in 1911. Wife & I home to supper a little late but OK.

Thursday, Jan 4, 1912 Wife & I up town early, she @ Exchange today. Rec'd letters from E.M.Y. & Frank Otto @ Johnnie & one from Jen and A.N. Coe² on Del Oro³. Ordered & rec'd 2 sks feed from Robinson, bought sugar & bacon tonight & came home.

Friday, Jan 5, 1912 Pard up town today, I went to P.O. found letter from San Diego Lumber Co thence to Strand⁴ & I got garbage can & home by noon. PM, gathering vgs to peddle tomorrow. 5PM, up town after Pard as usual & home.

Saturday, Jan 6, 1912 Pard up town & I peddling vgs. I paid Mr Wier 1.80 an acct & bought salt, almonds & resin. Later bought crackers 25 cts & left vgs with the baker to sell on shares. Took honey from 2 hives. Rec'd letter from sister in Chico today.

Sunday, Jan 7, 1912 Delivered chicken as per agreement (dressed). Sold 2 roosters to the Strand today. Mrs Ware came to dinner & spent the afternoon.

Monday, Jan 8, 1912 Pard up town, home again. Ans'd sisters letter, Chico. Bode here PM, we saw inside ivory hive & he went home happy. Answered Myrtie's letter.

Tuesday, Jan 9, 1912 Shower last night. Took A.C. up town as usual & came home to do the cores & dig in the garden. New P.O. ready for business & opens next Monday. 4:45, up town for A.C. & home to supper, answered O.E.'s last letter⁵.

Wednesday, Jan 10, 1912 Took Pard up town & came straight home, on pie plants & strawberries. Then planted beets & choring until 4:30, then up town for her as usual.

Thursday, Jan 11, 1912 Heaviest rain up to date, fell during last night. Pard up town as usual. Sewing all day. I bought wood, 25 cts, rice & bread 50 cts. Letter from Nane Hayner⁶. Mrs Daws has sold out, rumor says.

Friday, Jan 12, 1912 Wife up town as usual, I at home using Carbolic acid around the coops, pulling weeds in garden. Loaned level to Dane, pd Robertson cash 5.50.

¹ Pard is the name J.M. uses for his wife, Alice C. Swain.

² E.M. Yocum, Frank Otto and A.N. Coe were fellow miners with J.M. Swain a few years earlier in Johnnie, NV, which is currently a ghost town.

³ The Del Oro mine was one of J.M. Swain's claims while in Johnnie, NV.

⁴ This may be the Strand Hotel as referred to on March 10.

⁵ Brother Orlando E. Swain.

⁶ Alice Swain's sister in Michigan.

Saturday, Jan 13, 1912 Wife up town early, I came home, found Chinaman here to rent the garden, later 2 men & wives here, object purchasing a home. Rec'd letter from o.E. & add regarding ear drums. Butchered 2 chickens.

Sunday, Jan 14, 1912 Delivered chickens, found Boder & took him to Sorrento for a ride. Called on Wm Baker, bees, went and saw wreck of Bakers and came home @ 4PM.

Monday, Jan 15, 1912 New P.O. opening today. Paid water bill cash 2.75 for past month. Ordered sack wheat, sack bran & gasoline, came home cleaned out hen coops & did chores. 5PM, up town after Pard, traded for hive of bees. Pard wrote to Jennie.

Tuesday, Jan 16, 1912 Took wife up town, had mare shod, cost 50 cts. Came home, brought Bo & we put up 15 cartons of honey. Took turkey & 2 cartons to Mrs Wm Holston. Bought pork chops & bread & came home as usual happy.

Wednesday, Jan 17, 1912 Wife & I up town early. Sold honey, bought tea, coffee & butter & came home to dinner. PM, choring until 5PM, up town for Pard as usual and bought rolled oats for 25 cts. Rec'd bale of hay tonight. Plowing on Corcoran's place. Having plate mended today.

Thursday, Jan 18, 1912 Pard up town early & I came home and went to work in strawberries. Baldozar came & helped me to put up honey & we cartoned all of it. Baldozar 90 cts, ham 15 cts, Robertson 6.00 on acct.

Friday, Jan 19, 1912 Took Pard up town & brung back a Mr. Walsh to see our home place, he thinks of settling in this country. Working in berries, bought sugar & bread, getting ready to peddle tomorrow & killed 2 chickens.

Saturday, Jan 20, 1912 Peddled today, 3.00. Home @ 2PM & fed. Left Pard up town, Pd for bread 25 cts, crackers 25 cts. Rannells⁷ hauled house in near his dairy today. Killed chicken for dinner tomorrow. Pd for dental work 1.75 to Dr Post.

Sunday, Jan 21, 1912 Sold chicken to the Strand folks. Had chicken dinner. PM, Mrs D had Cocopah until 3PM, we went out for a ride later, took tomatoes to artist.

Monday, Jan 22, 1912 Wife up town to work & Baldozar & I off to see a Mr Hyde on business, found him at home OK & did our business, came home via McLaughlin's a bee men who has a nice little apiary for sale. Home @ 7PM.

Tuesday, Jan 23, 1912 Pratt came early for some honey & a dollar. Took wife up town after Pratt left with his dollar & the planter Jr is ours. Pd Robinson feed bill 2.05. Ordered sack barley & sk corn & came home to clean house, pull weeds & irrigate.

Wednesday, Jan 24, 1912 Wife up town as usual working @ dressmaking & I came home to choring. White washer arrived and gave the dairy a coat of white washing. Gathered vgs to peddle as usual. Bought butter tonight.

Thursday, Jan 25, 1912 Took Pard to work and I went on peddling & sold out complete. Pd Robinson 4.35, Wier 2.50, bought oranges 25 cts, cheese 50 cts, bread 25 cts.

Friday, Jan 26, 1912 Pard up town as usual, I took berries to Virginia & came home to pull weeds & irrigate. Fred Scripps here to see Pratt on business. Done moving fence with help of section gang. 5PM, up town for Pard & it showered some today. For birthday⁸ dinner I killed rooster, 5 3/4 lbs.

Saturday, Jan 27, 1912 Took Pard up town and chicken receipt 1.60. Ordered sack wheat. Loury came collecting, gave him 1.50 on acct. Bought crackers 25 cts.

Sunday, Jan 28, 1912 Off early to Sorrento, bought Bakers Bees, all of them, now on the ridge north of the Forestry Station & made him a cash payment to bind the bargain, am to begin moving them at once.

Monday, Jan 29, 1912 Pard & I up town, I hunting a wagon to haul hives tomorrow. Pard on a silk dress today.

⁷ W. Rannells owned the La Jolla Dairy.

⁸ Unknown whose birthday he is referring to.

Bought medicine for her, 25 cts. Letter from O.E. Swain.

Tuesday, Jan 30, 1912 Pard & I up town early & Baldozar & I went on out beyond the Forestry Park to my bee ranch where we put in the day in putting our hives in shape to be moved homeward. Find 22 swarms OK & 30 hives & supers & a job, lot of trash.

Wednesday, Jan 31, 1912 Pard & I up town early, I came back via Holston's & brought pipe for bee hives foundation. Made second trip, more pipe & home to dinner. I put up 5 cartons honey, drip & worked some as usual. Bought butter, rolled oats & meat.

Thursday, Feb 1, 1912 Pard up town as usual. I Pd Robinson for wheat, 2.75 & bran 1.60 cash & came home as usual to do chores, etc, etc. Working on new platforms for our new bees to be moved home very soon & have it completed tonight. Bought milk, 30 cts. Drew contract tonight for a new Chinaman.

Friday, Feb 2, 1912 Mr Chink backed out of contract to begin gardening today. Wife up town & I came home to weeding garden. Holston tells me he has the job of moving the Daws house down nearer the School. Baldozar here late & says move bees next week. Rec'd receipt for 10.00 from San Diego Lumber Co, OK.

Saturday, Feb 3, 1912 Wife & Mrs Coke went to see high tide in buggy. I paid all water bills to date, bought nails & tacks for bee moving & came home to chores @ noon.

Sunday, Feb 4, 1912 Preparing to move bees AM & Mrs Ware & Mrs Coke came to eat chicken with us. Later I am gathering vegs to peddle tomorrow. Baldoser called late & our mare lost her charm.

Monday, Feb 5, 1912 Wife to sewing, I peddling & home @ noon. Total 3.80 this AM.

Tuesday, Feb 6, 1912 Off after my bees, Baldozar & I off at 10:30AM & went through almost 1/2 of them & put them in shape to haul home & it takes another day to get them ready. Came home after dark, wife washing tonight.

Wednesday, Feb 7, 1912 Baldozar & I off to the bee ranch to complete the work for hauling bees home early tomorrow & we done the job OK & started home @ 6PM in a fine rain.

Thursday, Feb 8, 1912 Baker bees are here. Baldozar & I with Smith the Exp man. Off @ 7AM after our bees & back in town @ 11AM with a full load of bees & they came on home OK & mare all in place tonight.

Friday, Feb 9, 1912 Wife up town, sold four cartons honey. Bought sugar 1.00, crackers 25 cts, tacks 10 cts, cheese 65 cts, cartons 15 cts & home @ 11AM. Baldozar here & he put up 15 cartons honey. I on bee house until nearly 5PM then up town for Pard.

Saturday, Feb 10, 1912 First San Diego Sun last night. Wife up town as usual. I delivered to Rodie 90 cts. Sold all honey & eggs. On bee house in the PM.

Sunday, Feb 11, 1912 At home working all day. Ordered from Sears R & Co, Chicago goods to cost 10.10 to be mailed tomorrow.

Monday, Feb 12, 1912 Abraham's birthday. Took Pard up town & moved our machine into old P.O. bldg to continue dressmaking⁹. Bought 2 rockers & stool of Mrs Ware. Sent order to S.R. & Co. Bought wheat, corn & bran of Robinson on credit & home to work.

Tuesday, Feb 13, 1912 Pard in town early, she hears through Mrs Souls that Mrs Samuels has sold some lots. Bought butter, lard, milk & bread, 1.55. Sold bees to Mr. Ware, 5.00 to go to Little Launderers via R.R. tomorrow. Pard wrote Emmett Arnett @ Boulder tonight to explain.

Wednesday, Feb 14, 1912 Pard up town as usual, I at home working on bee house. Bought sheeting, 2.00, had it sewed & put it on, also west side & S end. Can soon complete it. J.F. Baldoser¹⁰ here & helping of

⁹ Alice appears to have her own seamstress business in La Jolla. She works almost daily.

¹⁰ J.M. Swain spells this man's name 2 different ways (Baldozar or Baldoser).

course.

Thursday, Feb 15, 1912 Took Pard up town & brought Baldozar home with me to help me with bees. Bought bread & crackers, 50 cts.

Friday, Feb 16, 1912 Took Pard up town & I came home to work of course & put in a full shift gathering vegs to peddle again tomorrow. Baldozar here today.

Saturday, Feb 17, 1912 Peddling until 3PM, \$6.70. Pard up town, bought gal gasoline for Pard, 25 cts. Ordered bran & barley & come home to feed. Miss Virginia¹¹ gave me a souvenir basket, 30 years old.

Sunday, Feb 18, 1912 Off early with Mr Smith to the Baker Apiary for a load of hives, supers, tops & bottoms. Loaded 68 and came home by 3PM, satisfied for today. Pd him cash on acct 3.00, bal due him 2.25.

Monday, Feb 19, 1912 Took Pard up town. Bought soap & came home to work. After I went up to Clarks to see a swarm of bees. Watering spuds all day & up town for Pard.

Tuesday, Feb 20, 1912 Up town with wife & come home to irrigate guavas & sugar beets.

Wednesday, Feb 21, 1912 Out up town early, left Pard & drove to M Laughlan's. by 11AM. Stopped 1/2 hour & off for home, paid him 7.00, came home @ 2:15 to feed chickens all OK. Bought vinegar & cartons, crackers & bread, 75 cts.

Thursday, Feb 22, 1912 Pard up town, I in berries all day. Wife stayed up town to sell costumes until late & her & I went to see the ball en Masque. Home @ midnight.

Friday, Feb 23, 1912 Wife up town & I ordered hay & came home to carton drip & put up 15 cartons & its dinner time. PM, am gathering vegs to peddle tomorrow. Rec'd hay tonight, 190 lbs. Rec'd tax notice due \$4.96, bal for 1911.

Saturday, Feb 24, 1912 Peddling all day, sales 6.00. Pard @ work as usual. Paid R for feed 6.00 and gasoline 1.20, pd exp agt 2.30, Pd grocer 65 cts and box of apples 1.35.

Sunday, Feb 25, 1912 Took chicken up town & home via bakery, bought KCB Powder, then went for firewood & saw 3 dead calves rotting near Souls tank. Later helped Corcoran lay off 2 lots for his man Louie, the rock hauler. Ans'd sister Myrtie's letter in Chico.

Monday, Feb 26, 1912 Wife up town & I trying to sell chickens. Wife off into San Diego & back @ 5PM. Baldoser & I working in bees & brought in a tub full from the Rex Clark place tonight OK.

Tuesday, Feb 27, 1912 Took Pard up town & came home to work. Bought butter & milk. Cocopah¹² bitten by dog & came home quick. Baldozar & I in hives all PM.

Wednesday, Feb 28, 1912 Wife up town afoot. Cocopah's face too sore to work today from bite of bull dog, Rannells. Baldoser & I among the bees & the butcher came & took 8 fries, 23 lbs = \$4.60. Rec'd check from Frankie¹³ tonight, \$10.00, OK.

Thursday, Feb 29, 1912 Wife up town as usual, has a partner in her business, a Mrs B. Paid Fred Wetzell \$5.00 on acct, balance 23. 90.

Friday, Mar 1, 1912 Rained during night. Pard up town in rain. Sent chk to S.D.L. Co, 10.00. Pd Exp man Smith 2.25. Bought sack wheat & bran. Letter from Jennie Souls. Sold 17 fryers today. Put mare in barn tonight.

Saturday, Mar. 2, 1912 Pard up town & I off peddling eggs & honey & home before noon. PM, out again with eggs, honey, tomatoes, carrots & onions. Paid water bill for past month, 1.20.

¹¹ Probably referring to Virginia Scripps.

¹² Cocopah is the horse he is purchasing or rents from Mrs Dawes, his neighbor.

¹³ Daughter Frankie Saunders

Sunday, Mar 3, 1912 Stayed indoors & left the rain outside. Wrote to daughter Frankie, wrote Jimmie Schneider & Emma Markham. Pard has neurology to beat the band.

Monday, Mar 4, 1912 Pard up town as usual. I got her medicine for her neuralgia. Mr Chas Kelly here today commencing to go partners in garden. Bought sugar & meat, \$1.15. Rec'd on chicken acct tonight 5.00.

Tuesday, Mar 5, 1912 To San Diego on business. Wife sewing as usual. Left mare @ Rutherford's. Ordered bill of lumbar & Pd S.D.L. Co. on old acct 10.00 and same on last order, 10.00. Pd taxes on Carmolita¹⁴ \$4.94, filing hand saw 50 cts, plow, wheelbarrow, etc 10.90, coffee & R.R. & shine 65 cts.

Wednesday, Mar 6, 1912 Wife up town as usual. I came home, bought butter & bread, 65 cts. In strawberries with Kelly. Lumber, plow & W barrow came home today. I owe Smith for hauling. Baldozar here PM. Kelly here all day.

Thursday, Mar 7, 1912 Busy building all day. Wife up town @ shop. I bought nails, 20 cts & came home, put a roof on hen houses & cut out foundation for 9x12 lean-to, west side. Kelly helping & PM Baldozar came & worked cleaning supers as agreed.

Friday, Mar 8, 1912 Wife up town, I at home carpentering. Gang digging for main pipe alongside our place. Kelly setting out lettuce & later helping me. Baldozar came PM on supers. I bought rolled oats, 25 cts. Bill from Dixon on lumber 31.96.

Saturday, Mar 9, 1912 Raining again today. Wife & I up town. Butchers Pd me in full & I Pd Robertson on feed acct 15.00. Bought ham, tea, coffee & shingle nails & came home & it still rains grand. Kelly tried to carpenter work but its too wet today. We saw cable go down in Ellen's¹⁵.

Sunday, Mar 10, 1912 Chas Kelly off to San Bernardino. Terrific wind off the ocean during the night, it blew covers off our bee hives, many of them were wide open this AM. We stayed home all day. South La Jolla station & Strand Hotel unroofed. Several fisherman drowned, bodies & boats washed ashore, here.

Monday, Mar 11, 1912 Fair today. Wife up town early & I came home to carpenter on addition, have roof about done. B put up money for me this PM.

Tuesday, Mar 12, 1912 Wife up town to her shop. I came home, ordered coal oil & it came tonight. I put roof in shape & closed up south end in part. It rained & blew all PM, severe at times. I went for wife early and it has quit @ 6PM.

Wednesday, Mar 13, 1912 Rained early today. Wife up town to her shop. I came home after ordering bale of hay & it come. I carpentering all day. A Miss Scott helping Mrs Swain sewing today.

Thursday, Mar 14, 1912 Wife up town as usual & I came home to work in house & run short of nails & Rodesart came & we went after bees. Chas Kelly fell in from San Berdoo and we went after his trunk & got it home quick, then took John B home & brung Pard home. Bought cheese, crackers & bread & nails, 80 cts.

Friday, Mar 15, 1912 Wife up to shop early. I ordered wheat & bran, came home to work on addition with Kelly & we put floor down & Baldozar came & he and I on bees for a short time when his ma & Mrs Anderson called, later bought oranges, figs, steak & nails.

Saturday, Mar. 16, 1912 Wife up to shop early, I bought a 2x4x20, 90 cts & came home to carpenter & B come & we did a little bee cleaning. Mrs Van Horn called & left a book for me to read. Wife home late tonight, has Mrs Kay sewing for her. Chas Kelly occupying the new room tonight.

Sunday, Mar 17, 1912 First new spuds. I took Mrs Wilson's dress to the Cabrillo Hotel & vegs to Mrs Henna & came home. Kelly with me in PM gathering vegs for peddling tomorrow. First new spuds go out tomorrow from the Carmolita garden & apiary.

Monday, Mar 18, 1912 Peddled today, cash 4.95.

¹⁴ He calls his home La Carmolita which was located at 736 Westbourne.

¹⁵ Probably is Ellen Scripps.

Tuesday, Mare 19, 1912 Wife up town to her shop. I Pd Mrs Hinman 4.00 & Robinson feed 7.50. Came home to work, fixed buggy & B came after noon & we cleaned up 3 swarms & put supers on same & they are OK. Pd Baldozar cash 2.50 on bee acct.

Wednesday, Mar. 20, 1912 Wife up town to shop, I came home to work, plowing outside for spuds. Worked in berries until time to go for Pard. Letter from Lansing, snow there on a level, 5 feet.

Thursday, Mare 21, 1912 Rain, rain, rain. Took wife up town and came home to plow in the NW corner of garden & plowed it good. Bought bread & pork chops, 45 cts.

Friday, Mar. 22, 1912 Wife up town. I & Kelly preparing potato grounds. 3 ladies called, view to purchase this place. Connected with main today. Baldozar here in PM to peddle vegs tomorrow. Bakers bees finished for seasons crop.

Saturday, Mar. 23, 1912 Peddled, \$5.10. Took wife to shop first, then peddled until 3PM. Pd Baldoser in full 2.50, 3 coils fine wire 15 cts. Wife lost pocket book.

Sunday, Mar. 24, 1912 Kelly & I up town to P.O. & home to help Baldozar transfer the tub of bees & save the honey & we did it in great shape. Mrs & Mr Gray called.

Monday, Mare 25, 1912 Took wife to shop & came home to plant Burbank spuds. Planted all the spuds, then cultivated spuds & beets, cragged NW corner for more spuds later. Plowed another piece for veg. Bought a ham & cucumber seeds.

Tuesday, Mar 26, 1912 Wife in shop, I came home & worked in garden, planted cucs & hived first swarm of bees today. Wrote Dixon - door & sash. Preparing onion ground.

Wednesday, Mar 27, 1912 Wife @ shop work, I home working on transplanting grape vines. Setting Himalaya vines & later planting onion seeds galore in the patch.

Thursday, Mar 28, 1912 Wife @ shop, I at home & Kelly & I planting Bermuda onions & plowing in vines. Baldozar came & we turned to bee culture & Kelly & I later on vines & onions. Up town @ 5PM for mail & wife. Bought tomato seeds 10 cts.

Friday, Mar 29, 1912 Up town to P.O. & home early to work in garden. Set more Himalayas & gathered vegs to peddle tomorrow. Showering in PM. Rannells plowing right up to the fence on east side of us. Pd P.O. box rent 45 cts.

Saturday, Mar. 30, 1912 Took wife to shop & I peddled all day, \$6.55. Pd grocery 2.00.

Sunday, Mar 31, 1912 Overhauling bee hives & supers AM. Wrote Frank Otto again to send us our shot gun C.O.D. and right off. PM, cutting Burbank spuds to plant in NW.

Monday, Apr 1, 1912 Wife up to shop early & I went to garage & got a shotgun for bee Martins. Came home & plated sack of spuds. Baldoser come & we transferred a hive & he went home with some vegs for his pay. Rec'd bran & wheat from Robertson tonight.

Tuesday, Apr 2, 1912 Pd bal to Genter. Wife up town to shop & I came home & Kelly & I plowed & plated Himalayas. 5PM went up town & Pard & I paid Genter bal due on last yrs interest in full \$53.00. Bought bread & beans & sweet spuds, 60 cts.

Wednesday, Apr 3, 1912 Wife up town early, I home & plating Himalayas. Later weeding up berries. Cleaned up four rows. Went up town, bought bread & left watch to be fixed.

Thursday, Apr. 4, 1912 Pard up town to business, I came home, have all berries in place. Beets, beans & squash in ground today & all OK. Daws house up & about ready to roll out & I took Mrs Daws up town in our buggy @ 5PM. Bought lard & bread.

Friday, Apr 5, 1912 Biggest rain during the night of this season up to date. Wife up to her shop & I came to

Genters, changes wagons, exchanged door & window @ Acton's & home to dinner.

Saturday, Apr 6, 1912 Wife up town to her business & I off peddling until 2PM, sold out & bought fresh beef 25 cts, sales for honey & vegs, 3.75.

Sunday, Apr 7, 1912 At home all day. Wrote Supt Agri Dept, Washington D.C. for berries & currants. Wrote Bro O.E. @ Alameda. Mrs Dr Bowles called & left us some religious items.

Monday, Apr 8, 1912 Wife up town. Plowed for spuds. Pd water bill 1.45.

Tuesday, Apr 9, 1912 Rained most all night. Wife up town as usual, I bought tobacco, 20 cts. Came home to clean bee hives & supers & Chas & I worked them until 3PM, remaining splendid & we quit. Left the wife up town tonight, too wet to come home.

Wednesday, Apr 10, 1912 Raining during night. Wife up town overnight. I & Kelly at home all OK, among bees & hives all day.

Thursday, Apr 11, 1912 Rained hard last night & during forenoon. Wife up to her shop & I had hair cut 50 cts, bought cartons 15 cts, 6 loafs bread 25 cts, wife still in town.

Friday, Apr 12, 1912 Working among hives & at home all day. 5PM, went after the wife & brung her home. Too wet to gather vegs to peddle tomorrow.

Saturday, Apr 13, 1912 Wife up town to her shop & I peddled 15 cartons honey, 6 doz eggs, 4.50.

Sunday, Apr 14, 1912 White Star Liner, Titanic, struck an iceberg off Grand Banks & sank, loss of life, 1,492. Largest steamer afloat on maiden voyage to New York.

Monday, Apr 15, 1912 Wife up town early & I took apples to Wier. Bought flour & bread, 1.10. Gave Chas K cash 1.00. I working on bee hives, Chas on onion sets.

Tuesday, Apr 16, 1912 Wife up town to her shop & I bought white onion sets & came home to work on bee hives. Chas has white onion sets all planted before dinner. John F. Baldozar called this PM, found me cleaning bee hives.

Wednesday, Apr 17, 1912 Took wife up town & came direct home. Bought B powder, 25 cts. Working bee hives & Baldozar came along & spent an hour or more. Letter from Bro O.E. tonight, all well up north. Evening bought bread & doughnuts, 35 cts.

Thursday, Apr 18, 1912 Shod mare. Box of shot gun shells, 65 cts.

Friday, Apr 19, 1912 Wife up town & I came direct home to work. Planting popcorn & plowing some in berries. PM, went to see Curtis wagon @ the Strand. Later up town for wife. Bought bread 25 cts. Ready to peddle. No paper tonight.

Saturday, Apr 20, 1912 Wife up town to her work, I peddled what I could, \$4.60.

Sunday, Apr 21, 1912 Pard & I off for a stroll. Took a 30 cent lunch & went via Forestry Station. Bought 120 gal, \$7.20 cash & home @ 3PM to early supper.

Monday, Apr 22, 1912 Postal from Henry C. Swain¹⁶. Wife up town to shop, I delivered honey to Mrs Snider, 2.50, Mrs Jackson, 35 cts. Sold carrots & beets. Sales today, 4.20. Wife stayed up town.

Tuesday, Apr 23, 1912 At home all day & working on berries & hived No 11 swarm. Up town @ 5 & bought tea & coffee & beef & bananas, 1.10 & we came home OK.

Wednesday, Apr 24, 1912 Wife up town to her shop work. Hived 3rd swarm and bought bread. Wrote china doctor. 5PM, up after wife as usual & home to strawberry supper.

Thursday, Apr 25, 1912 Wife up town as usual & I ordered sack wheat & sack bran, came home to bee work.

¹⁶ His son in Tehama County, CA.

Kelly in strawberries. 5PM, up town, bought stamped envelopes, pork chops, sacks wheat & bran feed, 4.00. My birthday, age 68 years¹⁷ & home to supper.

Friday, Apr 26, 1912 Wife up town as usual. I came home cultivated & later gathering vegs to peddle tomorrow. Showering & cold later.

Saturday, Apr 27, 1912 Peddled, cash 4.35. Chas hived bees today. Rec'd pkg from China doctor, San Francisco. 5PM, Chas & I went up town, he to get chewing tobacco & I to bring wife home as usual. Bought bread & cookies, 35 cts.

Sunday, Apr 28, 1912 Wife sick all night with overwork & worry. Hived another swarm. Put lock on door of lean-to & shot bee martins galore. Wrote Lions Implement Co for cultivator today.

Monday, Apr. 29, 1912 Wife up to her dress making. Pd Mrs Daws 5.00 on acct, making \$45.00 to date. Sent by auto for cultivator by Smith Miller Auto Co, hived 2 swarms today. Letter from Bro O.E.S. Postal from ex Office agt.

Tuesday, Apr 30, 1912 Wife @ Mrs Lathrop's. Bought beef pot roast, 70 cts. Am half sick, trying China Dr.'s medicine for my kidneys. With bees again, Kelly in berries. Scripps gang plowing Daws place PM.

Wednesday, May 1, 1912 Wife up town as usual, I home choring. Kelly in garden, hived swarm bees. Went up town for Pard, but she was engaged with Mrs Wilson's fitting & stayed with Mrs Gray, so came home alone.

Thursday, May 2, 1912 Wife still up town, too busy to come home last night. Kelly & I irrigating & cultivating spuds with the new cultivator & working with bees in PM.

Friday, May 3, 1912 Wife up town early & I came direct home after ordering shells to be sent c/o Brundage. Hived another swarm. Gathered truck to peddle tomorrow.

Saturday, May 4, 1912 Out peddling early, 3.50 & home early. Chas Kelly hived another swarm. Late up town for Pard. Bought soap & tobacco 50 cts. Pd water Co 1.00.

Sunday, May 5, 1912 Alonzo o Bliss Medical Co, Washington D.C. for Bliss Herbs Tablets. Hived 2 swarms today, easy. A new house burned early on the Corcoran tract, vacant & unfinished, what did it, guess.

Monday, May 6, 1912 Cold & cloudy. Wife up to her shop early. I mailed four letters. Bought sugar & cartons, 1.15 & home to work bees.

Tuesday, May 7, 1912 Wife up town as usual, I at home with bees & other chores. Corn planting by Rannells. Bought cheese & cakes 50 cts. Hived 5 swarms today & went up town to see moving picture, show at Bathhouse, cost 50 cts. Loaned Kelly 1.00.

Wednesday, May 8, 1912 Wife @ Grays overnight. Still among the hives while Kelly is in the garden. Brought wife home tonight.

Thursday, May 9, 1912 Up town with wife early & back home to cultivate & irrigate alfalfa. 5:30PM, went for Pard but she could not come. I brought the 2 Kay girls out to Genters & came home alone.

Friday, May 10, 1912 Working in garden & hived another swarm. Gathering vegs for tomorrow. Bought bread 25 cts. Wife at work again tonight & must finish & could not come home. I came alone again.

Saturday, May 11, 1912 Peddled, total sales 6.85. Hived another swarm today. Wife home again for a rest. Bought butter & veal 65 cts. Mrs Gray & Mrs Kay off to San Diego today. Wife Pd Tillie Genter 2.00 for embroidering, I bought box shells 50 cts.

Sunday, May 12, 1912 Resting & shooting bee Martins. Mrs Kay & daughters here calling. Wife & Kelly up

¹⁷ He was born in 1843 which makes him 69, but for several years, he thinks he is a year younger than he actually was.

town in buggy, Kelly bought Sundays Examiner & came home. Wife took Mrs Kay to the Strand for a ride thence back up town & home by 6PM & all OK.

Monday, May 13, 1912 Wife up to her shop work. I paid feed bill, 4.30, bucket lard, 55 cts, bread & milk, 75 cts & came home to work. Hived 3 swarms today & they are all OK. Paid Cook's son 35 cts for due on San Diego Sun for past month.

Tuesday, May 14, 1912 Took wife up town as usual & came home direct to work in bee yard & watered the palms good. PM, Chas Kelly, out after outside work & found it. Later, moved up town to room. Our cat had kittens. Loaned Kelly cash \$1.00.

Wednesday, May 15, 1912 Wife up town to her shop early & I came home to watch the bees. Hived one swarm in forenoon & they got away. Honey to Mrs Anderson, 25 cts. Up town after wife @ six. No paper tonight. Wife has long letter from Annie Kirkwood, S.F.

Thursday, May 16, 1912 Took Pard up town early & came home to chores. Barone came & got 25 cts spuds & gave him 3 tomato plants. Went after Pard @ 5:30.

Friday, May 17, 1912 Wife off to San Diego on motor with Mrs Gray & I home herding bees & chickens as usual. Pard bought a nice (15.00) suit, some dishes & seed & came home early PM, seed cost 75 cts.

Saturday, May 18, 1912 Wife up town as usual. I sold eggs, 1.00, bought butter, 35 cts. Postal from Mrs Lathrop, Sac City on her way north with auto. Resetting a few Himalayas today. 5:30, up town far Pard. Beef steak cost 35 cts.

Sunday, May 19, 1912 At home all day. Pard hived a swarm & I hived a swarm. Genter called & we worked irrigating until 8PM. Dr Boul's jersey cow had a calf & its all right.

Monday, May 20, 1912 Pard up town as usual. Found mail & medicine from Alonzo Bliss, Wash D.C. Fra from Bro O.E., Alameda. Came home to work of course. Mrs Kay & Daughters off for Montana. Bought bread 25 cts, doughnuts & cheese 50 cts.

Tuesday, May 21, 1912 Pard up town to her business, has Mrs Hinman helping. I was home as usual & watching bees & choring. Pckg from Bliss Co.

Wednesday, May 22, 1912 Wife up town as usual & I home alone, as usual watching for swarms & doing chores, plenty. Wife eating strawberries to her fill every meal. Changing our bedroom tonight. Bought butter & beef, 55 cts.

Thursday, May 23, 1912 Last days work today up town, moved all her material home tonight. Made money enough & quit. Ordered sack wheat & barley & it come tonight.

Friday, May 24, 1912 Mrs Graham came this AM, first visit, helped Pard cleaning up. Had dinner & Pard took her home @ 4PM in the auto.

Saturday, May 25, 1912 Up town after Mrs Childs, brought her home & took here back & home again by noon. Sold her spuds & 2 roosters, 1.50 cash. Spuds to Mrs Hinman 25 cts, bought tea & coffee, 60 cts, gasoline 1.10, stamps 26 cts, pork chops 20 cts.

Sunday, May 26, 1912 Pard worked all day to complete Mrs Wilson's dress, etc & I took it to her this evening. Graham & wife called this PM. Pard rec'd Examiners from Mrs A.S. Kirkwood of San Francisco.

Monday, May 27, 1912 At home choring. PM, took dress up town, rec'd cash on it, 1.50. Letter from Delaney & Ear Drum Co, I answered it OK. Hived 5 swarms.

Tuesday, May 28, 1912 Mrs Childs & Mrs Dates here & I took them home, AM. Bought sugar & salt, 1.10, shot gun shells, 50 cts. Pard up town PM on business & home again @ 5PM. Statement from S.D.L. Co, bal due \$48.54.

Wednesday, May 29, 1912 Wife & I home all day. I wrote Manager of San Diego Sun on business. I wrote A.J. Jones & wife of Johnnie, Nev. Pard worked until midnight on a Mrs Childs suit, trying to complete it.

Thursday, May 30, 1912 Memorial Day. Wife sewing all day & I choring & set out tobacco plants. Rec'd postal from O.E. in Chico. PM, Mr Baker & daughter called from Sorrento.

Friday, May 31, 1912 Choring, digging spuds. Took dress to Mrs Childs, rec'd 12.50. Bought milk, 55 cts. Brung Mrs Cann out to see wife & took here home again, then trying to get vegs to paddle tomorrow.

Saturday, Jun 1, 1912 Peddled until 2PM, sales 2.80. Came home disgusted, vegs below par. Everybody has them. Bought crackers & beans 50 cts. Late this evening wife & I went up to see Grays.

Sunday, Jun 2, 1912 Wife & I home all day. Had our old fashioned siesta. Ate strawberry shortcake plenty & bacon & beans for a change. Pard on a couple of dresses for some young lady & has them most done tonight.

Monday, Jun 3, 1912 Sent 1.00 to Bliss Co for tablets. Rec'd of Mrs Wilson on acct, 15.00. Pd water bill 1.35.

Tuesday, Jun 4, 1912 Into city early, paid the S.D.L. Co in full, \$48.00. Pd Lyon & co on acct 5.00, bought ticket R.R. 50 cts, drawers 50 cts, peroxide 25 cts.

Wednesday, Jun 5, 1912 Planting tobacco again today. Mrs Clark called & is having dress made. I took strawberries to her house & to Mrs Childs & spuds also.

Thursday, Jun 6, 1912 Took 2 dresses home & rec'd 10.00 cash in full. Paid Wetzell 10.00 cash on our hardware acct & bought a stake our chain 1.00 & breed 25 cts & home.

Friday, Jun 7, 1912 Went up town, bought 3 yds elastic, cost 30 cts. Chain back to Wetzell's get another tomorrow. Mrs Clark here PM in her auto. Gathering spuds & beets to peddle tomorrow.

Saturday, Jun 8, 1912 Peddling today, 4.08. Bought @ Hyer's 40 cts, bakery, 25 cts. Left 6 bunches of beets @ bakery to sell. (Later) Ruby & Kit Dawes called & we settled up all our indebtedness to date as to pipe acct. Paid cash 11.00 bal due on mare, 25.00 in full.

Sunday, Jun 9, 1912 Mr Curtis of the Strand called to see the berries. We rested today & this evening drove out to see Mrs Robertson's new home, not yet completed. Bought hat & thread of Mrs Gray & bread 65 cts & came home OK.

Monday, Jun 10, 1912 Went up town for mail, tea, coffee & butter, 95 cts & came home to work. Mrs Baker & daughter here from Sorrento to have dress made. Two Denver women in to have two dresses made. Postal from Mrs Kay & O.E.S. @ Quincy.

Tuesday, Jun 11, 1912 I went up town & back, got new chain picket, some meat for chickens, got some bread & home. Mr & Mrs Holiday here & he bought some honey. I called on Mrs Andrews, she seems discouraged. Genter sold his cows to Rannells Dairy.

Wednesday, Jun 12, 1912 Up town & sold honey & eggs & strawberries, 2.50. Bought shell 50 cts & home to dinner. After supper we went to the show @ the Bathhouse, came home broke one of our thills on road home.

Thursday, Jun 13, 1912 I took shafts up town to have a new thill put in, cost 2.25 & came home to work. Mrs Clark & her friend Mrs Dearborn also & Mrs Clarks work was OK.

Friday, Jun 14, 1912 At home, opened hives, find them filling fast. Mrs Childs & Dates came PM for fruit & vegs & I took them home in buggy. Brought mended thilly & buggy home tonight. Postals from Mrs Kay & Mrs Kirkwood.

Saturday, Jun 15, 1912 Peddled honey & vegs, 3.16, Mrs Waddell gave me a glass of marmalade & Mrs Engineer complained to Dr Howard of the various nuisances that should be abated here around us.

Sunday, Jun 16, 1912 At home until PM, when we rode up town, thence to Bird Rock to see the Nurseryman, thence down the beach & out via the caves & called on the Grays & last on Corcoran's & home to supper. Pard writing to Annie Kirkwood in S.F. tonight.

Monday, Jun 17, 1912 Rec'd Bliss herbs today. Mrs Hunter came early for berries & got them OK. I setting Himalayas. PM, digging holes to set Himalayas tomorrow.

Tuesday, Jun 18, 1912 Wife dressmaking as usual, I setting Himalayas & cutting alfalfa for hay. Went up town, mailed letter & ordered gasoline. Mrs Shriner here on business & to get berries & I took her home & bought bread.

Wednesday, Jun 19, 1912 Wife sewing & I am still on berry planting. 6PM, we drove up town, sold berries @ Wier's & Mrs Wilson Pd 6.00 cash in full, home @ 8PM.

Thursday, Jun 20, 1912 At home all day, wife sewing as ever & I still putting out vines. 5PM, up town for food, Pd for sk wheat & gasoline & bought corn on credit, 2.00. Bought butter, bananas, bread, cheese, crackers & home @ 7PM. Rec'd Fra from O.E.S.

Friday, Jun 21, 1912 Mrs Shriner & daughter here on business and Mrs Baker & daughter of Sorrento here on business. Later Mrs Childs and Mrs Dates here on business. I went to Wetzell Bros for hose. Hived a big swarm and all is well.

Saturday, Jun 22, 1912 Peddling berries & honey, sold out & home to dinner. Rec'd postal from Ed Malley, Sheriff of Nye Co. Pd out coffee 30 cts. Pard & I drove up to Mrs Childs and took her 3 chickens.

Sunday, Jun 23, 1912 Working on Satan's garden. Irrigating berries and weeding, found gopher trap. Nobody visited the Carmolita garden today, we were alone in our glory.

Monday, Jun 24, 1912 Off to San Diego 10AM, home @ 2PM, spent 7.75 cash. 50 ft 3/4 rubber hose, 4.00, 2 pair buck gloves 2.00, couplings & whiskey 75 cts, suspenders 50 cts, car fare 50 cts.

Tuesday, Jun 25, 1912 Peddling honey & berries, brought home 5.40. Brought Mr & Mrs Cann with me & later took them home.

Wednesday, Jun 26, 1912 Pard & I up town after thread & her watch, cleaned & in order, \$2.65. Setting Logan berries & irrigating. PM, late up to the Green Dragon on business & back inside one hour.

Thursday, Jun 27, 1912 In garden all day as usual. PM, took suits to Mrs Cann, rec'd cash, 10.40. Bought lime & shells 40 cts & home. Gathering to peddle.

Friday, Jun 28, 1912 Peddled sales 3.95. O.V. Hotel¹⁸ due 1.10. Found lost bees @ Mrs Kennedy's (must get them home). Had old man hoeing in garden this PM. Saw Kelly @ P.O. & pd box rent 45 cts for next quarter.

Saturday, Jun 29, 1912 Peddling today, sales 2.50. Sold out berries & honey & cucs, spuds & eggs. Baker of Sorrento here & took her dress home.

Sunday, Jun 30, 1912 At home all day. Mrs Derby came for her dress goods & took it home & Pard was well pleased. Wrote A.H.K. 3240 M St San Diego, money. Wrote J.B. Wilson, 2941 4th St, San Diego, mines.

Monday, Jul 1, 1912 I went up town to mail letters. Rec'd postal from Mrs Kay, got some scraps of meat @ butcher shop & came home early. Bread cost me 25 cts. Digging spuds & killed 2 -----?

Tuesday, Jul 2, 1912 Peddling AM, sales \$5.35, bought sugar, 1.00, butter & bread.

Wednesday, Jul 3, 1912 Peddled berries, honey, spuds, 5.95. Parties putting up a new Airdome for Moving Pictures. Pd Robinson sack corn & barley 1.60. Mrs Nettie Souls here & had a long chat.

Thursday, Jul 4, 1912 Irrigating vines. Train loads of people coming in town to the "Sons of St George" picnic. Wife & I went to see the sport at the Beach & Bathhouse & home @ 5:30PM.

¹⁸ Ocean View Hotel.

Friday, Jul 5, 1912 Dug outside spuds AM, up town PM on business. 2 dresses to Green Dragon. Ordered berry trays 1.00. Pd water bill 5.05, Robinson 10.00.

Saturday, Jul 6, 1912 Peddling berries & honey & sold out, sales today \$7.60. Miss Baker from Sorrento came & took 16 boxes of Lawton Berries 1.60.

Sunday, Jul 7, 1912 Took berries to Boul's & others @ the Strand, 1.70. Home & wrote S.D. Sun agt. Up to P.O. late PM, came home via Genters & paid him 40.00 on acct cash.

Monday, Jul 8, 1912 Peddling berries & honey, 5.25. Bought hay & wheat 4.75.

Tuesday, Jul 9, 1912 Peddling berries & honey, 6.45 & home before 6PM. Mr H.B. Irwin came early to look up the paper carriers doings. Mr Cook called on business between he and Genter.

Wednesday, Jul 10, 1912 Pd Smith for beef, 25 cts. Took berries & honey to Strand & sold 3.00 & home @ noon. PM, late up to sell pair pillows to a Mrs Daws for 5.00 to apply on acct on horse purchasing acct this month.

Thursday, Jul 11, 1912 Sold Corcoran berries, took dress up to Green Dragon & sold some Logan berries. PM, sold Logan berries, eggs, cucs & peppers, total 4.25. Rec'd postal from Jennie from Los Angeles.

Friday, Jul 12, 1912 Fixing gate in hen yard to run the trash through & into the garden. Boul's came & got berries. PM, up town for cartons for berries & honey & got them, cost 15 cts. Sold some honey for 15 cts. Letter from J.B. Wilson, San Diego.

Saturday, Jul 13, 1912 Peddling berries & honey, sales 4.00 & home by 2:30PM. 6:30PM, wife & I up town to see the new picture show in the Airdome, cost us 20 cts & its OK.

Sunday, Jul 14, 1912 Resting & cleaning hen houses, wheeling manure out into garden.

Monday, Jul 15, 1912 Peddling berries & honey, paid Cook on acct 4.00. Sales today, 5.85.

Tuesday, Jul 16, 1912 Peddling & gathering boxes, 24 boxes & cucs & honey, sales 4.15.

Wednesday, Jul 17, 1912 Nice shower early today. Doing nothing much but chores & reading. Mr Curtis of the Strand came for some berries & got them. Pard wrote Emma.

Thursday, Jul 18, 1912 Peddling, sales 7.00. Wife & I drove up to bakery.

Friday, Jul 19, 1912 Peddling berries, sales 2.60. PM, gathering berries & wife & I out & sold them all. Letter from my sister.

Saturday, Jul 20, 1912 Opened first hive this fall honey. Berries to Curtis 50 cts. Berries to Bowls 75 cts. Chicken to Massys. 1.25. Went to see show, out 20 cts.

Sunday, Jul 21, 1912 Answered sisters letter. At home resting all day. Sold eggs, 15 cts.

Monday, Jul 22, 1912 Peddling, sales 6.40. Bought groceries 1.30. Pd Cook for paper until first of month. Letter from Bro O.E.S.

Tuesday, Jul 23, 1912 I called on Miss Ellen. Took berries & honey to Strand & also to Mrs Corcoran, sales 3.00. Smith brung load of manure this PM costing 1.00. Visited Graham's Laundry and its OK.

Wednesday, Jul 24, 1912 Peddling berries & honey, sales light today. Letter from C.H. Smith of Rhyolite, Nevada regarding deed to Rathbourne. Ordered him to burn it as the deed fell through.

Thursday, Jul 25, 1912 Ans'd C.H. Smith @ Rhyolite. Cleaning up bees. PM, up town for mail. Bought gasoline 1.15, Pd for hay 2.00, beef & pork chops 40 cts.

Friday, Jul 26, 1912 PM, peddling berries & honey, sales 3.50. Bought bread 15 cts. Rec'd postal from Miss Alice M. Comstock, Skagway, Alaska dated July 17th.

Saturday, Jul 27, 1912 Working in Satan's Vineyard wheeling manure around the young Himalayas. After dinner, gathering berries for old lady friend of wives, then took in 10 ct show & came home before 10PM. Rec'd letter from Annie Kirkwood.

Sunday, Jul 28, 1912 At home all day, am putting supers on bee hives as fast as they fill. Cook failed again last night to bring my paper.

Monday, Jul 29, 1912 Helping Graham & Nettie get started with new laundry & sold honey, onions, cucs, home @ 3PM, sales 3.00. Bought sugar & chops 1.25. Mrs Capt Graham called today. C.H. Smith sent me deed instead of burning same as I had ordered him to do.

Tuesday, Jul 30, 1912 Out early with few berries and a couple of fries for Mrs Alex Massey. Home early, bought bread, crackers & cheese 80 cts. Also sample bottle of grape juice. This evening Smith came & bought 31 chickens @ 22 cts per pound.

Wednesday, Jul 31, 1912 Cleaning bee hives, burning Millers Larva etc from Baker hives, dirty. Went up town to settle business with Smith, coop weighs 40 lbs off total weight of chickens 108 pounds @ 22 cts = 23.76 average weight 3 1/2 lbs total \$23.76. Brought Mrs Gray home with me and her & wife off to see carpet weaver.

Thursday, Aug 1, 1912 Up town with honey. Pd water bill past month 3.05. Bought lime & butter 50 cts.

Friday, Aug 2, 1912 Both home all day, I working on Baker bees, awful foul. Mrs Hunter called on business with Pard.

Saturday, Aug 3, 1912 Peddling berries, 3.00. Letter from Annie Kirkwood, ans'd tonight. Sold, killed & delivered 3 chickens tonight. Pard wrote Mrs Ware & we took in the show.

Sunday, Aug 4, 1912 Stayed home all day reading a novel, wife ditto.

Monday, Aug 5, 1912 Working all day fighting bee pests, millers. Hived 2 swarms & let one get away.

Tuesday, Aug 6, 1912 Mrs Hunter here early. I off peddling berries & honey, sold out & home early, sales light. Bought bread & butter, tea, coffee, 1.50. (Hop Lee caught blind pig) Pard took Mrs Hunter home with the buggy & home early.

Wednesday, Aug 7, 1912 Pard off to San Diego 10AM, I home & with bees. She goes to S.D. on business & back @ 2PM, out \$4.00 & comes home happy as ever. Rode up town late, letter from Annie & sample ballot for me.

Thursday, Aug 8, 1912 Overhauling bee hives, getting out fine honey. Wife washed all day.

Friday, Aug 9, 1912 Mrs Hunter & daughter here early, dress making & I off collecting and selling honey drip. Bought groceries PM to the extent of 3.10.

Saturday, Aug 10, 1912 Off to meet Annie K & son on the Queen @ 5PM, found them & brought them home to supper & all was OK.

Sunday, Aug 11, 1912 Wife took her friend Annie & her son Alfred to the beach to see the bathers & they took in the sights & came home happy.

Monday, Aug 12, 1912 Mrs Kirkwood & son & I up town, bought chops, 25 cts & home to dinner. PM, working in bees until supper time. Millers are nearly hell to overcome.

Tuesday, Aug 13, 1912 At home sick with cold, overwork yesterday. Pard & Annie K & son off up town in buggy.

Wednesday, Aug 14, 1912 I am sick, tried to do bee work & gave it up. I am at home & miserable. Folks up town PM to Mrs Grays birthday flare.

Thursday, Aug 15, 1912 Election on water purchase by San Diego, voted yes. Alice & Annie & kid off to visit Ramona's home @ Old Town. All home on time to supper.

Friday, Aug 16, 1912 Killed 2 pullets early, took one to Mrs Lockwood, thence to P.O. & homeward. Mrs K & son went to visit the Strand & home in time for dinner & I working among the bees.

Saturday, Aug 17, 1912 Peddling berries, honey & a few vegs. Sick all day and home @ 3PM. Bought butter, milk, coffee, 1.20.

Sunday, Aug 18, 1912 Mrs K & her boy, off to visit the old Mission @ Old Town & only open on Sundays. Up town for quinine & bread, cash out 50 cts.

Monday, Aug 19, 1912 All hands home today, sewing & fixing as usual. I am quite poorly & have bad cough. Up town late to P.O. & to see Smith on business.

Tuesday, Aug 20, 1912 The gang out early for Mexico, Tiawana (sic) or bust & Ysidro, tom bien hoy. I at home & no good yet, went to P.O. late, bought 35 cts groceries & come home. Broke upper plate. Settled for chickens tonight, \$21.76.

Wednesday, Aug 21, 1912 Gang in @ 11:30PM, left their wealth @ Tiawana (sic). Recovering at home today. Bought gasoline, 1.25.

Thursday, Aug 22, 1912 Folks off to Coronado Beach for today. I am too poorly to care to go any place at present. Plate fixed & all OK.

Friday, Aug 23, 1912 Sick & miserable. Spreckles Theater opening tonight.

Saturday, Aug 24, 1912 Wife & Annie at home today building me a new suit of clothes. I in town on noon train hunting clinic & library & bought a drink of whiskey, home on 6PM train. Letter from Bro O.E.S.

Sunday, Aug 25, 1912 Up to P.O. after mail and bread & a Porous Plaster. Folks off to Tent City & home @ 3PM. I had a present of a nice fresh fish today & we had it for supper.

Monday, Aug 26, 1912 I am feeling awful tough, but must peddle or starve. Bought sugar, tea & coffee, 1.60.

Tuesday, Aug 27, 1912 Took Annie to visit Schroder's & the caves & I come home. Bought bread & lard, 75 cts & came home. Later Annie & kid came home. Will Rannells getting ready to fence his land.

Wednesday, Aug 28, 1912 Nice shower of rain falling most of today, all hands indoors today sewing & pressing & finishing. No business in town for us today. I am recovering by use of quinine, turpentine & lard, porous plasters & mustang Liniment.

Thursday, Aug 29, 1912 All hands home washing & overhauling bees. Folks off up town. I at home miserable.

Friday, Aug 30, 1912 Mrs Kirkwood & Alfred off to city & I bought tickets to San Fran on the Queen to sail tomorrow night. I up town bought bread & meat, butter 1.50. Mrs K home @ 2PM & all OK.

Saturday, Aug 31, 1912 Up town for mail & sold a few berries & a 35 lb melon. Bought baking powder & soap, 30 cts & film for Eastman Kodak. Left home & wife @ 7:25PM, down to San Diego & in my state room 27 on the Queen @ 9PM & all OK. Mrs K & Alfred content & OK.

Sunday, Sep 1, 1912 @ San Pedro early, left San Pedro @ 11AM & off up coast, had good meals & plenty. Annie wrote postal to my wife from San Pedro. 6PM, wrote Pard from Sante Barbara, a little, rough & several sea sick.

Monday, Sep 2, 1912 I feeling glum and Alfred down sick. I failed to take breakfast but took dinner OK & reached 412 Clayton @ 6. Annie found Dan just in time. Wrote Pard tonight.

- Tuesday, Sep 3, 1912 Mr Kirkwood & I took a look @ San Fran & it looks good to me. Bought ticket to R.B.¹⁹ tomorrow via Oregon Short Line, 6.00. Form 6, No. 190. Wrote Mrs A.C. Swain this PM.
- Wednesday, Sep 4, 1912 Off for R.B. @ 7:20AM, @ Benecia @ 9AM, dinner @ Arbuckle, struck a snag, train left me and concluded to lay over until tomorrow train.
- Thursday, Sep 5, 1912 Arbuckle & sprinkling rain this morning. Pd Hotel bill overnight, 1.00. Postal to 412 Clayton St. Off again for the Bluff, still showering @ Arbuckle. In the Bluffs @ 4:10PM & pouring down rain. Went to Concordia Hotel, 1.00, registered as N.O. Body.
- Friday, Sep 6, 1912 Rain, rain, raining. Wrote La Carmolita, P.O.B. 135 La Jolla. Pd hotel bill, 1.25 & still it rains. Hunted up Geo Vestal & also Lou Troughton²⁰ today & not a soul recognized me. Found out I am reported killed in Mexico, but wait Vestal says, my title will hold good as gold.
- Saturday, Sep 7, 1912 Called on by H.C.S.²¹ Dist Atty out of town. Examined some records today. Called on Hattie (daughter) poor girl has 3 little girls. Ate supper with Henry (son) & wife. It has quit raining at last. Rooming in 22, Concordia.
- Sunday, Sep 8, 1912 Waiting for return of Atty Wm Fish from Corning. We are to begin to take up the trial tomorrow and he says its OK he thinks.
- Monday, Sep 9, 1912 At Dist Atty Will Fish in AM. Alonzo (son) & wife in town. Henry (son) hunted me up to meet Lou & wife & I ate dinner with Henry & supper with Lou. Spent the evening all together at Henrys house.
- Tuesday, Sep 10, 1912 Out to meet Alonzo (son) & Henry (son) & find Will is in town, ate dinner with Will (son) and later he & I visited Hattie (daughter), found Lou, wife & baby there. Stayed 2 hours and out, invited by Lou's wife to go to motion picture show & we all went. Still trying to get money.
- Wednesday, Sep 11, 1912 Left the Concordia. Alonzo & wife Annie off for home & Will & DeHaven²² also. I promised Henrys wife to come & sleep at her house & I am here this evening OK. Hope to visit Frankie (daughter) before I start for home.
- Thursday, Sep 12, 1912 First letters from Pard. PM, off to visit Frankie & family in company with Henry & Lottie in his big auto, he has another smaller. Found Frankie & her four and they were glad to see me, ate supper and came back to town @ 8:30.
- Friday, Sep 13, 1912 Writing home to Pard in AM. Too hot to suit me here, so stayed in the house & visited Lottie (daughter-in-law). PM, went to Hattie (daughter) & spent the entire PM & back to Lettie & Henrys to supper. After supper talked of the past until bed time. Shall start homeward tomorrow.
- Saturday, Sep 14, 1912 Too warm here for me. Stopped with Henry & Lottie. 6PM, off to Chico and found Mertie (sister) & husband Jules H. Behme, he is quite feeble. Fare \$1.25. Slept @ Mertie's tonight.
- Sunday, Sep 15, 1912 @ Chico today with Jules & Mertie. Called on Mike & Sis - merry today. Jules is sick but better. Mertie found my Duplicate in her safe deposit box.
- Monday, Sep 16, 1912 Mailed letter to Pard, postals to Annie K. & Henry C. Swain. I visited the cemetery this AM & saw the grass of many mold acquaintances & friends. Jules improving some.
- Tuesday, Sep 17, 1912 Left Chico 1:30PM, @ Sac City @ 4:15PM, found Cassius (brother) @ 1627 10th St & slept with him of course, breakfasted also. Spent the most of the day at the fairgrounds, but it is too hot for me. Spent evening with the Slaters & Hulses. Mr Slaters father & mother from Stoney Creek, Tehama Co.
- Wednesday, Sep 18, 1912 Off for Stockton via Electric to find G.W.B. Pd 1.45 fare to Stockton @ 9:10AM. Broke my upper plate. 2 meals cost me 50 cts. Spent the evening with Geo W. Beck @ the Abbott.

¹⁹ Red Bluff, Calif.

²⁰ J.M. Swain's first wife, and mother of his 7 children, was named Troughton (Mary Elizabeth).

²¹ Son Henry Clinton Swain. Married to Letitia DeHaven.

²² Son William Evert Swain and wife Nettie DeHaven.

Wrote wife & Annie K., 412 Clayton St, S.F.

Thursday, Sep 19, 1912 Off for San Fran @ 7:10AM. Fare from Stockton to S.F. 2.35, via Western Pacific R.R, Livermore Valley, route. Had plate mended, 1.50. Found Annie K & family all OK as usual & am here overnight.

Friday, Sep 20, 1912 To Alameda to see O.E. (brother) & his kids @ 876 Laurel St. O.E. gone, found Mrs & his children OK. Had lunch & off for city @ 2:30. @ 4:30 @ 412 Clayton St. Later went to show with Alfred & home to bed @ 9PM.

Saturday, Sep 21, 1912 Off to Alameda to visit O.E. & family. Home @ 3:30PM.

Sunday, Sep 22, 1912 Off to visit sister Lib & Claud (brother) @ 1821 Derby St, Berkeley. Had a nice time, find Claud a rich man & he has settled for life, he says. Wrote my darling tonight.

Monday, Sep 23, 1912 @ Annie & Dan's. Engaged state room on the Queen for home. Got same room & berth as I had coming up. PM, spent in Golden Gate park & museum until 4PM. Changed stateroom to shore side, room 36, No of ticket 8325.

Tuesday, Sep 24, 1912 Off to Lane Hospital on Clay St, thence to factory of the Boesche Lamp Co @ 1135 Mission St, thence to Goodyear Rubber Co to find price of colie, 1.25 & home to 412 Clayton St.

Wednesday, Sep 25, 1912 Over to Claude's (brother) & spent the day, off for home @ 4PM. Wrote Lettie & Henry, as promised.

Thursday, Sep 26, 1912 Bid goodbye to Annie Kirkwood & Dan went with me to the Queen & to my room 36, port side. Had dinner all OK, spent evening chatting as we sailed for San Diego.

Friday, Sep 27, 1912 9:30 @ Santa Barbara, went up town spent 10 cts for cough drops, 2 boxes. Off for Redondo @ 11:45 and went to dinner. Fair weather, ocean smooth. Redondo 4:30PM, @ San Pedro 10PM & discharging freight all night.

Saturday, Sep 28, 1912 Leave San Pedro @ 10:30, took a long walk over the town of San Pedro and in San Diego @ 6PM. Pd barber shop 50 cts, supper 25 cts, ticket to La Jolla 50 cts and home with \$25.50 cash, found Pard OK alone.

Sunday, Sep 29, 1912 Down to the Baths. Wife & I down to see Jen & brung home a stove, lounge & rocker, costing us 2.00 & then some. Home @ 3:30, OK. Wrote H.C. Swain, R.B., Frankie Saunders, R.B., Mertie Behme, Chico, Annie Kirkwood, San Fran.

Monday, Sep 30, 1912 Wife up town to work & I out peddling, caught 2.15.

Tuesday, Oct 1, 1912 Threatening rain all day, we stayed home expecting a big storm & it still sprinkles and blows from the south. Wrote Hattie Campbell & family, wrote Alonzo Swain & wife.

Wednesday, Oct 2, 1912 Wife & Jen up town in buggy, I wrote son Wm Swain & also Emily Beauregard. Went up town at noon, had mare shod, cost 75 cts. Pd water bill, 3.20. Wife & I came home early, trying to rain tonight.

Thursday, Oct 3, 1912 At home all day, moved stove & cut a door into bedroom, put castors under the Fairchilds chair. Boul's put tent up for cook house while gathering his bean crop to thresh. Raining @ bed time.

Friday, Oct 4, 1912 Hooked up to go up town & rain came on and we stayed at home. A nasty day all day. The 2 sisters from the Rannells dairy called this PM for the first time. One of them has a boy baby, 6 weeks old yesterday.

Saturday, Oct 5, 1912 Pard in city all day with Jen. Rec'd letter from Lottie, son Henrys wife in Red Bluff. @ 4PM I went collecting, rec'd 5.20. Bought sugar & cheese.

Sunday, Oct 6, 1912 Up town to see Jen off & thence to see Mrs Wilson @ Cabrillo Hotel & home. Pard left work at Mrs Grays. Tonight wrote Baker on Bees. Wrote County Recorder @ Red Bluff & U.S. Land Office @ Shasta Land Office.

Monday, Oct 7, 1912 Wife up town sewing, put up her sign @ Mrs Grays. Sent duplication to Recorder @ Red Bluff (registered). Notified assessor of Tehama Co to assess my homestead to me, registered letter, 10 cts.

Tuesday, Oct 8, 1912 Pard up town as usual, I Pd 5.00 to Louise for Mrs Daws & home via Bishop School. Took swill from Boul's camp. Boul's thresher arrived.

Wednesday, Oct 9, 1912 Boul's threshing beans. Wife up to her shop & I came home, gathered pumpkins & manuring vines until 4PM. Then in town after wife & sack barley.

Thursday, Oct 10, 1912 Wife up town to shop, bought sugar 1.00, lemons 10 cts. After the swill as usual. Rube plowing Daws place.

Friday, Oct 11, 1912 Wife @ Mrs Cann's all day & I in berries & gathering beans, went after wife @ 5PM. Pard writing Bro O.E. She is writing Bro Claude also on business.

Saturday, Oct 12, 1912 Took wife to shop & came home to work in beans and onions & berries, put squash under the house. Evening up town for wife, bought butter, bacon, bread & guavas, 1.20. Rec'd ans from Land Office. Also postal from Recorder in R.B.

Sunday, Oct 13, 1912 At home all day and a hot day it has been, thermometer @ 90°. Letters to John F.E. & County Recorder at Red Bluff.

Monday, Oct 14, 1912 Pard up to shop, I went to Boul's camp for swill, home among the vines. Wrote Mark H. Averill on business. Roosevelt shot in Milwaukee today by Schrank, a crank. Rec'd letter from County Assessor, Louis Winter tonight.

Tuesday, Oct 15, 1912 Wife up to shop, I up to Boul's camp for swill & home @ 12 noon & hot again today.

Wednesday, Oct 16, 1912 Up town as usual & back to gathering dry onions, gave bailers melons & went up town @ 4PM, found Pard @ Cann's. Postal from Mrs Ware & from sister Myrtie Behme @ Chico.

Thursday, Oct 17, 1912 Still awful hot, 92°. Up town to shop with wife & she rec'd letter from O.E.S. I came home, went to Boul's camp for garbage-hens. Gathered silver skin onions. Rec'd letter from Anna Swain, Lou's wife, Rosewood Hunter. Dist.

Friday, Oct 18, 1912 Pard answered O.E.Swain & I wrote Anna Swain in ans to hers to us. Mrs S.W. Ware & Ruth arrived all ok. Rec'd letter from Red Bluff, John F. Ellison.

Saturday, Oct 19, 1912 Mrs Ware off for home. Wife up to shop as usual. I home wheeling manure around berries & irrigating. Up town after Pard at 5PM.

Sunday, Oct 20, 1912 Pard & I home all day irrigating vines. PM, Nettie & Graham & George called and spent the PM.

Monday, Oct 21, 1912 Pard & I at home all day. I in the vines irrigating, she sewing as usual. 5PM, after supper up town. Letter from Annie Kirkwood & County Clerk.

Tuesday, Oct 22, 1912 Pard & I up town early & I came home & worked in vines all day and bought bread, butter, came home happy singing all the way.

Wednesday, Oct 23, 1912 Wife & I up town & I came home & worked in vines & later on (quick meal range) trying to put it in good order. Sheppard struck with paralysis this AM. We got no mail & got home & had supper to match late.

Thursday, Oct 24, 1912 Up town as usual & I returned home & work in the vines. Found had to have soddening done on quick meal range before it would be safe.

Friday, Oct 25, 1912 Wife & I up to shop & I had soldering done, cost me 10 cts. Came home tried the quick meal & its OK. Postal from sister, Jules no better.

Saturday, Oct 26, 1912 Left Pard at home and I went into San Diego on business. Bought fruit 30 cts, dinner & show 20 cts, spike 10 cts, repair shoe 10 cts, papers 5 cts & R.R. fare 50 cts.

Sunday, Oct 27, 1912 At home all day. A Providence, Rhode Island man called today & made us quite a visit. Great auto race to Phoenix, Arizona.

Monday, Oct 28, 1912 Wife up town to her shop, letter from daughter Frankie. Bought lard & resin 15 cts, bread & soap 30 cts. Will Smith has bought the Bodack lot for \$500.00 & will build a home.

Tuesday, Oct 29, 1912 Wife up town to shop & I come home to work in vines. Crazy crank Virginia home again. 5PM, took 2 doz eggs 1.10, bought meat 25 cts.

Wednesday, Oct 30, 1912 Wife up to shop early & I home in vines, as usual. Rec'd letter from O.E.S. to Alice C. on business. Wrote W.Z. Long. Pard wrote Annie K.

Thursday, Oct 31, 1912 Vice President Sherman dead. Up town as usual & I at home in vines & fingers full of stickers.

Friday, Nov 1, 1912 Pard up town as usual sewing, sewing & sewing. I working in vines & have a fearful job ahead of me. Letter from Annie Kirkwood & Lizzie Swain Kemp.

Saturday, Nov. 2, 1912 Cold, cloudy & rain PM. Wife stayed at home. We killed & dressed a chicken. Mrs Breese called & wife gave her some chrysanthemums to carry home. 5PM, up town to Mrs Canns & to Mrs Gray's & home. Bought hay of Genters, 25 cts.

Sunday, Nov 3, 1912 Wrote sister last night. Pard & Mrs Gray off to San Diego on a trip. I stayed home, then came in on 6:30 train OK & had a nice visit.

Monday, Nov 4, 1912 Pard up town as usual. I at home pulling down hen house, to build a stable later. @ noon raining and I quit for the day. Up town @ 5PM after Pard.

Tuesday, Nov 5, 1912 Election day. Wife & I up town early & I went to Bishop School to collect money due and failed of course until they get ready to pay. Mrs Hinman is helping Pard this PM. I pulling down hen houses to build a stable for Cocopah.

Wednesday, Nov 6, 1912 Boul's disking bean ground. Pard up town to shop & Mrs Hinman helping today. I working on stable, after I get the coops torn down. Pd water & store bill, 4.35. Sold tomatoes & eggs 85 cts.

Thursday, Nov 7, 1912 Wife up town @ 9. Cash on acct Mrs Cann 5.00. Pd R 80 cts oil barley 1.45 & home to work as usual. 5PM, up town for Pard, bought fruit 15 cts & home to supper. Nettie Souls called this evening.

Friday, Nov 8, 1912 Wrote O.E. & Recorder Red Bluff. Wife & I up town as usual & bought bread & came home to chores. Bro-in-law Jules H. Behme, sisters husband died this morning at Chico @ his home.

Saturday, Nov 9, 1912 Wife & I up town & I came home to work, preparing to build stable next week. I took new dress tonight to Mrs Coiner & home.

Sunday, Nov 10, 1912 Home & its showering. Stingares closed, all hands arrested, 138 poor hooks hooked, brave San Diegans. Christ said, let he that is without sin cast the first stone.

Monday, Nov. 11, 1912 Wife up to shop, rec'd answer from Chispetta. Wife arranged with Mrs Hughes for building a shop to cost 5.00 per month, ground rent for 3 years. Letter from Chico, Bro J.H. Behme funereal @ 2PM today.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1912 Wrote sister Myrtie. Wife & I up town as usual & I came home to resume building

stable. Ordered some scantling & posts and they came after dinner. Carried jelly to Mrs Lathrop. Tomatoes to Mrs Gray & eggs to Mrs Cann.

Wednesday, Nov 13, 1912 Took wife up town early & came home to work, building stable. Took strawberry sets to Mrs Roberts & vines. Bread tickets 50 cts. Duplicate returned from Tehama Co. 2 papers from Quincy, Plumes County.

Thursday, Nov 14, 1912 Pard up to shop & I home as usual. Rhodes occupying his new mansion tonight, first night. Bought nails & meat 25 cts.

Friday, Nov 15, 1912 Pard up to shop as usual. I at home at chores on stable building.

Saturday, Nov 16, 1912 Wife up to shop & I Pd for gasoline & sack bran 2.70. Up town to show & home @ 10PM, all OK.

Sunday, Nov 17, 1912 Chicken to Douglas & dress to Mrs Coiner & waist to Mrs ---- & Logan Berries to Mrs Roberts & home via P.O. by 1PM, done well. Paid Genter on contract, \$30.00, making 100.00 this year to date.

Monday, Nov. 18, 1912 Wife & I up town to shop & I came home to work. Covering stable and its slow work alone. Arrangement made with L. Bought bread 10 cts.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1912 Took wife up to shop and I came home. Took motor 10AM into San Diego to pay our taxes for 1912, paid in full \$7.89 & home on steam train @ 2:10PM to dinner. Pd out 50 cts fare, shine 10 cts. Have figures on new building, hay in stable tonight.

Wednesday, Nov 20, 1912 Wife up to shop early & I come home to chores. Mailed letters to O.E., Jen Schneider, Annie Kirkwood & Emma Markham.

Thursday, Nov 21, 1912 Wife up town to her shop, I at home at work on now stable. Notified Genter we wanted our deed & abstract of title at once for La Carmolita & his money is ready.

Friday, Nov 22, 1912 Took Pard up town early & came right back to work on stable. Up town @ 5PM for Pard, bought beef, cheese & cakes, 65 cts.

Saturday, Nov 23, 1912 Wife resting today, all day at home. I have roof & 3 sides of stable complete & out of material. Irrigated alfalfa. Bought bread & cake & ate last watermelon, treating Mrs Tay.

Sunday, Nov 24, 1912 To Pacific Beach, wife & I down to visit the Woodman's and we secured some fine, red carnations from a jap, home again @ 3:15. Cocopah in stable for the first time tonight. We shall plant carnations tomorrow, not to P.O. in two days.

Monday, Nov 25, 1912 Wife up to her shop early & I paid Robinson on hay 2.00, store bill & nails 1.85 & came home to work. Spading for carnations bed & did some work on stable. Fog came in thick & I went after Pard. Letter from Crispetto man & O.E.S.

Tuesday, Nov 26, 1912 Wife off up town to her shop. I at work on stable and dozen other things. Bought bread & apples 30 cts. Cook called tonight, going away soon.

Wednesday, Nov 27, 1912 Wife up to shop work, I home spading for carnations. Carried a nice hen to Mrs Bedeck, present. Boul's finished seeding here & goes up on the Mesa tomorrow.

Thursday, Nov 28, 1912 Thanksgiving. Wife & I worked all day setting carnations. Put out 200 or more, will finish tomorrow. Mrs & Mr Haskell and 3 daughters called, we gave them some jam & a squash to take home. Bowles working on Mesa.

Friday, Nov 29, 1912 Wife up town alone in the buggy & I at home spading until I completed my task & she came home about 4PM. Bread & cake today 15 cts. Showers PM.

Saturday, Nov 30, 1912 Showered during the night. Cloudy & all at home, Pard sewing bathing suit, I choring and put plow, cultivator & junior all housed for winter & we had a chicken pot pie & the Cooks moved out while Boul's moved in. Letter from sister Mertie.

Sunday, Dec 1, 1912 I delivered suit to Lathrop & come home via Genters & am promised abstract tomorrow.

Monday, Dec 2, 1912 Pard & I setting carnations, collecting honey for sale. Overhauling squashes & Mrs Soule called and had a nice visit. Expecting abstract & deed tomorrow, OK.

Tuesday, Dec 3, 1912 Wife & I up town via Genters, got abstract & went up town, failed to find Genter and I went off peddling honey. Sold out, spent honey money for grub. Found wife & came home & will close up the business tomorrow, we hope & have letter from Anna Swain & four photos of four kids.

Wednesday, Dec 4, 1912 \$2.75 Pd water. Pard & I up town early to do final business with Genter, he had gone into city on business, will meet @ bank @ 10AM tomorrow.

Thursday, Dec 5, 1912 Awful cold north E wind. Up to bank with Mr Genter, Pd him \$1,000.00 & got our deed. Left it with Bradley to be recorded. PM, wife & I up town & on to Bishop School on business & ordered hay, bran & barley & home again to supper. "DEED OURS". Nettie Souls called & had a chat.

Friday, Dec 6, 1912 Up town as usual, wife at shop, I selling honey. I Pd Robinson on yesterdays order, total of 5.40. Cold & windy tonight.

Saturday, Dec 7, 1912 Took Pard for the day to Mrs Clerks & came home to complete our barn, all OK. 5PM, went for her & we came home as happy as clams.

Sunday, Dec 8, 1912 At home all day, Genter here early on business & went off happy. I wrote to Anna Swain at her home, Tehama Co. Wife, wrote Jen in Boulder & Annie Kirkwood in San Fran.

Monday, Dec 9, 1912 Wife, sewing at Rex Clarks again today. I putting in 10 ft gate on west side, Orange Ave side, for hauling in manure. Pard has letter from sister Emma Markham. Nettie Souls called.

Tuesday, Dec 10, 1912 Wife sewing @ Rex Clarks & quite busy as usual & I at home choring. Done on the big gates, cleaned manure up in the lane & have it all inside, OK. After wife @ 5PM as usual & we came direct home.

Wednesday, Dec 11, 1912 Took Pard to Clarks again this morning & came home to work. 5PM, off to Clarks after partner.

Thursday, Dec 12, 1912 Joy at home all day. Wife sewing at home on fine dress for Clarks. I among the briars & fingers full of thorns.

Friday, Dec 13, 1912 Wife up at shop today. Auto riding with Clarks. I at home in berries. Paid Louisa Holston cash 5.00 for her mother on the acct on mare & we still owe another five to her out in full.

Saturday, Dec 14, 1912 Took Pard up to her shop & came home, to my work as usual in the vines. Nettie Souls off to San Diego tonight for good we imagine. Pard has letter from Kirkwood, San Fran. Pard's bathrobe, completed.

Sunday, Dec 15, 1912 At home for today reading. Trying to rain. Mrs Clark called.

Monday, Dec 16, 1912 Wife & I to Mrs Clarks, she off to San Diego in her auto, so we came back to shop & I come on home to chore, wheel manure in vines until time to go for Pard.

Tuesday, Dec 17, 1912 Took Pard up town as usual, came home to my work. Wrote Luther Burbank @ Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co. Bought sugar & lard 1.50. Nettie Souls called again this evening.

Wednesday, Dec 18, 1912 Took Pard to shop & came home, found the Fra of Dec in & came to work in vines. Took dress to Bishop School en route home tonight for a pupil.

Thursday, Dec 19, 1912 Pard up town as usual, I took C's wagon up town, second trip for a dresser & brought it home for Pard. Bought new broom. Corcoran black horse dead.

Friday, Dec 20, 1912 Pard & I up town, took work to Mrs Derby & rec'd pay 3.60. Letter from Luther Burbank of Santa Rosa regarding vine culture. Windy & dusty tonight & cold.

Saturday, Dec 21, 1912 Found Wm Holston & wife, next to Brown Bear, he preparing to build more, lobster pots. Wind still blowing.

Sunday, Dec 22, 1912 Windy & cold. At home both of us grunting, colds.

Monday, Dec 23, 1912 Wife up town to shop, I came home and I irrigated all day.

Tuesday, Dec 24, 1912 We cleaned 5 fat hens this AM & PM went up town. Bought bale of hay & spuds & milk, butter, tea & coffee, it takes all to live & no money to waste.

Wednesday, Dec 25, 1912 Christmas day at home, fine dinner, all alone. Letter from Mertie Behme. Ans'd W.Z. Long. Pard wrote Annie K.

Thursday, Dec 26, 1912 Pard to San Diego on the 10 train on business, I trimming vines. Cocopah had a big play this evening. Wife home @ 6PM.

Friday, Dec 27, 1912 Wife up town & home again to dinner. Rec'd letter & pckg from Annie Kirkwood, Xmass gifts galore.

Saturday, Dec 28, 1912 Pard & I up town. Paid Wetzell Bros 5.00 & Pd Robinson on acct 5.00. Bought sack barley & bread 1.75.

Sunday, Dec 29, 1912 At home all day, wife preparing presents for the Kirkwoods of 412 Clayton St, San Fran. Mrs Wm Holston called & Mrs Souls called & I reading "Gods Good Man", a simple love, story.

Monday, Dec 30, 1912 Rec'd deed from bank & paid 2.00 Recorders fees, south half block 17. Sent pckg to K, 16 cts. Pard home all day.

Tuesday, Dec 31, 1912 Wife & I at home all day, she not well by any means, so stayed indoors. We are satisfied with the past years work & expect to keep right on & see if we can live what another year brings fourth for us.

END OF ENTRIES FOR 1912

The following are entries found in the back of his diary:

March 5th, Lyons Implement Co, 4th & G St, San Diego, owe them \$5.90.
15th of July, picked & sold 80 boxes berries & no straws.
Dr. Fletcher on 10th bet H & I by F.M. Shaper.
S.N. Slater 1627 10th St, Sacto, Cal.
James Hulse Flournoy Tehama Co, Cali.
SALVE: 1/4 lb pure lard, 1/4 lb powdered rosin, 1/4 lb beeswax, first melted & mixed thoroughly, add spike last, one full tablespoon full.
Henry D. Willard, Red Bluff, Cali.
W.S. Kulen, Co. Recorder, Tehama County, Red Bluff.
Recorded in book F of patents, page 99 at request of Guy, H. Chase, Sept 13th 1890, H.G. ————?
Recorder, Tehama Co.
June 8th 1885, decree Judge Braynard one year after summons was served on.
Xmas present from Bro O.E. Swain, 876 Laurel St, Alameda, California to J.M. Swain.
Box 135 La Jolla, San Diego Co, Cali of La Carmolita Garden.

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**NOTE: The 1913 diary is missing.