

July 2.

Rebreased the west side of house and prepared mud for tomorrow.

July 3.

Finished the west side and did part of the front. Fredricks went out shooting.

July 4.

Raised the flag. Fredricks, Alfred and Walker went out shooting and brought home 4 deer.

July 5.

Johnnie and Anastasio went out hunting and stop the night. Alfreds big revolver bust. Rained this evening hard.

July 6.

Johnnie and Anastasio came back 9 o'clock tonight they were on the other side of the Espin, and brought most of the meat and all the fat of a boqual they killed on the other side of also a very fat ostrich and 2 tremendous big pig skins: one is 8 quarters long. They report a tremendous lot of boquals on the other side.

July 7.

Fredricks left today for down south by way of Alexandria colony: comes back in a month or so. He rode the two horses Moore lost here, on one of them he put the skins he takes down 4 aquaras, 1 ant bear, and guaruncho.

Walker and Alfred saw him as far as Saladillo pass where he got a good ducking and every thing wet. S.H.R. Very damp misty weather. Cook woman busy letting out fat of boqual. $1\frac{1}{4}$ kerosene can full. Cattle cleared out of corral tonight into camp but did not go far.

July 8

This morning Johnnie started for Estancia La California; on the two mules, as on the 30th we had a letter recalling one of us. Johnnie also took the Commandante a present of a galgo. Walker goes as far as San Pedro on a passer. Alfred and Anastasio stop all alone. Beautiful cool weather.

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A tropa of about 450 novillos from La Rosa to Reconquista passed here this morning. They gave us about an arroba of fat from an animal from an animal they killed last night which let out made 4 dog candles. Filled up between sticks of wall so as to revocar. Johnnie and Walker came back from San Pedro this evening, as there was a letter from home saying that Johnnie should not come down as Herman was much better. Looks rainy. Cattle wont step in corral any more.

July 10.

Anastasio filled pisadero with mud so as to pisar with old yegua. Charques passed on way to Reconquista. Alfred went to look for 3 cows Johnnie and Walker had seen on other side of Espin, but could not find them. Put cattle on rodeo in front of corral this evening.

July 11.

Revoaked the front of house today. Anastasio and Alfred mudding and Johnnie and Walker carrying mud. Alfred caught a very fat gamin with tiger.

July 12.

Finished mudding in front of house today. Tigre caught a gamin this morning.

Fine weather. July 13.

Sunday. Johnnie shot 7 martinets and 8 ducks today. Alfred caught 2 gamas with dogs. Fine day. Tropas from Reconquista stop the night on their way to La Rosa.

July 14.

Began revocating on partition between the two rooms. Caught 1 gamin. Charques passed to San Pedro. Fine weather.

July 15.

Finished reocaring this morning early. Don Benito in the cart with two ponies and his two indian boys came this forenoon and stops the night. This afternoon we tried to encercar a big macho mandu on the other side of the Laguna unsuccessfully. Getting warm. Anastasio began new month today. been here already two months.

16.

Caught 2 gamas today. Fixing up the house. eat off plates today for 1st time for 3 1/2 months. By cart from San Pedro to Reconquista stops the night. Lent one of the soldiers the alasa mistizo to go to San Pedro for some thing he had forgotten. 17.

Alfred and Anastasio went over to house with gum trees to dig out the corral to bring over to fix ours up with. Killed 3 gamas over there. A very hot day. Cattle give us no trouble now any more. Fixed cart up.

18.

Alfred and Anastasio went over to other side and brought over a load of fire wood. left cart stuck in cañada. Also yanked out 1/2 side of the corral over there, with a yoke of oxen. Cotterington in behalf of Murrilla's expedition came back from Reconquista, on the way to Granducitas, with carriage and two carts. Stops here all night. Had supper with us, and afterwards had music, accordion, banjo and bottle and spoon. Walker was out hunting today. 19.

Johnnie was out hunting today and killed a pig. The expedition left this morning for San Pedro. Got the cart out of the cañada this morning. Anastasio sick rest of day.

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Johnnie caught 3 gamas with Tigre this morning.

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Alfred went hunting on Tola and caught killed 4 carpinchos, eat one con cuero this evening. Anastasio was hunting in bañado and saw some strangers hunting in distance. It was a very hot day, north wind.

21.

A very strong south wind blew all day, which pretty well prevented all work. Anastasio skinned the carpinchos this morning. Caught the first fish in laguna today: 5 bagre and diablitos. The capataz of tropicos of La Rosa stops the night on his way to Reconquista.

22.

Alfred and Anastasio went to other side to Leichter and got a load of 25 posts, and left the cart stuck in cañada. Dogs caught 3 gamas and 1 mulita. It was a coldish day. Johnnie killed some martinets.

23.

There was a very heavy fog this morning. Got the empantañada cart out of cañada this morning. Walker was out hunting today.

24.

Alfred camped the bayo rings of and 4 bulls that are missing along the Espin but could not find them. Anastasio spaded ground in one of taperas to make a garden. The tropico from La Rosa passed on his way back from Reconquista. It was a hot windy day.

25.

Johnnie camped the bulls to the westward on the Espin but could not find them; guess they have gone to San Pedro. Walker reworked the chimney. Planted onion, lettuce, cabbage, and tomatoe seed. It was a hot day with north wind.

July 26.

Johnnie camped the bulls on the other side of the Espin but could not find them. Alfred in trying to catch the wild assan, broke the lasso and nearly put his eye out. Laid up by it. Anastasio ditching for corral. It was a windy day.

27.

Sunday. Walker and Anastasio went hunting on other side of Espin and killed an aguará. Saw plenty of boqual tracks. Cart from San Pedro back from Reconquista stops the night. The bulls we had been camparing came back for water today. They having been in the strip of monte that is here and Espin.

28.

Walker finished reocaring chimney with Anastasio. Looks rainy; want it badly as it is very dry.

29.

Anastasio ditching for corral. Johnnie caught an aguará this evening.

30.

Chasquis passed on way to Reconquista. Alfred caught 2 gamas with dogs. his eye very bad yet.

31.

Anastasio ditching yet; he speared some parval-las this afternoon. Bayo or died.

Aug. 1.

Johnnie caught a gama this morning. Anastasio finished ditch for corral.

2.

Anastasio pulled down the old adobe walls back of the house, so as to make room for a garden. A norwegian peon that with the expedition of Murrietas to Panducitas stops the night on his way to Malabrigo. Johnnie caught a gama this morning. It was a very hot day.

3.

Sunday. Johnnie and Anastasio stopping went hunting to the west of the Espin and stop the

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night. It was a very hot sultry day.

4.

Alfred caught a venado retobado this morning. Don Benito and family passed today from Reconquista to San Pedro with family, had breakfast here. They brought an ay, cigars, and a pinceros for Walker. Paid Don Benito's bill \$3.00. Johnnie and Anastasio came back this evening from the west: killed 2 ciervos, 4 charyboros, and 2 fat gamas, and saw some boques.

5.

Nothing doing much except staking skins out - and taking the castilla apart so as to make a new axle. Carried

6.

Alfred and Anastasio went to the monte and cut a quebracho blanco tree to make a new axle for cart.

7.

Johnnie and Anastasio working on axle. Johnnie killed a very fat puerro in old pastizo, and Walker caught a lot of fish.

Nice cool weather.

Finished the axle today.

9.

Put the cart together again today, and collared a big red novillo to an ay to tame. Alfred's eye very bad yet. Strong north wind blowing. Cattle doing well.

10.

Walker caught fish. Cattle all right. Very hot.

11.

Chasques on way to Reconquista. Four Italians from Pajaro Blanco came this afternoon and stop the night. Want to rent monte to chop posts. Report having seen cattle tracks along Saladilla. Yoked up novillo today around the place: pulls first rate. Dogs caught 2 gamas.

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Yoked in novillos again today several times. Very hot weather. Caught 2 gamas today. Basco alambros from Reconquista to San Pedro stopping the night. Very hot today.

13.

Walker went to San Pedro today, on a pascar and to get soap. Hauled some posts left formerly incajada in cañada to the corral.

14.

Alfred and Anastasio went to monte and cut some thin quebrachos for trancoas. Johnnie and dogs caught a big macho nãndu. A rezero and peon came this evening, wants to buy eyes for Santa Fe, believe his name is Jodoy. offers 14 1/2 mae. for fat 3 yr. old novillos and cows. Goes tomorrow to the Luibrachitas.

15.

Alfred and Anastasio went and got 2 trancoas cut yesterday in monte. Heavy fog this morning. Sent rezero the little picasito to go to the Luibrachitas with. Dogs caught a venado.

16.

The rezero came back last night about 10 o'clock from the Luibrachitas. Guess they had nothing to eat all day. Anastasio labored the trancoas today. Chasques passed from Reconquista to San Pedro. Dogs caught 2 gamas. Very hot today.

17.

Sunday. Alfred and Anastasio went hunting in Toba and killed a ciervo, carpincho, and a water snake about 3 yds long. Heavy fog this morning, but the weather has got cool again. Walker came back from San Pedro today, bringing Galvan along who stops with Johnnie, while he and Alfred go to Alexandria with ox cart.

18.

Anastasio started for Alexandria with ox cart, this morning, with Alfred and Walker.

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Walker goes to Cañada de Gomez for a month or so. It was a cool day and looks drizzly.

19.

Anastasio came back today from the pass, looking for the open which escaped him there; left the cart stuck in river. Drizzled some today.

Dogs chased some animal last night, a lion or tiger by the tracks we saw today.

20.

Cart from San Pedro came today and stops the night on the way to Reconquista. They brought the canoe along from San Pedro and left it in the Espin for us.

21.

Caught a gama

23.

Cart and Alfred came back from Alexandria today. Brought: 2 boards, a shelf arrangement, a small canoe which was given us by Ruiz, 2 ar. rice, 8 ar. maize, 4 ar. flour, bag of limes, an empty barrel, 5 chickens and plenty of reading material. Spent \$47.00 over there.

Sold 8 hides \$21.20 (look in note book) Could not sell gama skins, so we brought them back.

Brought a boy named Manuel along. An Italian Correntino. Alfred found a nest of 26 ostrich eggs. 24.

Sunday. Anastasio and wife left today for Reconquista in a pasear. Reglared up to date.

Paid him \$36.00. Lent him the same mare to go on. Galvan also left again for San Pedro. Paid him \$3.00 for stopping with Johnnie, also a good knife Alfred brought from Pajaro Blanco. Manuel cooking. Looks very much like a tormento. 25.

Johnnie went hunting and killed an aquaras. Manuel cooking. It was a windy coldish day.

August 26. 1884.

Alfred went hunting in bañado towards Pajaro Blanco and killed 2 curros. A very hot day. A torto died, guess from some cornasa.

27.

Johnnie and the boy went hunting and found 3 horses in monte towards north ward. one is a big sauro orecho volteado, a dordilla and a colorado. One had a bosal and manadercita. The cart from Reconquista to San Pedro stops the night. It was a hot cloudy day.

28.

Alfred went hunting on Toba today but shot nothing. Dogs caught 4 gamas today. Hot day.

29.

Johnnie and the boy took the canoe Ramayon sent us, from the pass to the Carpintero place. A toto 3 yds died, guess from some cornasa.

30.

Jobson and Agustin came today on a pasaje. stop until tomorrow. Ramayon and twelve men also came this afternoon, boleano: they stop the night and capar our bulls tomorrow. Butchered a mochó novillo this afternoon, 1st novillo butchered since marcacion. Apr. 27. It was a very hot day.

31.

We tried to lock the cattle into the horse corral this morning to capar the bulls, but as they would not go in, we capared on rodeos. We capared about 30. We mounted the men, about 14. We capared the largest ugly bulls. Jobson and Agustin left after breakfast. Ramayon and his men went boleano in the rinconada, and sleep on the other side of the Espin. Alfred accompanied them as far as the arroya. A commandante Rivas of Belgrano with 3 soldiers came this evening and stops the night. They left a cart stuck in the arroya Espin.

Sept 1. 1884.

We had a tormento last night and it rained quite hard, much needed as it was very dry. Cattle cleared up north with Tormentos, found them near pass Marianne. Lent Commandante Rivas 4 oxen to pull his cart out of the arroyo as he only has mulellas. He stops the night again.

2.

C^{te} Rivas left at noon for Reconquista. Lent him 4 oxen to go as far as Pass Mariano, also gave him a shoulder of beef. Cacique Mariano Jose Domingo and another indian passed this afternoon to San Martin, just back from reducing indians near Temija. It was a beautiful day, grass growing fast.

3.

Johnnie and the boy went hunting up in the boqual monte, and killed an ant bear and caught its young one alive. Cart from San Pedro to Reconquista stops the night. It was a warm day.

4.

Alfred went up towards pass Mariano, recorruindo and found 17 ostrich eggs. A storm passed over today, but did not rain.

5.

Johnnie making wire, putting doors for house. Caught a venado with dogs. 3 soldiers from Reconquista to Belgrano stop the night. C^{te} Rivas took our 4 oxen to Reconquista, instead of to Pass Mariano as we had lent him. It was a hot day, with a strong north wind, and looks as if we were going to have a storm.

6.

Alfred went hunting in monte and bañado and killed a pig. The surveyor Bayonne with 2 carts, a dozen men and 45 horses turned up this evening and stop the night. They go out to survey Galvez and Coruffos camp which they attempted some time ago but failed on account of wet weather.

Gregorio Torres and Escorchofica are our linkers also

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Sunday, Bayonne left this morning northward.

8.

It rained a lot last night, and today it drizzled also. Transplanted lettuce and tomato plants. Caught a venado.

9.

Went a long way off this morning. Caught a venado. Cold and drizzly. The horses this evening as Johnnie was about to lock them in the corral cleared out; too dark to follow them up.

10.

Found part of Walker's troop (6) and Braunlie and rest of them (31) cleared over Pass Espin. Alfred followed them up, but has not come back today yet. A very cold morning. The cart from San Pedro and the one from Belgrano, from Reconquista, stop the night; brought our 4 open back. Tied up a couple of ~~ears~~ to tame.

11.

Alfred came back from San Pedro with the horses. Brought an indian boy from Ramaym along to help drive the horses. Found them in Johnson's ranconada. Dick Morgan and young Moore came this evening and stop the night. Brought a galgo bitch to get lined (whisky). It was a very fine day.

12.

Morgan and Moore left again this afternoon, leaving the bitch here. It was a beautiful day.

13.

Johnnie went hunting on west of Espin with Manuel and killed 3 fat pigs. Bayonne and his men came back from surveying and passed on to San Pedro. Also 2 San Martin indians were here this afternoon; they are cutting 2500 bundles of paja for the Commandante and Virasoro at the Espin

Sept 14. 1884.

Alfred went to the cañaveral where the indians are camped and then around to the monte. There are about a dozen indians and 7 or 8 women and lots of children. It was a beautiful cool day. We milked two cows now. There are about a dozen calves among the cattle now.

15.

Caught a gama. It was a hot day and looks rainy.

16.

Johnnie had locked about a dozen bulls in the corral with a vaquillona in heat and we castrated them. Johnnie, Alfred and the boy Manuel are alone here as Anastasis does not seem to care about coming back again.

17.

Alfred and Manuel took the small canoe in the cart to the Toba today in a good place for carpincho hunting.

18.

Johnnie went hunting in the canoe today on the Toba and killed a carpincho. Brought up the overa mocha to tame. It was a very hot day and looks like rain.

19.

Cattle went as far as paso Mariano during the night. Johnnie found a point of about 35 there this evening. Galgos caught 2 gamas today.

20.

Alfred went up to Larguier's place to look for a peon and for a pasca. Brought up another wild cow to tame. Cart from San Pedro on the way to Reconquista stops the night. It was a hot day and looks tormentous.

21.

Alfred came back today from Larguier and the Quebrachitas. Whisky who followed him nearly died of the heat. Cacique Valentin and 8 or 10 indians paid us a visit this afternoon.

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they liked the cañas and gave Walter a pointer dog. It was a hot day with a strong north wind.

23.

Three soldiers from San Pedro were here today and brought mail; they also brought an order from Ramayon to the Indians to cut paja and leave for the costa within 6 days. Valentin and Walter were here also.

24.

Johnnie and Valentin and 7 or 8 Indians went bagual hunting today and stop out 3 or 4 days on other side of Espin. Lent 2 horses to the Indians. Drizzly and cold weather.

25.

Caught a venado with the dogs. Galvan (Chasqui) from Reconquista to San Pedro came this evening and stops the night: says that soldiers from San Pedro have to leave in order to join a big expedition in the chaco. Alfred and Manuel alone here. Cool weather.

26.

Johnnie came back from bagual hunting with one Indian. They were unsuccessful. The rest of the Indians stop out at the Espin over night.

27.

Alfred went carpincho hunting on the Tola and killed 3. Soldiers from San Pedro to Reconquista passed this afternoon with families. They were in search of two of Valentin's Indians but could not find them. It was a pleasant day and looks rainy again.

28.

Sunday. Caught a gama. It was a wet drizzly day. Indians moved their camp from Espin pass to the Garagatay. Chasqui Valentin was here and made us a present of an earthen ware jug of their own manufacture.

Sept 29. 1884.

Alfred and the boy (Manuel) went to the monte and brought a load of firwood, with carretta. Loaded it so trasera that it lifted pertido bullocks in the air.

Pope Virasoro stops the night here with a tropa of 200 novelleros for the proceduria of Reconquista. Johnnie caught a gama with the dogs, a drizzly morning but the afternoon turned out fine.

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Alfred went to Valentins tolderia on the Paraguate today and killed a pig. They gave him two young aquara skins. It was a beautiful day. Johnnie caught a gama with dogs.

Oct. 1.

Johnnie went on a baqual hunt on other side of Espin and killed a ciervo, an enormous wild pig and a gama. It was a very hot day.

2.

Three carts came from Larquias today to take away bricks for brocaling a well. Alfred captured a missing bull along the Toba. The cart of San Pedro from Reconquista stops the night. Took a pan of sugar as a loan. It was a pleasant day.

- 3. -

Johnnie went baqual hunting on other side of Espin and killed 2 guarunchas, and a venado. Sent Manuel with the indian boy, who goes with Ramayons cart as the peon that came from Reconquista had to go back from here, to San Pedro. Also sent our gama skins to Benjamin's in Ramayoni cart. 168 skins. He pays us 2 rls. bot. a skin. They broke our cart at the pass Espin and so we lent them our castilla.

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Alfred went baqual hunting on other side of Espin, but only succeeded in breaking a cohudo's hide leg and he got away. Some more