

Alvin Thompson Smith  
Diary 1841

Dec 22nd did some chores to help mr spaulding about  
 going up the river & worked at the floom timber  
 Dec 23rd worked at the timber for the floom  
 Dec 24th did the same  
 Dec 25th did the same  
 Dec 26th did the same  
 Sabath Dec 27th tended indian worship & bible class  
 Dec 28th worked at the timber for the floom  
 Dec 29th did the same  
 Dec 30th did the same  
 Dec 31st did the same thus ends this year with reading  
 the Bible through  
 January 1st 1841 tended to the little grist mill  
 Jan 2nd worked some at the lumber for the floom  
 Sabath Jan 3rd spent the day at Indian worship reading &  
 Bible class  
 Jan 4th spent the day in fasting Prayer & reading the bible  
 Jan 5th worked at the mill stone  
 Jan 6th did the same & at the shaft  
 Jan 7th worked at the shaft  
 Jan 8th worked at the floom timber  
 Jan 9th did the same  
 Sabath Jan 10th spent the day in reading & bible class  
 Jan 11th worked at the floom  
 Jan 12th did the same  
 Jan 13th worked at the shaft & wheel  
 Jan 14th fastend the wheel to the shaft  
 Jan 15th wrked at timber for the floom

Jan 16th did the same thermometer stood 26 deg below Zero  
 Sabath Jan 17th spent the day in reading thermometer stood at  
 18 deg below Zero  
 Jan 18th worked at lumber for the mill thermometer  
 stood at 1 deg below Zero  
 Jan 19th cut & split wood  
 Jan 20th made ax helves & cut wood at the door  
 Jan 21st got out some lumber to make a curb for the  
 grist mill stone  
 Jan 22nd did the same  
 Jan 23rd did the same  
 Sabath Jan 24th spent the day in reading & bible class  
 Jan 25th worked at the mill curb  
 Jan 26th did the same  
 Jan 27th worked on the mill stones  
 Jan 28th worked at putting down the floom  
 Jan 29th worked at lumber for the floom  
 Jan 30th worked at the floom  
 Sabath Jan 31st spent the day in reading & bible class  
 Feb 1st worked at the floom  
 Feb 2nd did the same  
 Feb 3rd spent the day in fasting & Prayer owing to  
 the difficulties with the Indians  
 Feb 4th worked at the floom  
 Feb 5th did the same & worked on the sink  
 Feb 6th worked on the sink  
 Feb 7th 1841 Sabath spent the day in reading & bible class  
 Feb 8th cut wood at the door  
 Feb 9th butchered a hog & worked at the sink

Feb 10th	worked at the sink therm 5 below Zero
Feb 11th	workt at the sink
Feb 12th	did the same
Feb 13th	did the same & saw the river break up
Sabath Feb 14th	spent the day in reading & Bible class
Feb 15th	workt about fixing to set the sink
Feb 16th	made a chopping tray
Feb 17th	workt at the mill
Feb 18th	workt at the gate for the dam
Feb 19th	workt at the grist mill
Feb 20th	ditto & brother Little John came here to day
Sabath Feb 21st	spent the day in reading Indian worship & Bible class
Feb 22nd	worked at the mill
Feb 23rd	did the same
Feb 24th	did the same
Feb 25th--	did the same
Feb 26th	did the same
Feb 27th	did the same
Sabath Feb 28th	spent the day in reading & Indian worship
March 1st	worked at the wheel to the saw mill
March 2nd	did the same & Brother clark came here
March 3rd	talked over the subject of our mission with Br Clark & went to view the land up the vally
March 4th	worked at the mill
March 5th	ditto & workt at the loom
March 6th	did the same
Sabath March 7th	spent the day in reading & in having a sacramental season

March 8th helped Mrs Clark & Little John away & worked  
 at the mill  
 March 9th worked at the mill  
 March 10th did the same  
 March 11th did the same  
 March 12th did the same  
 March 13th did the same  
 Sabath March 14th spent the day in reading  
 March 15th worked at the mill  
 March 16th did the same  
 March 17th did the same  
 March 18th did the same  
 March 19th did the same  
 March 20th did the same  
 Sabath March 21st spent the day in reading & tending the funeral  
 of Cayuse hill  
 March 22nd worked on the mill  
 March 23rd did the same  
 March 24th did the same  
 March 25th did the same  
 March 26th did the same  
 March 27th did the same  
 Sabath March 28th spent the day in reading  
 March 29th worked in the saw mill  
 March 30th ditto & mended brush fence & butchered a calf &  
 cut some lambs  
 March 31st worked in the saw mill  
 April 1st altered some bulls fixed a cheese hoop & press &  
 worked in the mill

April 2nd tended the mill  
 April 3rd did the same  
 Sabath April 4th spent the day in reading  
 April 5th tended the mill  
 April 6th did the same  
 April 7th did the same  
 April 8th got some timber & fixed to make some ox bows  
 April 9th made some bows & did chores  
 April 10th repaired my pack saddles  
 Sabath April 11th spent the day in reading  
 April 12th fixed a patent churn  
 April 13th started for waillitpu traveled to & camped on the  
 Ulpaha  
 April 14th traveled to & camped on the Tusha  
 April 15th traveled to waillitpu  
 April 16th staid at ditto & consulted with Broter Clark  
 about our mission  
 April 17th did the same  
 Sabath April 18th had a communion season  
 April 19th came back & camped on the Tusha  
 April 20th traveled to & camped on the ulpaha  
 April 21st went to mr Spauldings  
 April 22nd staid at mr Spaulding & regulated my things &  
 Doct. started for home with mr Rogers  
 April 23rd did some chores about the house  
 April 24th did the same  
 Sabath April 25th spent the day in reading  
 April 26th worked about the house  
 April 27th ditto & hung the grind stone

April 28th	workt about the house some & hewd timber for the mill
April 29th	workt at the mill
April 30th	workt at timber for the mill
May 1st	did the same
Sabath May 2nd	spent the day in reading
May 3rd	workt at the mill timber
May 4th	did the same
May 5th	did the same
May 6th	did the same
May 7th	did the same
May 8th	spent the day in writing to my Parents
Sabath May 9th	spent the day in reading
May 10th	sent a letter home & one to Alfred & worked in the black smiths shop
May 11th	workt some at the mill & some in the shop
May 12th	catched up flood wood
May 13th	did the same
May 14th	ditto
May 15th	ditto
Sabath May 16th	spent the day in reading
May 17th	did noshuns
May 18th	workt at the hopper for the mill
May 19th	workt at the hopper & helpt mr Spaulding start to walla walla
May 20th	workt at the hopper

May 21st ditto some at the mill and had a lame back  
May 22nd kept house pretty much on account of my  
lame back

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May 23rd 1841 spent the day in reading  
May 24th kept house because of my lame back  
May 25th did the same  
May 26th did the same  
May 27th did the same  
May 28th ditto some & took a ride up to the old house  
May 29th kept house owing to my back  
Sabath May 30th spent the day in reading  
May 31st kept house pretty much for my back  
June 1st did the same  
June 2nd did some chores & helpt mr & mrs Spaulding to  
start for wallawalla ...  
June 3rd watered the garden & did some chores  
June 4th made a set of quilt frames & did chores  
June 5th did some chores  
Sabath June 6th spent the day in reading  
June 7th workt some at the mill & chased the cow back  
across the river  
June 8th workt some on the mill & did chores  
June 9th did the same  
June 10th did the same  
June 11th gathered up drift wood  
June 12th did the same  
Sabath June 13th spent the day in reading



June 14th mended shoes & moccasins & did the chores  
 June 15th worked some at the looms  
 June 16th did the same & got some wood  
 June 17th ditto & did some chores & mr Spaulding came home  
 June 18th tended to mr Spaulding goods  
 June 19th mended my pack saddles & did some chores  
 Sabath June 20th spent the day in reading  
 June 21st worked at the timber for the mill  
 June 22nd did the same  
 June 23rd did the same  
 June 24th did the same  
 June 25th ditto some & waited upon the gentlemen from the  
 exploring squadron from the United States  
 June 26th did the same which left & 2 others came  
 Sabath June 27th spent the day in reading  
 June 28th worked at the mill spout  
 June 29th ditto & helpt some to water the corn  
 June 30th did the same  
 July 1st worked some at the mill & some at watering the  
 corn & potatoes  
 July 2nd did the same  
 July 3rd did the same  
 Sabath July 4th spent the day in reading  
 July 5th did some work at the mill timber & some at  
 the cradle for the wheat  
 July 6th worked at the cradle  
 July 7th finished the cradle & cut some wheat  
 July 8th cradled wheat  
 July 9th did the same

July 10th	had a day of rest
Sabath July 11th	spent the day in reading
July 12th	workt at the mill
July 13th	did the same
July 14th	did the same
July 15th	did the same
July 16th	did the same
July 17th	did the same
Sabath July 18th	spent the day in reading
July 19th	workt at the mill
July 20th	went up to the old place & cut wheat
July 21st	did the same & cut wheat
July 22nd	did the same
July 23rd	workt at the mill
July 24th	did the same
Sabath July 25th	spent the day in reading
July 26th	workt at the mill
July 27th	did the same
July 28th	did the same
July 29th	did the same
July 30th	did the same
July 31st	did the same
Sabath August 1st	spent the day in reading
August 2nd	workt at the mill
August 3rd	did the same
August 4th	did the same
August 5th	did the same

August 6th did the same  
 August 7th did the same  
 Sabath August 8th spent the day in reading pretty much  
 August 9th workt at the mill  
 August 10th tended mill & made some gates  
 August 11th did the same  
 August 12th workt at the gates  
 August 13th did the same  
 August 14th did the same  
 Sabath August 15th spent the day in reading  
 August 16th workt at the loom  
 August 17th did the same  
 August 18th tended to doctoringe sick cows until they died  
 August 19th workt at the loom  
 August 20th did the same  
 August 21st did the same  
 Sabath August 22nd spent the day in reading & had a communion  
 season as it is the last Sabath we expect to  
 spend here with mr Spaulding  
 August 23rd packt up some of my things to start for the  
 low country  
 August 24th did the same  
 August 25th settled with mr Spaulding & took an order on  
 vancouver for 66 24/100 dollars & am to have  
 an American heifer & bull hereafter at 50 dollars  
 if the mission are willing. & then packt things  
 & went to the snake river crossed & camped

August 26th went to the tookanan & camped  
 August 27th went to the suttuksminah & camped  
 August 28th went to Doct Whitmans  
 Sabath August 29th spent the day at Doctors & Br Clark preached  
 August 30th tended to repacking my things  
 August 31st did the same  
 Sept 1st packt up & went to the tusha  
 Sept 2nd went about 2 miles below wallawalla & camp[er]ed  
 Sept 3rd my wife was quite unwell & we did not move [sic]  
 camp  
 Sept 4th went about 30 miles & camped wife & S [sister]  
 Littlejohn went in the boat  
 Sabath Sept 5th spent the day in reading & had a Prayer meeting  
 Sept 6th traveled about 30 miles  
 Sept 7th traveled to John days river & camped  
 Sept 8th traveled to the sand banks between the shoots  
 & dalls & bought some dry fish  
 Sept 9th went to the Rev Daniel Lees  
 Sept 10th went up & got the boat passed the dalls &  
 bought some dry fish  
 Sept 11th got the boat up to mr Lees house & regulated  
 my things  
 Sabath Sept 12th spent the day with the methodist Brothern &  
 had a good day & had a communion season with them  
 Sept 13th packt up our horses traveled about 20 miles &  
 camped by the spring on the mountain  
 Sept 14th traveled about 20 miles & camped near a river  
 down between the mountains  
 Sept 15th traveled 30 miles over mountains & through valleys  
 & camped by a little stream in among the tall pines

- Sept 16th traveled 30 miles passed mount hood camped in the plane west of it
- Sept 17th traveled 10 miles lost 2 of my pack horses hunted some time & the Indian found them
- Sept 18th traveled 20 miles was interrupted some by the fire lost one of Br Mungers horses camped on the flat by a little will nearly surrounded by fire had rain in the night
- Sabath Sept 19th mr young & an Indian went back & found the lost horse & brought to camp & we had a Prayer meeting in the evening
- Sept 20th traveled 20 miles & camped on a little creek in the long valley
- Sept 21st traveled 20 miles got lost wandered about camped on a little plane
- Sept 22nd traveled 10 miles & came to mr wallers at the falls of the wallamette
- Sept 23rd traveled 4 miles & camped by the spring
- Sept 24th traveled 25 miles & camped on a little flat near a small stream
- Sept 25th Br C & myself started in the morning & traveled to mr Newels got him & we went back & got our effects & took to mr Griffins & then went to look at a piece of ground with regard to a location
- Sabath Sept 26th spent the day at Br Griffins had preaching & a sacramental season
- Sept 27th went to see another section of land with a view to a location

Sept 28th packt up our animals & went to the place where we expect to locate

Sept 29th traveled about to look at our place that we intent to claim for the Indians

Sept 30th staid in camp & tended to things Brs C & L started to the wallamette

Oct 1st worked some at home I call our camp home

Oct 2nd did the same Brs C & L got back with 12 bushels of potatoes & 6 of peas

Sabath Oct 3rd kept the sabath Br C preached

Oct 4th finished 2 ax helves & went to look at another place & Brs C & L started for vancouver

Oct 5th made 3 pair of ox bows & made some preparations for a yard

Oct 6th workt at the yard

Oct 7th did the same

Oct 8th did the same

Oct 9th do or ditto

Sabath Oct 10th spend the day in reading

Oct 11th workt at the yard & Brs C & L came back from vancouver with 4 oxen 2 cows & 2 calves for themselves. 2 cows & 2 calves for Rogers

Oct 12th held a consultation with Br Littlejohn & he separated from & left us. I went to mr Griffins & got some things & back home again

Oct 13th mooved our camp down near where we calculate to build our house

Oct 14th cut out a pair of truck wheels

Oct 15th fixed a yoke & yokt our oxen & halled some  
 wood & the oxen acted very bad  
 Oct 16th halled some wood & worked at our cart  
 Sabath Oct 17th spent the day in reading & hearing Br C preach  
 Oct 18th Br L came after meeting  
 Oct 18th workt at our cart  
 Oct 19th did the same & finisht it  
 Oct 20th cut some timber for the house  
 Oct 21st did the same & halled some  
 Oct 22nd ditto & Br S Littlejohn came at night  
 Oct 23rd split our some boards for the house  
 Sabath Oct 24th kept the day in reading & hearing Br Clark preach  
 Oct 25th got out boards for the house  
 Oct 26th halled logs for the house in the rain  
 Oct 27th did the same in the rain  
 Oct 28th did the same in the same  
 Oct 29th did the same not in the rain  
 Oct 30th did the same in the rain  
 Sabath Oct 31st kept the day by reading  
 Nov 1st laid the foundation to our house  
 Nov 2nd got out sleepers for the house in the rain  
 Nov 3rd put in the sleepers & put up some logs in the rain  
 Nov 4th the neighbors came to help us raise our house but  
 we did not finish rained some today  
 Nov 5th finish't raising the house & agreed with mr Page  
 to work for us a month for 16 dollars cash  
 price beginning next monday

Nov 6th           halled some timber & got some boards for  
                   the house  
 Sabath Nov 7th   kept the day by reading  
 Nov 8th           made preparation to go with Br Clark to the  
                   wallamette  
 Nov 9th           started for wallamette with Br & S Clark &  
                   went to mr Labonties  
 Nov 10th          went to the mill to mr Judsons  
 Nov 11th          went to mr Beers & got 13 bushels of wheat &  
                   back again to mill  
 Nov 12th          work't for mr Judson some & tended to grinding  
                   & putting up my wheat  
 Nov 13th          pack't up my horses & went to mr Leslies  
 Sabath Nov 14th   went to meeting at mr Raymonds  
 Nov 15th          went to mr Walkers on youngs estate  
 Nov 16th          went home in the rain  
 Nov 17th          my Birth day 39 years old went to mr Eberts  
                   to see about going to the falls  
 Nov 18th          halled some wood & work't upon the house  
 Nov 19th          workt at the house & got out some boards  
 Nov 20th          did the same  
 Sabath Nov 21st 1841 spent the day in reading  
 Nov 22nd          cut some board timber & workt on the house  
 Nov 23rd          did the same  
 Nov 24th          halled some timber & workt on the house  
 Nov 25th          got out boards & put on to the house  
 Nov 26th          did the same



Nov 27th did the same & finished putting on the roof  
 Sabath Nov 28th spent the day in reading  
 Nov 29th started for vancouver & went to mr Sovies  
 Nov 30th went to vancouver  
 Dec 1st returned to mr Sovies with my goods  
 Dec 2nd went to Br Griffins & assisted him  
 Dec 3rd went home with my packs  
 Dec 4th workt at the house some & regulated my things  
 Sabath Dec 5th kept the day by reading  
 Dec 6th workt at the house  
 Dec 7th tended to the cattle allday & was verry much  
 troubled with them  
 Dec 8th fixed the trucks & did chores  
 Dec 9th workt at the house  
 Dec 10th halled wood & timber for the house  
 Dec 11th got puncheons for the house & Br & Sister Littlejohn  
 came to make us a visit  
 Sabath Dec 12th spent the day in reading & Praying with Br &  
 Sistr Littlejohn  
 Dec 13th hunted cows & helpt Br L to get home  
 Dec 14th cut & split out some puncheons  
 Dec 15th mended my boots & Kelseys family came here  
 going to the wallamette  
 Dec 16th tended to my horses & did chores  
 Dec 17th ditto & cattle & work at my yard  
 Dec 18th did the same  
 Sabath Dec 19th kept the day by reading  
 Dec 20th workt at my yard

Dec 21st did the same  
 Dec 22nd cut some wood  
 Dec 23rd cut & halled wood to the house  
 Dec 24th cut wood & did some chores  
 Dec 25th cut wood at the door & Br L came & brought us  
 some letter from Br Clark  
 Sabath Dec 26th spent the day in reading & wilkins & kelsey  
 came from wallamette  
 Dec 27th workt at my yard & tended to my cattle  
 Dec 28th got out some joists for my house  
 Dec 29th did the same  
 Dec 30th worked at the house  
 Dec 31st put the joists in to the house  
 thus ends this year with reading the Bible through  
 Jan 1st 1842 workt at my house  
 Sabath Jan 2nd spend the day a reading  
 Jan 3rd Observed the day as a day of fasting & Prayer  
 Br L came in the evening  
 Jan 4th halled some timber for the house  
 Jan 5th worked at the house  
 Jan 6th did the same  
 Jan 7th got out some puncheons for the house  
 Jan 8th did the same & look't to my horses  
 Sabath Jan 9th spent the day in reading  
 Jan 10th halled timber & wood for the house  
 Jan 11th got out puncheons for the house  
 Jan 12th workt at ditto & joists for ditto  
 Jan 13th got out some joists for the house