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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1865.

Sumpter Prison, Andersonville Co.
Weather warm but pleasant.
Nothing transpires to indicate the
presents of new years day.

MONDAY 2

Fine day. No news. Several
Sailors brought in to day.

TUESDAY 3

Our Detachment go outside
The Stockade for pine bome
for beds to sleep upon.
I write a letter home. The
first since in this Prison.
Raining slightly.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1865.

Beautiful day. We have encouraging reports concerning army movements.

THURSDAY 5

Drew a little better bread rations than common Day pleasant but rain at night.

FRIDAY 6

It is reported through camp, that a general exchange of Piboners, has been agreed upon. If such should prove to be the case, there will be rejoicing in camp.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1865.

Camp Sumter, Ga.
The day rather cold with a piercing wind.
Weather very changeable in this country.

SUNDAY 8

A couple of new Prisoners brought in - captured near Savannah, Ga. They report Sherman moving on Charleston, South Carolina.

MONDAY 9

Rain heavy weather. Rain in the after part of the day.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1865.

I get an opportunity to read an newspaper from the time the rebel papers one would think their cause is becoming desperate.

WEDNESDAY 11

Cold, windy weather. Previous reports are circulating of an exchange of prisoners being agreed upon. 100 men from each division are permitted to go for wood.

THURSDAY 12

Beautiful day. So our disparity all reports concerning the hope for exchange seem to be unreliable.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1865.

Morning comes raining but clears about midday. A couple of recaptured prisoners brought in. Hard fighting reported going on at Richmond by our sailors. Rations are issued every evening.

SATURDAY 14

Raw, cloudy weather. Confederate money has decreased in value within the last few days. It can be bought—8 18 10 for one in greenback.

SUNDAY 15

Seemler Prison Ca. We have favorable reports this morning of an exchange of prisoners. Also cheering news concerning army movements. The rebels acknowledge themselves whipped at all points.
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1865.

The Police of this Prison composed of union prisoners was broken up to day. Division Sergeant do their duty.

TUESDAY 17

Several recaptured prisoners are brought in to day. Our rations are still short.

WEDNESDAY 18

Beautiful day. All hope concerning a speedy exchange of prisoners have almost died away. We expect to spend the remainder of the winter here anyway.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1865.

Rain cold and rainy weather. Spent the morning of the day mending clott-

FRIDAY 20

Had an interesting interview with a rebel quarer who gave me some valuable information concerning Hood's defeat in Texas.

SATURDAY 21

Rained all last night and still raining. A number of convalescent and paraly-

son came in. From the outside.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1865.

Still rains our rations today are corn bread, beef and beans all cooked. We hear that Wilmington is taken by our forces.

MONDAY 23

Rebel recruiting officers come in camp and enlist about 120 union prisoners into the rebel service. 500 prisoners brought here from Meredon, Miss.

TUESDAY 24

Very cold and snow wood to burn. Digging up a stump for wood. Roll call late and list weekly grade.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1865.

Sumter Prison, Georgia
No of Prisoners confined here is between 2000
7 41. Those yanks who surrendered in the rebel
ranks can be seen deiting outside.

THURSDAY 26

So out for wood
get to read several rebel
newspapers. No news of
much interest.

FRIDAY 27

CLean cold morning.
Wood scarce and little
flies. Hungry and
over due post away.
The Line.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1865.

Still cold. Some reports of an exchange of prisoners soon May. The day of our deliverance come quickly.

SUNDAY 29 T

Sunshine morning while the day passes. I indulge in many thoughts of home & friends.

MONDAY 30

Report in camp of a peace movement, springing up between the parties. Rebel scrip on the down fall.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1865.

Beautiful warm day. I go out for wood. John Ball of E. & J. I. Dover go to the Hospital in Stockade.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Quinter Prison Camp
I wash my clothes-get my hair and whiskers trimmed and take a good wash. Between one & two hundred prisoners come in from Macon.

THURSDAY 2

Papers brought in camp. Speech of commissioners being sent to Washington to negociate for peace.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1865.

Rainy weather. A building for a sutler store is being erected inside of the prison.

SATURDAY 4

Papers in camp which contain encouraging news of peace & exchange, but it will doubtless play out as usual.

SUNDAY 5

Cloudy weather. Warm. Nothing new in camp. Boys all in good health and pretty good hopes of being released soon.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1865.

Suntan Prison "Gal."
Twenty six prisoners brought in to day Captured near Jacksonville "Fla."

Drew better notions of bread Than common

TUESDAY 7

Damp cold day and no wood to burn. The cold is so warm. The day pass

heavily

WEDNESDAY 8

Beautiful day I go out for wood. Rebels get up a report that the Prisoners have plotted to cut down the telegraph to facilitate their escape and on consequence Turk from them all their axes
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1865.

Cold and chilly weather.

I read, for the first time a full report of the last Presidential election. The piece came from Iowa in a letter.

FRIDAY 10

While we have to lay here in Prison, it is some consolation to us to know that the work of putting down the great Rebellion, is still going on. We hear that Sherman is fighting at Branchville S.C.

SATURDAY 11

A sermon was preached to the prisoners for the first time since we came to this place. Robs commenced erecting Barracks in this Prison.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1865.

Beautiful warm day
I wash and put on clean cloths. Spend the day
mostly in reading the Testament. The only Book
I have with me.

MONDAY 13

Rain, but cold morning
Draw our keep now.
A number of paroled men
sent in from the outside.

TUESDAY 14

Preist Hall and Barber
of 60 8" 174 go out on
parole of honor to work.
Commence drawing new
rations in full today.
Rains.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1865.

Reported fighting at Richmond. Va. The day passed off rather gloomy.

THURSDAY 16

Our rations now are 2/4 pint corn meal, half pint of peas and half pound of salt beef. Enough only to keep us hungry.

FRIDAY 17

A few paroled men come in. Passes in camp news pretty good.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1865.

Camp Sumpter Ga’ Seven hundred prisoners arrive here from the west. They look haggard and care-worn. A paper in camp containing news of a general exchange of prisoners arranged.

SUNDAY 19

Beautiful day, Prisoners are furnished with soap and engage in a general wash. Which changes their appearance much.

MONDAY 20

Nothing exciting or new to day. weather very nice.
Thursday, April 13, 1865.

Friday 14

Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, was assassinated today at Washington City by John Wilkes Booth.

Saturday 15
WEDNESDAY 26

Take the cars near Lake City, Fla.
and run to Baldwin, from which
place we marched to Jacksonville
a distance of 20 miles and were
welcomed by our soldiers stationed
there.

THURSDAY 27
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1865.

SUNDAY 14

Annapolis, Maryland
All the prisoners that entered the Federal lines at Jacksonville, S.C. have arrived at Annapolis. Md. except a few sick left at Hilton Head.

MONDAY 15

Take the cars for Saint Louis, Mo. passing over the Ohio & Baltimore R. R. Pass over some fine country in Maryland, crops look well.
FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1865.

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**Total:** $20.80

SATURDAY 20

On board the cars en route for St. Louis Mo. Arrive at the City in the evening and proceeded to Benton Barracks and take up quarters.

SUNDAY 21

Benton Barracks St. Louis Mo. Spent this day here Artemas Shearer Co. "E" 12th. Town go to the Hospital body at Benton Barracks.
MONDAY, MAY 22, 1865.

Benton Barracks, St. Louis. at 10 am
Leave Benton Barracks and
march through town and take
quarters in Schofield Barracks
for the night. We are to
leave here to-morrow for
Davenport, Iowa.

TUESDAY 23

Leave Schofield Barracks
take passage one board the
Steamer Mississippi for
Davenport, Iowa. Leave Saint
Louis at 7 o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY 24

On board the Steamer
Mississipi bound up the
Mississippi river. Pass
Parkerville, Mo., Louisiana
and Hannibal. Pass Denby
ills. early oh the night.
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1865.

Morning finds us at Alexandria Mo, and Vincennes Ills. Sound at 7 o'clock A.M.
Passing over the Rapids at 8 x 9 o'clock. Pass Burlington.

FRIDAY 26

Arrive at Davenport, Iowa in the forenoon and take up quarters in camp. The Colonel has learned nothing certain about what will be done with us.

SATURDAY 27

Davenport, Iowa. Warm pleasant weather. I drew one pair Court Pants.
SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1865.

Spent most of the day in camp. It was quite amusing to visit the Indian camp at this place. Though the Indians are treated better than we were in the prison, yet their life must be a sad one.

MONDAY 29

Camp M. Scellan

TUESDAY 30

Davenport, Iowa. Got a few days' rest and will start home tomorrow.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1865.

Leave Davenport town for home on board the steamer New Boston. Our progress is very slow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

Take the cars at Burlington at 6 o'clock A.M. for Agency city. Arrive a few minutes before 12 o'clock. Home in the evening.

FRIDAY 2

Mr. Home wrote a letter to brother J. W. Shearin
SATURDAY JUNE 3, 1865.

Naples by Train

2 visit some of my Relations

SUNDAY 4

MONDAY 5
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1865.

Seave 14 once for Davenport.
Got very sick inside on the car
before reaching Burlington.
Left Burlington about 10 o'clock.

Tuesday 13

Davenport Iowa.
Succeeded in getting my muster-
ing out papers. But will not be
paid for one or two days.

I am boarding at a private
house at one dollar per day.

It rains here to day.

Wednesday 14

Davenport Iowa. My
health is very poor. Today
settle with the govern-
ment. Mrs. Chalston
was very kind to me while
sick at her house.
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1865.
Take the car at Burlington
at 6½ A M for Agency city
arrive at home in the
evening.

FRIDAY 16
Having an attack of ago &
fewer. Some under medical
Treatment. I reluctantly spend
The most of the day in bed.
How sad and lonesome it is to be
sick. Compared with the joys &
pleasures of health.

SATURDAY 17
WEDNESDAY JUNE 21, 1865.

At Home Mr. John Alexander is company today. The day is in the main pleasant and occasional shower.

THURSDAY 22

At Home near Agency city Iowa.

FRIDAY 23
SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1865.

At Home. No Company. Some
what Consweme. Expecting
Brother John Home. Took a
Stroll over the farm and
came back Tired. Had the
pleasure of reading a letter
from Brother Sabau.

SUNDAY 25

At Home all day.

MONDAY 26

Return Home from a
walk and found
Brother John There.
I was glad to see
him.
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1865.

"First tier of counties:
Davis, Appomattox, Wayne
Decatur, Ringgold
Taylor, Page, Fremont
St. Clair, Wayne
Monroe, Lucas, Clark

GEO. W. FASS

WEDNESDAY 28

9A Marion, Warren
Madison, Adair

THURSDAY 29
FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1865.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

SUNDAY 2

At Home—had an abundance of company both of ladies & gentlemen. There were four soldiers here besides John and I.
MONDAY, JULY 3, 1865.

TUESDAY 4
I passed the Fourth at home being too ill to attend the celebration. The day was a beautiful one.

WEDNESDAY 5
SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1865.

Polk Co. Iowa

160 Acre in Sec. 4 W. 32 79 22
160 W. 32 79 22
80 N half Sec. 32 79 22

MONDAY 10

Wapello County, Iowa
250 acres in Sect. 11
In T3 R12 Sec. 3 3 79
160 acres in T3 R12 Sec. 3 3 79
N half 80 acres in T3 R12 Sec. 3 3 79
Rage 12

TUESDAY 11

14 3 Sec. 3 3 73 R 12
SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1865.

Japan to Iowa
160 acre sec-22-T-80
Rge 20

SUNDAY 16

MONDAY 17
MONDAY, JULY 24, 1865.

TUESDAY 25

Leave home for a visit to Mt Pleasant, Iowa. Arrive at Mt. Pleasant at 12 M.

WEDNESDAY 26

Mt Pleasant, Iowa
Had a dentist to operate on my teeth. Had an artificial tooth put in.
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1865.

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
Rained part of the day

FRIDAY 28

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
Barn-elding at Mr. McCamy's

3 4 0
5 2

SUNDAY 29

4 9 0

1 7 8
SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1865.

Aug 15 Ben Leasure

Aug 20

Aug 19

Aug 20

MONDAY 31

C. M. Shearer
C. M. Shearer

B. Leasure
B. Leasure

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

G. M. Shearer
G. M. Shearer

W. Williams
W. Williams

J. Alexander
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B. Leasure
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John Alexander
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1865.

Smith  $85.00
John Alexander  $25.00
H. Williams  $20.00
Ben Leisure

SUNDAY 6

Company's expenses for trip $417.65
Each one $4.41 1/4

MONDAY 7

Lampl DL
T. G. Philips
E. H. Allen
Brookes & James & Company
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1865.

At work in the Harneck Field.

For Ticket Co - 37.00
Burlington - 40.00
From B. To D - 2.00
Hotel Bill -

WEDNESDAY 9
From D. To B - 2.75
Dinner on Boat -
Pilgrims & Breakfast - 1.00
For Ticket from B. To D - 3.50
Dinner at Agency - 4.00
Conveyance home - 6.50

Paid 876.55

THURSDAY 10

164.5
540

179.0
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1865.

Start from home early in the morning on a trip through western Iowa. Leave Davenport at 10 o'clock. 2 a.m. take dinner 12 miles from Davenport. Reach for the night 24 miles from Des Moines.

SATURDAY 12

George M. Shearer

Jacob Shearer 25
25 five dollars cash $10.00
2 dollars 11

SUNDAY 13
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1865.

TUESDAY 15

WEDNESDAY 16

At home near Agency City, Iowa. Preparing to start on a trip west—via Fort DeSoto.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1865.

Leave home for a trip through Western Iowa. Leave Marysville at 10 o'clock a.m. Take dinner 18 miles north east of Oshaloosa—Camp for the night 2 1/2 miles from Oshaloosa at Mr. Correll's.

FRIDAY 18

Center Oshaloosa early in the morning. This is quite a flourishing town and its vicinity is valued at from 80 to 100 dollars per acre. Pass through Pella and up 7 miles west.

SATURDAY 19

Maison de Center Jasper and pass through Monroeville. Prairie City and put up. Sunrise. See some nice Prairies but a great deal of broken country.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1865.

Enter Polk Co. pass the Rising Sun. Aclimbarq. Davenport City. Pass thru the city in the afternoon and the river above the bridge. Travel 8 miles. Stop near the County Line.

MONDAY 21

Get a shower of rain before starting. Dallas County. Stop for the night. Folks all well. Country not so good. Too much wet terrain.

TUESDAY 22

At Jacob Coopers. Leave at 9 o'clock and pass through Adel. Then go to Redfield. Then go west to Garfield. On and put up for the night at Mr. Bowell.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1865.

I move out early and pass over a sick country between Redfield & Morrisburg. Thence to Saler City & west over a very rough broken country. Passed the Dalmantha, yet in Gutchi County.

THURSDAY 24

Camp 1/2 mile south of Dalmantha. East in Cass County at the northeast corner & go in the direction of Lewis. Broken country & entry find some Government land. Camped 6 miles from Lewis.

FRIDAY 25

Pass through Lewis Thence south into Montgomery Co. passing thru 'The corner of Potowatamic &' Kind land as low as two dollars per acre. Rough country. Camp 6 miles from Lewis.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1865.

From camp 4 miles west of Frankford we go south, passing through Frankford—thence south 15 miles towards Clarinda. Page county. Rough country.

Some Congressland Camp 8 miles from Clarinda.

SUNDAY 27

Eight miles from Clarinda Page Co. Pass the Clarinda at 3 o'clock. Good country around. The County seat. Go east from Clarinda and enter Taylor Co.

MONDAY 28

Taylor County, Iowa. Go to Buchanan and look at a piece of land—Timber scarce. From Buchanan to Bedford. Thence east several miles & camped.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1865.

Camp near Bedford—off early for Missouri.

Enter Ute in north, penetrated as far as Brown's Mill where we directed our course towards Iowa. Rough country—plenty of timber.

WEDNESDAY 30


THURSDAY 31

Camp Hotel. Feed and grub hard to get. Prairies large and timber scarce. Enter Decater Co. pass through Decater City & Scour and camped in west. Decater Co.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1865.

Camp Decater & pass thru Benterville Concord The county seat of Wayne Home pretty good looking but soil rather thin Crop not very good Camp in Wayne County

SATURDAY 2

Camp scarcity - Enter App move county early in the day & pass thru Pleasantville Thence to Benterville and camp in Appanoose County

SUNDAY 3

Travel all day pass thru Monroe then through the corner of Monroe county Thence to Blarkebrough and camp 12 miles from

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1865.

off early for Home

arriving at Ottawa

at 10 1/2 clock a.m.

spent a couple of hours

in town - start Home

at 12, arriving in the

evening

TUESDAY 5

WEDNESDAY 6
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1865.

MONDAY 11

TUESDAY 12
THURSDAY 14

Start for Davenport, Iowa
At Burlington at 2 o'clock p.m. Take the steamer for Davenport

FRIDAY 15

Arrive at Davenport at 7 a.m.
Start toward at 11 o'clock a.m. on the steamer New Boston
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1865.

George M. Sheard
Agency city Wapello Ia
Dec 28th 1865

SUNDAY 17

MONDAY 18
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1865.

8.00
5.00
5.00
3.00
1.00
64.00

MONDAY 25

TUESDAY 26
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1865.

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Calvin B. losoby

THURSDAY 28

Dear Sr. Turkey Road at Jacob Shearn's

L J

FRIDAY 29
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1865.

5 feet 8 inches

\[ \frac{12}{124} = \frac{33}{356} = \frac{270}{30} \]

SUNDAY 31
MEMORANDA.
Davenport, Iowa, May 30, 1855
Received 21 dollars from Mr. Haydock for Artemas Shedruck
Also paid a debt for Artemas Shearve of seventy-five cents
During my sickness Dr. Parker made me four visits for which he charged me $6.00

Henry Zelling Dr
2 1/2 days work @ $6 per day $15.00
MEMORANDA.

Dollars and Cents

In Taylor County Iowa
The S.W. qr of Section 9
Town 67, Range 35
Address

$80 0 0
$1 5
$2 5

John Lindsey
Memory $20
Taylor Co. Iowa

Bateman's Drops

Godfrey Cordial
Coffee-Bicarbonate
Pills Shavers No. 5
Yellow

1871/15 00 (9.00

\[ \frac{152}{92} = 1 \frac{5}{9} \]

\[ \frac{1413}{78} = 18 \frac{1}{2} \]

8.00