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6 Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Fine clear day the wind from  
 The South East I was cutting out  
 Some of the Through to day in the fore  
 noon I done some churning in the  
 after noon Patt Shanahan was  
 cutting wood in the Scrub.

James O'Donnell went up to  
 John Finigan's Place to Bring home  
 The Bullocks and Waggon Four of the  
 Bullocks were lost so he did not Bring  
 The Waggon he came home at dark  
 Michael M<sup>c</sup>Guire came with him to  
 Invite the W<sup>m</sup> and Ellen Feys and  
 myself to a Party at the Whim. we did not  
 go

Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Very hot day wind from the East  
 untill the after noon when it then beared  
 round to the South it Blew from the  
 South untill Six P. M when it went

Round again to North East  
Michael Fely came here at Two  
o'clock this morning he stoped here  
all day to helped myself and Patt  
Shanahan to Put the Trough into its  
Place at the Well. Michael Fitzgerald  
came here at Eleven o'clock a.m.  
he went to Port Pirie with the Mrs and  
Mr. Thorpe they were home about seven  
o'clock P.M. he stoped untill Eleven o'clock  
P.M. Michael Fely stoped all Night  
James O'Donnell Brought home the  
Bullocks and Waggon and the makings  
of a rowles. he found the Bullocks down  
at the rocky river I signed A.B  
I P.B to day. <sup>12</sup> January 4<sup>th</sup> 1850

Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>

To Day was hot again. the wind  
from the North West I was at the  
Throught again. To day I finished it  
all to day and got every thing

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I fixed on to it Michael  
Fely went home this after noon.  
young Ted Watson came here this  
morning to know if I would get  
The Colts cut. James O'Donnell &  
Patt Shanahan. was casting Stamps  
untill Dinner time Five o'clock P.M.  
It came up a S. West Storm and  
heavy clouds. Mr. Smith and  
James Smith came here at half  
Past Five o'clock P.M. they stoped  
all Night it commenced to rain  
about Seven o'clock P.M. it held raining  
untill Ten it rained constant but  
Light

Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>

Cold Day Wind from the South  
West one o'clock a.m. morning it  
bomenced to Rain it Rained  
a nice stedy Rain untill Eight o'clock  
It then ceased untill Six o'clock P.M.

When it commenced To Rain  
 A good steady rain again nine o'clock P.M.  
 Still Raining from the South West  
 Mr. Smith and James Smith went  
 home at Eleven o'clock to day James O'Donnell  
 And Patt Shanahan was cutting wood  
 Again to day Patt Shanahan went  
 up to Scotts Id before Tea. for some bottles.  
 Sent James O'Donnell's hair this Evening  
 James O'Donnell received a horse  
 Paper this Evening. the Freeman.

Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>

Very cold to day again the Wind  
 from the South. To day. was a very  
 Showery all Day New Moon visible to  
 Day James O'Donnell Ellen Leahy Ellen Smith  
 and Katey went Down to Mc Guire's this  
 Evening they Stopped there until half  
 Past five o'clock P.M. Michael Fitzgerald  
 came here at Four o'clock P.M.

He Stopped until Ten o'clock P.M.  
 Patt Shanahan was also Down at  
 Mc Guire's this Evening he came home  
 With James O'Donnell. and the Girls  
 Michael Mc Guire came here in the  
 Fore Noon for some Potatoes for Mrs. Thorpe

Monday October 12<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear day Wind from the South  
 very cold air all Day James O'Donnell  
 left here this morning to look for  
 a place to look the horse with him  
 Patt Shanahan and myself was cutting  
 up wood to day sawe pulled some  
 rats out of the Wheat for the Pigs one of them  
 was dead in the sty this morning  
 Mrs. James Braught the paper from the  
 Post this after Noon she gave it to Bill  
 on the road. I went round all the  
 Wheat to have a look at it.  
 This after Noon John Fitzgerald

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Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear day

The Wind from South West

Patt Shanahan and myself was cutting  
and sawing up wood again today

James Donnell came to us in the  
evening after coming from Warrneston.  
He got work at Matt Kanes

I posted a letter to the Terminus Board  
at Port Ferniein today

John Mc Guire came here at seven  
o'clock this evening, he left again at  
Ten P.M. David Fitzgerald came here  
also at half past eight o'clock P.M.

he left also at Ten P.M. He wanted Jim  
to go with him to work at the Rockeys

we pulled four Bags of oats out of  
the Wheat again today Harry Parkes  
began to cut his hay in the paddock

Next to us today it is very rusty  
John Fitzgerald built cottage here

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Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear day and very hot

The Wind from the South East

I went down to Mc Guires this morning  
to fix his Horse Dray for him we had  
it done at about four o'clock P.M.

John Finigan came here at five o'clock  
he stayed about half an hour and then  
went home as Frank was ill. He was  
suffering from Bronchitis

I left Mc Guires about Six P.M.  
was home at half past Six Patt Madigan  
was here when I came home he came  
from the Rockey this after noon.

Tom Blomfield came here in the after noon.  
to say that Jny Cattle was getting  
into his Wheat Patt Shanahan was  
cutting wood again today

Bill went up to Scott this evening  
for James Donnell's cloths. he brought  
home the three Books that I lent Mr. Scott.

The Names of the Book are the  
Star of the South. the Rocker. and  
The Indian Chief.

Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>

Warm Day again to day the wind  
from the North it showed a change for  
Rain at sundown this evening

James O'Donnell left for Mains this  
morning Patt Madigan left also for  
Narriby this morning he took his two  
Books with him Ellen Feely and Ellen Smith  
went up to John Finigans at Eleven o'clock a.m.  
to see Frank he was a lot Better than yesterday  
They were home again before sundown.

I wrote a letter to Joe Bangan in  
New South Wales

Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>

Very warm day also to day  
The Wind from the North again and  
Patt Shanahan was sawing up  
The Big Trees again to day

Miss McGuire came here  
at twelve o'clock Noon to day  
She Stopped until Five P.M. and then  
Went home. Bill went up to Bloomfield  
this after Noon for some Eggs

I killed a Large Snake yesterday  
In the Wheat where I was Pulling  
Some oats.

Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>

Very hot again to day and very  
calm until Two P.M. when it then  
began to Blow a Strong Breeze  
from the South West and showing  
great signs of Rain I went over  
to the cockies crossing to Stephens for  
a Sheep I did not get one as  
Stephen was just gone out I went  
over again at Four P.M. and young  
Sam Stephens got me one then

I killed it when I came home Nine o'clock  
P.M. the Wind veered round to South East

Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>

Very hot again to day the sun came out very strong until two o'clock P.M.

When the sky became very cloudy all the rest of the after noon and showing great signs of rains Patrick Shanahan, Ellen Feely, Ellen Smith and myself went to Crystal Brook to Mass. after Mass we drove round to John Finigans Place to see Frank James Walsh came there also while we were there we left at about half past four P.M. I called at James Allens Place when I was coming home to see if my start ring was done he was not at home therefore I could not get the start ring I was also speaking to Mr and Mrs and Miss McGuire when I was coming home we passed by Michael and James McGuire and Guin near the Whim eight o'clock P.M. lightning very vivid wind south east the wind went round to all points of the

Compass To Day. - Half Past Nine P.M. rain comenced to fall and it look as if we were going to have a down pour. There is also some claps of Thunder at long intervals.

Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>

Very hot again to day the wind shifting round to all points of the compass at one o'clock it changed a bit cooler the wind coming from the South East. I comenced to burn scrub to day. Patt Shanahan went to Port Pirie to day to get himself some clothes. He got two moleskins and a rug he was home before sundown.

Michael Fitzgerald came here at eight o'clock P.M. James Featherston and Con McGuinn came here at half past eight they all left again at twenty minutes to ten P.M. Featherston wanted to know if

I wanted some meat but I did  
not want any. Ten o'clock P.M.  
The Wind is rising to a good Breeze  
from the South East. it was showing  
Signs of rain all Day.

I mended the old cordion this Night  
Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Very hot again to untill Twelve o'clock  
Noon when the Wind went round  
to the South again the wind was shifting  
round to every Point of the compass  
to day untill noon. it showed great  
Signs of rain all Day I was burning  
scrub again to day Quey Malon.  
came here this after Noon for  
Ellen Feely he stoped all Night  
Michael Fitzgerald also came here  
at Eight o'clock P.M. he left soon again  
Patt Shanahan went up to Scotts.  
this Evening for his cloths as he is thinking  
about going away on Tomorrow. L L

Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Nice cool day with a south South  
West Wind. and still showing Signs  
of Rain Quey Malon. went home this  
morning Ellen Feely went with him  
to stop for some time they left about Nine  
o'clock a.m. Patrick Shanahan also went  
away for good to Day. he left about half  
past eight a.m. I made a New rake  
to day as I have a mind to go at the  
Day on tomorrow.

Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Nice cool day the Wind right from  
the South. a few slight mizeling Shower  
of rain fell during the day  
I was doing up the hay yard  
to day I mortised some Posts for it  
Bill was clearing away the old Straw  
from along the Fence John Finigan came  
here at Sundown he stoped here untill  
Nine o'clock P.M. It rained a nice

Shower at Eight o'clock P.M.  
This evening it shows signs of  
some more as there is a lot of heavy  
clouds looming up from the South West.

Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fine clear day the wind from the  
South Mrs Diment & Hannah  
Kiely called in here on their way  
to Port Pirie They stopped for about half  
an hour and then left Mrs Diment  
invited us to an evening party at  
her place I was again working at  
stable yard fence today until  
noon then done some fixings to the  
Buggy. I settled the Skids.

We had all the cattle in this evening  
at four o'clock P.M. Five P.M. Mrs Diment  
and Hannah Kiely called in again  
when they were coming home from Port Pirie  
They stopped for about an hour

When them and us left together  
and just as I was going down the  
hill from my own gate Prince fell  
and the trap came right over him  
and the pole got broke. So I had to  
leave it there and take out the horses.  
I then went on to the Whim and borrowed  
Mr Thorpe Buggy the Cur M<sup>r</sup> and  
the children went into Diment's trap as far  
as Mc Guire's while I was getting the  
horses in Thorpe's trap. we drove on  
all right then we got to Diment's about  
Ten P.M. we stopped there until one o'clock  
and then came home. we were home  
at three o'clock in the morning.

Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>

Nice clear sunshiny day with a  
South West Wind I was putting in  
a new pole in my Buggy to day  
Michael Feely left here after dinner



To go and look after his Bullocks  
To the crossing I got a letter  
From Victoria this evening  
From M. Conway of Yelong, Melbourne  
David Fitzgerald came here  
this evening at eight o'clock P.M.  
He stopped all night

Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>  
Very hot and sultry to day  
The Wind from the South East  
David Fitzgerald went up to Bloomfields  
this morning to see Mick they both  
called in here again on their way to  
Mass. To the Brook I went to Mass also  
To Crystal Brook a Comate was formed  
at Chapple to day to arrange about  
the Picnic. <sup>that is</sup> to be held on Newyears Day  
I was home at half Past Two P.M.  
John Finigan was here before me  
he left again at half Past Ten. P.M.

Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Very hot and sultry to day  
There was a light Breeze from the South  
I commenced to cut hay to day.  
I commenced up near Parkers road.  
and cut around to the Flowers.  
Bill was Raking up after me with  
the hand rake. Michael Fitzgerald  
came here at nine o'clock P.M.  
he stopped until Ten P.M.

Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Very severe hot day the Thermometer  
was up to 80. Deg in the shade  
John Finigan and myself went into  
Port Pirie this morning we were in  
at half Past Eleven. a.m. we went into  
Arest Brothers I bought 1/4 cwt of  
Potatoes 2/ some rope. some currants  
1/2 cwt of Soap 6/6 Baking Soda  
Inert powder Nails Pens. fishing

Hooks and one Line also one  
Straw hat "16." also on tin of kersin  
Some Twine Sardens Lampwick  
& Powder and caps.

I then went up to the  
Milling Company's Mill and got  
half a Ton of Flour at Four Pounds  
Fifteen Shillings I also called  
on Mr. Gordon Solicitor to know  
if he had got any account from  
Mr. Ferry <sup>(injunction)</sup> in Adelaide concerning  
my acceptance. That he did not return  
to me as yet. } I also called on Mr. Moffatt  
The Black Smith to arrange about the Trap  
The Bill of which is due on November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
I got a renewal for three months more —  
We got the horses in the Buggy and started  
for home I called in to Kermis to get  
some meat — we were home a little  
after sundown John Finigan stopped  
until one o'clock a.m.

Charlie Nunn came near  
at Ten P.M. for some oil for a Bullock  
he stopped until Twelve o'clock

Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup>  
Very hot Day again to day with a  
strong Northerly wind blowing until  
Four o'clock P.M. when it then went round  
to the South East. it then looked very  
much like a change as there was some  
heavy Black clouds. Looming up —  
I was cutting hay again today  
I killed a large Snake this evening  
Down in the road.

Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup>  
Very hot and Sultry again to day  
The Wind from the North but it  
changed again at three P.M. to the  
South or South west Myself and  
Bill was cleaning out the Well.

Untill Noon We then had  
Dinner - and after that we went  
cutting and raking hay until  
Five o'clock P.M. then we had to fill  
The Trough of Water for the Bullocks  
Eight o'clock P.M. the weather looked very  
Dark with some very heavy Black  
Clouds Looming up from the South  
Showing great Signs of rain

Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>

Fine cool day the Wind from the  
South and Showing Signs of rain.  
I was cutting hay again today  
Bill was Raking it up I finished  
at Dinner time we cleaned out  
The Stable after Dinner

Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>

Very cold today the wind from  
The South with very heavy clouds

Looming up Showing great  
Signs it did rain some Showers  
During the fore Noon.

John Finigan came here this  
Morning at Seven o'clock A.M.  
He was going to Port Pirie  
I went with him we got in there  
at Ten. - I had 50 lbs of Butter in  
with me to Arests. I got 10/- Per Pound  
For it I then Bought some Calico 1/2 of  
Gray and 6 of white 1/2 Dozen of cotton  
some Linin Boots 3/11 and 20/- a pair  
I called at Dungeys for the Port Pirie  
Advocate I called at Karmers for  
some Meat 6/- a head we met  
Martin Collins at Knapmans Hotel  
he came from with us we called at  
Bill Scotts as we were coming home  
To See a Bullock that was Bad and  
he Died while we were looking at him  
So we were home at sundown

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John Finigan left here at eleven o'clock to go home. Martin Collins stopped All Night

Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>

Nice clear day wind from the South. Michael Fitzgerald came here. In the fore noon he stopped for dinner and then left to Post a letter.

The Mrs. went down to McQuire's in the after noon. Patt Shanahan came here at two o'clock P.M. for a start ring. Belong to Patrick Finigan. I did not ask him to come inside. Therefore he did not stop long. James Donnell came here soon after Shanahan left. He was out of place so he was looking for another place. He got a place at Mrs. Gregg's. He stopped about a half an hour and then left again. Mr. McQuire came here at Sun. Driving the Mrs. home.

Mr. McQuire went home at eleven o'clock P.M.

Michael Fitzgerald came again at eight P.M. he stopped until half eleven.

Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>

The wind changed round to the North again to day. The day was pretty hot but the breeze of wind was cool. I was carting in my hay to day myself and Bill. We had two bullocks in the waggon. We finished early in the after noon. Martin Collins left here this morning about eight o'clock a.m.

Mr. Muffett the black Smith came out from Port Pirie here last noon. He left again within a half an hour.

I wrote a letter to B. Tabs — P — 30

The Mrs. wrote to Ellen Feely to Munderora.

Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wind from the North and  
Blowing a Strong hot Wind with  
clouds of Dust. I went to Port Pirie  
This morning I got in about Eleven  
o'clock (a.m.) I called at Moffets Shop  
to settle some mistake in Business matters  
I made it all right I was also at Norrison's  
Factory I was in at Presto Store  
as I was going to start for home. —  
I was home about three o'clock P.M. —

A young Sailor chap was here when  
I came home he was looking for  
Work he was from Limerick his Name  
was Lised. he Stopped all Night  
John Finigan came here at Dark  
With his Mare. and Mine to work  
them from the Goals. John left again  
at Eleven P.M. —

Wednesday October November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wind from the North and very hot  
until Two o'clock (P.M.) it then changed  
round to the South and got a bit cool  
It then commenced to thunder very severe  
for about an hour ~~to~~ it then cleared  
away and the Atmosphere got clear and  
cool. — the Sailor chap left again  
This morning after Breakfast

I was minding Harness and making  
a Water Bag. John Finigan came  
here at Sundown with the Mare and  
Goal. of mine that was at this Place.  
he left again at half Past ten (P.M.) —  
I killed a Big Snake at the Tank  
Near the Back door and Bill killed  
a small one up in the Wood Near the  
Lime Killen

Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup>

Fine clear day and very cool with  
A good Southerly Breeze all Day

Myself and Bill was covering a Shed  
To day.. we covered it with the old Straw  
From the Stable yard. The Mrs went the  
Brook to Potts Finigans Place to see him  
as we heard he was unwell he was in  
Port Pirie. As she could not see him  
she was home again at half Past five (P.M.)  
She brought home a bag of Flour from  
Thorp. when when she was coming home  
after Tea we churned some Butter.

Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>

Fine cool day to day also the Wind  
From the South James Lysaght was  
Passing by near to day so I went out to  
the Road and called him in.  
So I went cleaning out the Well then

And he helped me at it.  
we were at the well all Day I cleaned  
It about four Feet Down Lysaght Stopped  
here all Night

Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>

Hot Day again to day the wind  
From the North James Lysaght and  
Myself was at the Well again to day  
I was putting down some Timber in it  
The Mrs went to Stevens for a sheep  
In the after Noon she did not get one  
as Stevens was not at home  
Eight o'clock (P.M.) Patt Finigan and  
Michael Fitzgerald came here  
Patt was coming from Port Pirie  
and Michael came with him from  
Bloomfield Patt Finigan Stopped  
all Night John McGuire came here  
also he stopped a short time and then  
Went home

Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>

Dull sort of day the wind from  
The South and Showing Signs of  
Rain. It rained some in the after  
noon. The Mrs. and James Lyaght  
and myself went to Mass to Crystal  
Brook this morning we picked up  
James & Donnell at Mrs. Gregg's corner  
we took him to Mass also we were  
home about three o'clock P.M.

David and Michael Fitzgerald  
came here with us from Chapple

James & Donnell and Mrs. Gregg  
man came here about eight o'clock A.M.  
They left again at Ten o'clock P.M.

David stayed all night Michael Fitzgerald  
Went home about Ten o'clock P.M.

It commenced to rain at Ten again  
and looks as if we were going to get a  
good a Down Pour

John Fitzgerald. Pirri