

AUGUSTUS BOSTOCK DIARY.

This diary was posted to the Aus-Vic-Western District Mail list over a long period of time. Hence the duplication of some family data for new readers. I have decided to leave it included in the pages, as it does help the reader to understand without looking back. I hope you enjoy these pages and find someone related to you... Thelma Birrell.

DIARY of AUGUSTUS BOSTOCK Grasmere" 1854

AUGUST 1854

- Sun 20 Paid LATTA (Wm.) for seed wheat. Sent word to (John) GOOD about beef.
Mon 21 MURPHY came to see dray.
Tue 22 Mr. BEAMISH (Rev. Peter TEULON) stayed the night with me
Wed 23 THORNTON absent. Water over bridge. Boisterous weather. Mr. BEAMISH left Bay mare and took away with dark Bay horse.
Mon 28 ARNEL (Frederick) paid me for four bullocks
Tues 29 To Warrnambool and played a game of cricket.
Wed 30 Paid NICOL (Gilbert) for oats.
Thur 31 Sent to (John) GOOD's for beef.

SEPTEMBER 1854

- Sat 2 Sowed spring wheat which I bought from Mr. MANNING. Placed empty hive under old hive of bees. (John Slade MANNING and Frederick Mullet MANNING)
Sun 3 John BEAZING went to find the strawberry bullock.
Mon 4 Put some cuttings of 'Gloria Pea' in green house to strike
Tue 5 Grafted apples, plums, cherries and peaches.
Wed 6 To Warrnambool with horse dray. Bought 20 bushels of spring wheat
Mon 11 John EMBERLY absent. Yoked white steer I got from TOZER (Francis)
Tue 12 Ploughing with bullocks in front of the house. John EMBERLY absent.
Mon 18 Ernest (BOSTOCK) HICKLING (Frederick) and George (BOSTOCK) were out. Sowing onion seed. Grafted storks and sowed wheat and oats.
Tue 19 Got bullock from (John) GOOD.
Mon 25 Went to look at land to be sold. Ploughed land over again where flood perished oats.
Wed 27 Sowed carrot, cabbage and lettuce seeds.
Thu 28 Grafted apples and cherries.
Sat 30 Played a game of cricket married v singles.

OCTOBER 1854

- Mon 1 MANIFOLD (Thomas) returned home with me. Annie (COX) and George (BOSTOCK) had two sons (Twins) (*Can you believe, I never really noticed this back in 1990 when I edited diaries. This would have saved me a lot of time. One died as baby and the other at age 3 in 1858, the same year as his father George BOSTOCK died.*)
Thu 5 To the Warrnambool Land Sale
Sun 8 Went to ALLAN's Bridge with MANIFOLD (Thomas)
Tue 10 Sold Mr. PILKINGTON two bullocks.
Thu 12 Delivered two bullocks to PILKINGTON. Discharged DWYER and hired housekeeper. Sowing oats in waterholes.
Fri 13 Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) and Mr. NICOLSON (Mark) sailed for Melbourne
Sat 14 Went to Port Fairy to play cricket
Mon 16 Commenced cutting potatoes for seed etc.
Thu 19 Picked and sent first gooseberries to Warrnambool
Tue 24 Planted potatoes and picked gooseberries.
Thu 26 Put away implements for the season. Took swarm of bees. Cutting rhubarb.
Mon 30 John EMBERLY left. First potatoes up. Young 'Beauty' calved.

NOVEMBER 1854

- Wed 1 Took another swarm of bees.
- Sat 4 Returned home from picnic in Warrnambool. Mr. BURKE sent his bullock team for his flour.
- Mon 6 Ernest (BOSTOCK) took cow Cherry to Warrnambool. (Francis) TOZER took Mr. NICHOLSON's mare. Gathered gooseberries to send to Warrnambool.
- Wed 8 Mrs DALEY's team went to Warrnambool for loadings for the diggings.
- Fri 10 George and wife (Ann) and Mr. & Mrs. HAWKINS (Wm. Lilly HAWKINS) spent the day with me. I went with them to Warrnambool. (HAWKINS related to MACARTHUR ONSLOW families)
- Sat 11 Played cricket and spent the evening at Mr. MONTGOMERYs ?
- Mon 13 Remained in Warrnambool as 'Tasman' came from Launceston and I expect a parcel.
- Tue 14 Went to Mr. WILLIAMS with CAMPBELL. Returned home. CAMPBELL stayed with me.
- Wed 15 CAMPBELL stayed. Sent gooseberries to Warrnambool by John BEAZING. Commenced building barn. Took clay off grafts.
- Thu 16 Went to Port Fairy with CAMPBELL. Foundation Stone of English Church laid. Stayed all night at the 'stag'.
- Fri 17 Went to "Leura". Emily (Rachael Emeline nee BOSTOCK) and Michael CONNOLLY started from Warrnambool. I went out in the bay with CAMPBELL in sailing boat.
- Sat 18 Returned from Port Fairy. Went to find splitters in forest.
- Mon 20 George (BOSTOCK) & CONNOLLY (Michael) came. Arranged with MURPHY? to mend my dray.
- Wed 22 Hired ASHENDEN and wife. Sold ARNEL (Frederick) 200 gls of gooseberries.
- Thu 23 ARNEL's (Frederick) teams went to Warrnambool to load for the diggings. Picked gooseberries and cherries
- Fri 24 Sent dray for sawn timber. John EMBERLY is back. ASHENDEN came with dray.
- Sat 25 Picked 60 gls of gooseberries for ARNEL (Frederick) to take to the diggings.
- Sun 26 Ernest (BOSTOCK) and MACDONALD got this far from Warrnambool. Argued again with John EMBERLY
- Mon 27 Cutting posts for the barn. ARNEL (Frederick) took away gooseberries. Bought cow from WOODHART to kill.
- Tue 28 HORNE (George Samuel Wegg) put up his tent. ARNEL (Frederick) started for the diggings. Putting up posts for the barn.
- Thurs 30 George (BOSTOCK) and HANNAFORD came out.

DECEMBER 1854

- Sat 2 Went to Port Fairy.
- Mon 4 Returned home and commenced cutting Cape Barley.
- Tue 5 Went looking for rafters for the barn.
- Thur 7 Finished getting rafters. CAMPBELL (?EDDINGTON) stayed the day with me.
- Fri 8 Went to Port Fairy.
- Sat 9 Sent cherries to Woodford. HORNE (George Sam Wegg) and John (BEASING ?) weeding oats.
- Sun 10 J. AITKIN (James William Manifold AITKIN) came out.
- Mon 11 Mrs (Rachael Emeline) CONNOLLY and Mrs. COWTAN came from Port Fairy.
- Wed 13 Mowing clover and grass for hay. Sent cherries to Woodford.
- Thu 14 Making Hay. DAVIS came to see George's (BOSTOCK) mare 'Poppet'.
- Fri 15 Went to see LATTA (Wm.) and DOY about making bridge. Deliver 'Poppet' to DAVIS.
- Sat 16 Mrs. CONNOLLY (R. E.) back to Port Fairy via Warrnambool. I went that far with her.
- Mon 18 Cutting oats. Hired two men to fence the stockyard.
- Tue 19 Commenced the bridge in the little paddock across the Merri River.
- Wed 20 Getting saplings for the bridge. Paid GOOD's account for meat.
- Thu 21 Finished bridge and took a swarm of bees.
- Fri 22 Finished the fence at the bridge. Packed fruit for Warrnambool.

- Sat 23 Put hay together. Settled with HORNE (George Samuel Wegg). John (BEASING) took in fruit with horse and dray.
- Sun 25 Spent the day at 'Leura' (CONNOLLY's home 3 miles west of Port Fairy)
- Thu 28 Picked Raspberries. AITKIN's (James Wm. M.) pony was sent out. Men still absent.
- Fri 29 Prepared place to stack the hay. Finished wallplates of barn.
- Sat 30 Putting up rafters and cutting grass for thatching !!!!

JANUARY 1855

- Mon. 1 Played the return match with Port Fairy. Went to the Ball in the evening.
- Wed 3 Engaged four reapers for wheat and oats. Stacking hay
- Fri 5 John (? BEASING) went to Warrnambool with dray. Putting battens on the barn
- Sat 6 Hired four reapers to cut wheat.
- Sun 7 George (BOSTOCK) and Mr. PARKER (Samuel) came. Engaged John EMBERLY
- Mon 8 To Warrnambool. Mr. HANNAFORD (Samuel) & Dr. THOMSON returned and stayed over. Hired two reapers and engaged two men to harvest.
- Thu 11 Engaged Mrs. DALEY's thrashing machine.
- Fri 12 Finished cleaning barley and returned cleaning machine.
- Mon 15 Got dray home from MURPHY's and cutting grass for thatching.
- Tue 16 Commenced cutting white wheat near LATTI's (Wm.) fence. Prepared grass to thatch barn.
- Thu 18 Thatching. Putting palings on gables. GREEN went to Warrnambool to loading for diggings
- Fri 19 BIRD's man came to see if I wanted his thrashing machine. DOY commenced carting wheat from the field. HICKLING (Frederick J) came and stayed overnight.
- Sun 21 Ernest (BOSTOCK) came from Warrnambool.
- Mon 22 HORNE (George S. W.) commenced reaping. Ernest (BOSTOCK) returned to Warrnambool.
- Wed 24 Carted more earth on to the bridge. Cutting grass, pruned grape vines.
- Thu 25 Started two more reapers. Got home some sticks for thatching. Mr & Mrs. CONNOLLY came.
- Fri 26 Commenced carting Adelaide wheat. Picked blackcurrants and plums.
- Sat 27 George (BOSTOCK) came out.
- Mon 29 Carted grass. commenced cutting Velvet wheat.
- Wed 31 Went to FOSTER's Mash to shoot.

FEBRUARY 1855

- Thu 1 Bought a fat cow from WOODHART ?
- Fri 2 Emily (Rachael Emeline CONNOLLY) went to Warrnambool. Carted white wheat. Went to William JELLIE's with (Michael) CONNOLLY.
- Sat 3 Ernest (BOSTOCK) returned with me.
- Mon 5 Picked green gages. Went to Mrs. DALEY's? with JELLIE. Ernest (BOSTOCK) went to W'nambool.
- Tue -6 Lost black horses. Out all day looking with John (EMBERLY ?)
- Thu 8 Sent cart to Warrnambool. Had Jock and Tommy shod. Sent in plums. George (BOSTOCK), Campbell (EDDINGTON ?) and HANNAFORD came out.
- Sat 10 Carting spring wheat. Took plums to Woodford, finished reaping.
- Sun 11 (Frederick) HICKLING and Charlie HOWARD came out. (Michael) CONNOLLY went to Warrnambool on his way to Port Fairy.
- Mon 12 Carting wheat with bullocks. Killed a cow I bought from WOODHART
- Tue 13 DOY started carting wheat. Got three bales of bags. D. WILLIAMS had stacks burnt.
- Wed 14 Paid off the reapers.
- Thu 15 To Warrnambool and HICKLING (Frederick) returned with me.
- Fri 16 Started cutting oats in Water Holes. Henry BOUKER returned.
- Sat 17 Went over to see HARRIS's thrashing machine.
- Sun 18 Over with all men at a fire at the back of CLEMENCE's.
- Mon 19 Paid up the reapers measured LATTI's (Wm.) ground.

- Tue 20 Sold MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK (Thomas & George) 1000 bushels of wheat at 15/- a bushel. Played a game of cricket.
- Wed 21 Finished thatching the barn. Got over IDEN's boards. Got a place ready for thrashing machine. Prepared grass for thatching haystack. LEGGETT absent.
- Thu 22 HICKLING (Fred) came out and took in Rattler. Thatched part of haystack. Picked apples for MURPHY. MANNING had his stables burnt.
- Fri 23 Thrashing white wheat. MURPHY got apples. DOY carted wheat and oats.
- Mon 26 Went to Port Fairy to play a match of cricket with Melbourne Club.
- Tue 27 Returned home.
- Continuing the diary of Augustus BOSTOCK, written from his home the pastoral run 'Grasmere' just north of Warrnambool. He leased the property for many years from Thomas MANIFOLD. Gussy's wife Margaret was the daughter of Mary Meacock MANIFOLD, sister to Thomas, Peter and John MANIFOLD who held 'Purrumbete' c. 1835. Mary MANIFOLD married secondly to James AITKIN of 'Glen Esk' Tasm.*

MARCH 1855

- Thu 1 Fire hit DOYs and burnt his barn and fencing. Went to Port Fairy to the Ball.
- Fri 2 Stayed in Port Fairy. Went to Ladies Bazaar then to 'Leura' (home of his sister Rachael & husband Michael CONNOLLY). Stayed the night at Port Fairy.
- Sat 3 Finished thrashing and paid off men.
- Mon 5 Cleaning wheat. HICKLING (Frederick) came.
- Tue 6 Sent wheat to Warrnambool. McKENZIE (A) and ROSS came out.
- Fri 9 McKENZIE (Anthony) and ROSS commenced work.
- Mon 12 Brought home the cow I bought off DWYER. Paid MURPHY for mending the dray. Went out with DOY to cut timber to make yokes.
- Tue 13 Harry left. Got home timber for yokes. First day of Warrnambool Races. (*George BOSTOCK was instrumental in commencement of Racing industry. James BOSTOCK was a jockey.). In 2008 as I got news clips from Warrnambool library we see that Robert BOSTOCK s/o George and Ann was also a jockey 1869-70 and attended Highland Games as a competitor.*
- Wed 14 Mrs. AITKIN (Mary M. 'MANIFOLD' AITKIN) and Mrs. MATSON (related) stayed the night.
- Thu 15 Mrs. AITKIN and Mrs MATSON went on. To Steeple Chase and Ball at Warrnambool.
- Fri 16 Stayed at Warrnambool and looked at a cow MONTGOMERY wished to sell
- Sat 17 Returned home and thrashing machine came to LATTAs (Wm.). John EMBERLY absent.
- Mon 19 Sent in one load of wheat and got a load from Mrs. DALEY
- Tue 20th Delivered last load of 1000 bushels. Went to Warrnambool and paid MONTGOMERY for table I bought, which belonged to Mr. McKAY
- Wed 21 George (BOSTOCK) came home with me
- Thu 22 Speyed two heifers and branded some. Went to Mr. BURKE's (Robert) sale of cattle at Woodford. Bought two steers and a cow and calf.
- Fri 23 MONTGOMERY went to TIERNEYS (Thomas) to look for CHERRY
- Sat 24 HANNAFORD (Samuel) came and stayed the night
- Sun 25 Ernest (BOSTOCK) and HICKLING (F W. or F. J.) walked out.
- Mon 26 Mrs. DALEY commenced carting wheat. .
- Wed 28 Finished the Tartarian Oats.
- Thu 29 Finished thrashing and paid off men. Mrs. DALEY's machine !!!
- Fri 30 Harry came to look at steers. MONTGOMERY started up country. Burnt stubble. BOOTH took away machine.
- Sat 31 John (EMBERLY BEASING ??) commenced ploughing for barley in the garden.

APRIL 1855

- Mon 2 Cleaning up Tartarian Oats. (John EMBERLY) ploughing. HORNE (George Samuel Wegg) moved up. DOY yoked the oxen which I sold him. Ploughing for barley.

- Fri 6 Went to Portland to play the Portland Club at cricket.
 Sat 7 Played the match and we lost by one run.
 Sun 8 Remained in Portland
 Mon 9 To Port Fairy in the "Gwen". Went to 'Leura' (sister Emily) and stayed all night.
 Tue 10 Borrowed CONNOLLY's (Michael) dog cart and George (BOSTOCK), Ernest (BOSTOCK.) and I returned to Warrnambool and home in the evening
 Wed 11 Sold LATTA (Wm.) four steers. To Warrnambool for flour for the diggings.
 Fri 13 John () and HORNE (George Samuel Wegg) started teams to the diggings.
 Mon 16 JENKINS (Allan) came for seed wheat To DOY about split stuff.
 Tue 17 VIRTUE (?) and brother came and took bees for me.
 Wed 18 Made a bullock yoke. Went to S. MENZIES to meet ADAMS (Wm. ?).
 Sat 21 Emily (R. Emeline CONNOLLY) was up staying with Annie (BOSTOCK nee COX). Sent in a hive of bees for George (BOSTOCK). Settled with SHEVILL
 Sun 22 KENNETH came from 'Leura' to say Mr. CONNOLLY (Michael) was ill. Ernest (BOSTOCK) drove Emily (Rachael Emeline CONNOLLY) down.
 Mon 23 Lent George (BOSTOCK) my horse to go to Port Fairy to see Mr. CONNOLLY (Michael)
 Tue 24 Finished pigsty. LEGGETT and ROSS cutting up logs which lay about.
 Wed 25 DOY got three bags of seed wheat.
 Thu 26 Finished logs. Went to see if DOY had the split stuff and to see LATTA (Wm.) about meat. Made a bullock yoke. John and HORNE (George Samuel Wegg) returned from the diggings. (*Strangely a G. S. W. HORNE was solicitor of Robert BOSTOCK's Will when he died in Tasmania 1847*)
 Sat 28 John? brought in seed wheat for TIERNEY (Tom) & two bays for SIBBONS. Paid SIBBONS's a/c.
 Sun 29 Went to Mr. PARKERs (Samuel) and to Warrnambool in the evening.
 Mon 30 George (BOSTOCK) went with me to ADAMS (Wm ?) and I bought 12 head of cattle to fatten. Put 6 of them in LATTA's (William) paddock. Lost calf of Strawberry cow.

MAY 1855

- Sat 5 Putting up fence between DOY and myself the one that was burnt.
 Mon 7 George (BOSTOCK) went down to Port Fairy. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and I went to look after the things that were upset in the cargo boat. Returned to Grasmere.
 Thu 10 Sent in load of oats hive of honey for Joseph (ANDREWS ?). HOWARD (Chas) returned W'bool
 Fri 11 Yoked steer I got from (Robert) BURKE's sale. KENNETH came to say CONNOLLY (Michael) was ill. (*Gussy's bro/in law*). I went to 'Leura' (3 miles west of Port Fairy)
 Sat 12 Remained at 'Leura'. Mr. CONNOLLY died. George (BOSTOCK) came down from Warrnambool.
 Sun 13 Ernest (BOSTOCK) drove to Warrnambool to get things down.
 Mon 14 Mr. CONNOLLY was buried. (*Sandhills Cem. -LaTrobe Cem. behind sand dunes west Port Fairy. Most graves covered in sand long grass. Michael's marble memorial stands out above long grass. Sadly no descendants.*)
 Tue 15 George (BOSTOCK) and myself returned to Warrnambool.
 Wed 16 James (BOSTOCK) came from Melbourne in the vessel 'Champion'.
 Thu 17 Return home. Sold JENKINS 20 bushels wheat for McKELLAR. Sold BOOTH 25 bushels oats. Saw MURPHY about wheat I sold him. Grubbing tress next LATTA's (Wm) fence. Com. bridge at NICOLS (Gilbert)
 Fri 18 JENKINS McKETTA and BOOTH got wheat I sold them. Harry and John CLANSE (CLANCY?) got their loading for Avoca.
 Sun-Mon
 20-21 Went down to 'Leura' and stayed all night.
 Tue 22 George and Annie (BOSTOCK) came down.
 Wed 23 Collected Mrs. CONNOLLY's (Rachael Emeline) cattle
 Thu 24 To Warrnambool. Dinner was given to Captain of first English ship that came to W'bool.

- Fri 25 Returned home and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came with me. Got horse Rattler and went to 'Leura'. HORNE (George Samuel Wegg) went to BIRDs (Blacksmith) to get bullock bows altered.
- Sat 25 Took bullock dray to Warrnambool with oats for CASSADY and fowl food for MURRY. (MURRAY) Got out 1½ tons of flour for diggings. The roof of BATEMAN & Co. store at jetty.
- Mon 28 Made a level for draining. Putting in cabbage plants I got from MURRY (MURRAY ?)
- Wed 30 Killed white cow I got from George (BOSTOCK). Harrowed where velvet wheat was.

JUNE 1855

- Fri 1 Commenced cutting timber next to LATTA's (William) fence.
- Sat 2 Charley HOWARD started for the diggings (Gold)
- Sun 3 Went out to PARKERs (Samuel)
- Mon 4 Got seeds from MURRY (? MURRAY)
- Wed 6 To party at McGREGORs (Sam). Sent George (BOSTOCK) grape vines and strawberry cuttings.
- Thu 7 Drawing logs for log fence near Wm. LATTAs. DOY got in bags of oats.
- Fri 8 Putting up log fence. Tried Tommy (horse) at ploughing.
- Sun 10 George WILLIS was down from the diggings.
- Mon 11 Too wet to sow. To LATTA's (Wm.) about meat. Commenced running out honey.
- Tue 12 Harry WILLIAMS returned from the diggings. Putting up wire fence.
- Wed 13 Plough close to hut. Helped LATTA (Wm.) to kill bullock he got from WILLIS (George).
- Thu 14 Sent LATTA's (Wm) black colt which John EMBERLY was working. BOOTH started for diggings.
- Fri 15 Mrs. BOOTH was taken ill again. Cutting timber next to LATTAs (Wm.).
- Sat 16 Charles HOWARD returned from the diggings and went with me to Warrnambool.
- Mon 18 George (BOSTOCK) returned home with me. Went to see what land KING and HENEBERRYy have got, on the way out.
- Tue 19 George BOSTOCK went to Warrnambool. HORNE (George Samuel Wegg) away up at Farnham. DOY (Mr.) got 5 bags of Adelaide wheat.
- Thu 21 HORNE (George Samuel Wegg) returned.
- Sat 23 With CAMPBELL to W'bool & Port Fairy where I stayed all night. Went to 'Leura' next day.
- Tue 26 Return to Warrnambool with (John) BLAND. George (BOSTOCK) went to Port Fairy.
- Wed 27 Returned home and John (EMBERLY ?) was absent.
- Thu 28 Putting up wire fence. Went over to D. WILLIAMS
- Sat 30 HORNE (Geo. Sam. Wegg) broke and went to BAIRDs (BIRDs Blacksmith) to get it mended.
He brought new rack which he had to make. Put flower garden in order. LATTA (Wm) thrashing seed wheat

JULY 1855

- Sun 1 John EMBERLEY returned. GREY came about oats and wheat.
- Mon 2 Fixed wire. DOY came about wheat for MALER (? Robert MAILOR). John (EMBERLEY) and Wm LATTA commenced ploughing.
- Tue 3 To Warrnambool and dined out at Mr. PARKERs (Samuel).
- Wed 4 Home. C. HOWARD (Chas) & SOMERTON stayed with me on way to Mr. WILLIAM's diggings.
- Thu 5 Mr. PARKER (Samuel) came. Went to new bridge with him and on to Warrnambool.
- Fri 6 Picked out the ploughs that came from Launceston.
- Sat 7 Sent dray to Warrnambool and got out ploughs.
- Mon 9 Drew stone for paving yard. Went to Mr. McCLOUD (?McLEOD) about his cattle. Took CHERRY. DOY finished ploughing the old ground.
- Tue 10 Mr. DUNNE was over and bought seed wheat from me. Killed small strawberry heifer. Finished paving and tried old Prince at the plough.

Wed 11 To BOOTH about wheat and to Warrnambool. To GREYs Mr. DUNNE got seed wheat.
 Thu 12 GREY paid for wheat. TIERNEY (Thomas) set off.
 Sat 14 HORNE (George Samuel Wegg) started for the diggings.
 Mon 16 HORNE rode back and John (E) went with him, with horses to bring back part of his load.
 Tue 17 John (EMBERLEY) came back and was ploughing.
 Thu 19 WILLIAMS bought James AITKIN's pony (Jas. Wm. Manifold AITKIN)
 Mon 21 Tommy and Rattler (horses) worked together at plough.
 Tue 22 Killed a heifer I got from ADAMS (William). Went to Warrnambool to start for Mt. Ararat diggings. Returned on Thursday.

AUGUST 1855

Fri 3 Returned home and LEGGETT (?) left. Weighed the wheat for BOOTH and the oats for GREY?
 Sat 4 Settled with BOOTH for wheat. HICKLING (F. W. or F. J.) came out.
 Mon 6 HICKLING (F) and McDONALD returned to Warrnambool. MANNINGs Teams ploughing for LATTA (Wm). Sent HORNE (G. S. W.) to GOODS (John) to order a beast. (F. M. & J. S. MANNING.)
 Tue 7 HORNE (G. S. W.) went to (John) GOODS with dray for beef. John (E ?) and ROSS ploughing.
 Wed 8 HORNE (G. S. W.) went to 'Leura' to get two steers. To Warrnambool for load for diggings and Government Land Sale.
 Thu 9 Dinner was given to Captain DORAN on last day of Land Sale.
 Fri 10 HORNE (G. S. W.) returned from 'Leura' without steers. ('Leura' 3 miles west of Port Fairy)
 Sat 11 HORNE (G. S. W.) to Warrnambool to get load for diggings. To Woodford for a little black cow. Bought 2 bags oats from W. JELLIE (William)
 Mon 13 LATTA (Wm.) started sowing. HORNE (G. S. W.) started with the team for the diggings. John BEAZING started work. JENKINS (Allan) came for cuttings. Planted potatoes from JENKINS
 Tue 14 DOY got seed wheat. John BEAZING carting wood. Sowing spring wheat. DOY got spring wheat. John BEAZING carting wheat.
 Wed 15 John BEAZING commenced at the drain.
 Thu 16 Mr. PARKER (Samuel) came part way home with me.
 Sat 18 Ernest (BOSTOCK) and HICKLING (F. C. or F. J.) walked out to see me.
 Mon 20 Ernest & myself walked to Warrnambool. Went to check fence between LYALL & myself.
 Tue 21 BOOTH got his and DOY's wheat.
 Thu 23 Went to see LYALL (James) about fence between him and me. JONES (Mr) came to buy oats.
 Fri 24 Sent James (W. M.) AITKIN's pony to Warrnambool.
 Sat 25 Cutting up tree the wind blew down. Took young bull to Warrnambool.
 Tue 28 Gave McPHERSON his lease of the land I let to him. To home and James (W. M.) AITKIN came with me on his way to Purrumbete.
 Wed 29 Sent a bag of wheat to IDEN ?
 Thu 30 John BEAZING working at the drain in the oat mash.
 Fri 31 BOOTH got a bag of wheat. T. BRAIM (Thomas Henry) called on his way to Port Fairy

SEPTEMBER 1855

Mon 3 HART came home with me. Got some gooseberry trees. JONES came over about feed oats.
 Tue 5 To W'bool. Dined with Mr. PARKER (Sam). Sold BATEMAN (Jas) remainder of my seed wheat.
 Thu 6 George (BOSTOCK) and Mr. GILLES (Lewis W.) went down to Belfast (Port Fairy)
 Fri 7 Went to see GREIG about wheat and to see about fence between LYALL (James) and me. Went to Warrnambool and came home. HORNE (George Samuel Wegg) was back from diggings.
 Sat 8 Went to Warrnambool and played a game of cricket.

- Mon 10 Went to AITKIN's (J. W. M.) to get permission to cut spars for the mill and to LATTAs (Wm.) to see about getting little Harry. DOY got sets for GRAY ?
- Tue 11 Went to W'bool Land Sale. Sold MATHERSON (Geo) seed wheat and seed wheat to N. STERN.
- Wed 12 Went to Warrnambool Land Sale. Mr. WARE called.
- Thu 13 Went to Mr. HORNE's (G. S. W.) dinner. Mrs. ATCHERSON paid me for oats.
- Fri 14 Grafted some cherries, plums and pears.
- Sat 15 Again grafted cherries and plums. Dr. HUTCHINSON called. Paid him for attending to BROCK (John). Sent HART's horse into Warrnambool with Boy. Ploughing in water holes.
- Sun 16 George (BOSTOCK), Mr. HORNE (G. W. S.) and C. came. I went to Falls on Hopkins (River) with them and then to Warrnambool.
- Mon 17 John (?) came in to me at Warrnambool, to offer Mr. HORNE his pony.
- Tue 18 Sent James to Warrnambool with little dog for Mr. HORNE. Went to see LATTA (Wm.) about little Harry coming to square off logs for me for mill. ROSS ploughing oat mash. John EMBERLY absent.
- Wed 19 Looking for spars for the mill. Young Beauty and Bully calved. AITKIN (James W. M.) got a bag of seed wheat. Finished draining for the present.
- Thu 20 TOZER (Francis) called. Carting posts and rails.
- Fri 21 Went to Mr. SOMERVILLES (George ?) to look for beams for the mill. Went to TOZERS (Francis) and stayed all night at SOMERVILLES. Sent HORNE (George S. W.) to see Alec (?)
- Sat 22 Could not cross river for flood. To Warrnambool for a game of cricket. WHEELER (Wm. or James) came from Port Fairy.
- Sun 23 Returned home by Woodford and WHEELER came with me.
- Mon 24 Taped up 'dead wood' fence. WHEELER started for Belfast. John returned. JONES (?) over about Mrs. ATCHERSON's oats. Killed small red steer. Weeded wheat and open drains in the mash.
- Tue 25 Looking for spars and cutting them. To Warrnambool to Agricultural Association Ball. Went to IDENs He paid me for seed wheat.
- Wed 26 Squaring spars. Remained in Warrnambool. Dined with Mr. GILLES (Lewis W.)
- Thu 27 Return home. Two young GILLES? came with me. N. STERN paid for seed wheat. Squaring spars.
- Fri 28 Carting posts & rails. Grafted apples, cherries & plums. Squared beam and got two home.
- Sat 29 Squaring beams. HORNE (Geo W. S.) took in the first beam. Ploughing for oats.
- Sun 30 Charley HOWARD and FALKNER FAULKNER came out and stayed all night.

OCTOBER 1855

- Mon 1 HORNE (George S. W.) took in a beam for mill. HOWARD (Chas) returned to Warrnambool. The man fencing at LYALL's (James) came to see when I was going to look at fencing.
- Tue 2 JELLIE (W. or J.) came about timber carriage. Sent the beam into Warrnambool.
- Wed 3 Went to see fence between LYALL (James) and myself and from there to Warrnambool to see PILKINGTON (J. & R.) about timber carriage.
- Thu 4 Sent in beam. Got timber carriage from JELLIEs. Finished squaring spars on LATTA's (Wm.) land. Mending fence between LATTA (William) and me.
- Fri 5 HORNE (George S. W.) took in beam. FROST cut off early potatoes. Weeding white wheat.
- Sat 6 To Warrnambool. Took dog cart to Port Fairy.
- Sun 7 Went to 'Leura' (estate Michael CONNOLLY and his sister Rachael Emeline (nee BOSTOCK)).
- Mon 8 To Warrnambool. Jimmy WHEELER & TALBOT went up with me. Horses working for DOY.
- Tue 9 Played cricket match Married vs Singles and had a Ball at DOBSONs
- We 10 Went to Belfast (Port Fairy) with HAWKINS (William Lilly HAWKINS– rel. MACARTHUR-ONSLOWs). Remained in Belfast. Finished with DOY and planted potatoes.
- Thu 11 Went to picnic on island and to party at Lloyd RUTLEDGE's in the evening.

- Fri 12 Went to 'Leura' and returned in the evening to a party at Mrs. FLOWERS.
- Sat 13 Went to 'Leura' and finished planting potatoes. Took a full swarm of bees.
- Sun 14 Returned home. HAWKINS (William Lilly) came to Tower Hill with me.
- Mon 15 Felled tree to split posts and rails. John came to see SOMERVILLE (George) buying potatoes.
- Tue 16 To W'bool. John (EMBERLY) took in black horses to get them shod. Splitting posts & rails.
- Wed 17 Stayed at Warrnambool. HORNE (George Samuel Wegg) took in beam. John EMBERLY left.
- Thu 18 Went home. HORNE (G. W. S.) took in a beam. (Geo) SOMERVILLE sent over about potatoes.
- Sat 20 Sent in a beam. HICKLING (F. W. F. J.) and HOWARD (Charley) came out.
- Mon 22 To W'bool with HICKLING (Fred) & HOWARD (Chas). HORNE planting potatoes. Started weeding MANNING's white wheat. HORNE (Geo S. W.)finished his potatoes. Killed Mrs. AITKIN's bull. Mrs. AITKIN (Mary M. Manifold AITKIN m/o Margaret AITKIN. Marysis/of John, Thos & Peter MANIFOLD pioneers.).
- Tue 23 In Warrnambool and George BOSTOCK and Annie (nee COX) went to Melbourne. Saw about loading for the diggings.
- Wed 24 John (EMBERLY) took Blackbird to get shod. John (EMBERLY) fencing.
- Thu 25 John (EMBERLY) left. Returned DOY's and BOOTH's pitchforks. DOY's man got his mail and WEDGE's. Rained too hard to do outside work.
- Fri 26 Went to Warrnambool and bought a load for the diggings.
- Sat 27 John (EMBERLY) got his dray from ATKINSONs Got home beam for mill.
- Sun 28 Ernest (BOSTOCK), HICKLING (F), SELLARS (Thomas Wm.) & BATEMAN (James) came home with me. Water is over the bridge.
- Mon 29 Planted Dahlia roots. Returned LATTA's (Wm.) dray. John (EMBERLY) went to the Hopkin's River. Water is still over the bridge.
- Tue 30 Make yoke. Prepare horse dray for diggings. Yoked 2 small steers- one I bought from MANIFOLD (Thos) and small yellow one. John (EMBERLY) fencing end of potatoes. Got home yoke I lent to LATTA (Wm).
- Wed 31 CAMPBELL (Capt. Alexander) came up from Portland.

NOVEMBER 1855

- Thu 1 Prepare drays to start to the diggings.
- Fri 2 Splitting and carting posts and rails. . weeding flower beds
- Sat 3 Started teams for Fiery Creek Diggings.
- Mon 5 Collected votes for Mr. ALLAN. Killed a beast for meat. DOY got out a case of wine.
- Tue 6 To Warrnambool and drove Mrs. CONNOLLY (Rachael Emeline BOSTOCK) down to "Leura"
- Wed 7 Return from Belfast. George (BOSTOCK) came with me. Played match of cricket. Stay in W'bool.
- Thu 8 Stayed in Warrnambool to Mr. ALLAN's meeting. Collected votes.
- Fri 9 Return home. Went with PLUMMER & James BATEMAN to collect votes. Got to Allan JENKINS late at night. Obligated to stay all night in consequence of it turning a very stormy night.
- Sat 10 Returned home. To Warrnambool to drive Mr. (Sam) & Mrs HANNAFORD down to 'Leura'. Ernest (BOSTOCK) went with us. Some heavy hail storms.
- Mon 12 To meeting of Mr. ALLAN's committee. Ernest (BOSTOCK) returns from Belfast (Port Fairy)
- Tue 13 James BATEMAN and myself getting votes for ALLAN. Home and BATEMAN (Jas) went W'bool.
- Wed 14 T. BRAIM (Thomas Henry) called on his way to Belfast. Weeding Adelaide wheat.
- Thu 15 Went to the Election in Warrnambool.
- Fri 16 Fenced in potatoes. Too wet to weed. Paid BIRD's blacksmith account. Returned home.

- Sat 17 To ROSS's hut. Mowed the lawn. HICKLING (F.) & HOWARD (Chas) came. Strawberries ripe.
- Mon 19 HICKLING (Frederick) & HOWARD (Charley) return W'bool. Picked Gooseberries ready to send to W'bool tomorrow. LATTA (Wm) went Belfast. Sent Cherry Brandy for Emily. (*Rachael Emeline CONNOLLY*).
- Thu 22 Carting posts and rails. Went into a party at George's (BOSTOCK).
- Fri 23 Remained in W'bool. Went to picnic at Hopkins. Called at CRAIGs (John Hollins CRAIG).
- Sat 24 Remain to play match of cricket marr. vs singles but it was too wet. Sold 100 gls gooseberries.
- Sun 25 HICKLING (F) and PLACE came home with me. DRAYs returned from the diggings.
- Mon 26 To W'bool. Foundation Stone of new church was laid. (*George's name in time capsule*).
- Tue 27 George (BOSTOCK) called on his way up the country.
- Wed 28 Squaring beams. George (BOSTOCK) returned. (George my gr. grandfather) John and HORNE (Geo. S. W.) went into Warrnambool to get their load for the diggings. Sent in gooseberries.
- Thu 29 DRAYs went to the diggings. I went to Warrnambool with George (BOSTOCK) and from there to 'Leura' (west of Port Fairy) with Ernest (BOSTOCK).
- Fri 30 Played the match at cricket against Belfast. Went to a party at Mrs. FLOWERS (Amelia nee KIRK) in the evening. (*Amelia was wife of Horace FLOWERS*).

DECEMBER 1855

- Sat 1 Went to 'Leura' after playing game with Belfast Club (cricket). (Leura late Michael CONNOLLY & Rachael Emeline BOSTOCK). HICKLING (Fred) went Melbourne. Mr. KNIGHT went to take his seat in council.
- Tue 4 Put pine heifer and bull in LATTA's (Wm.) paddock and put his young bull in my grass paddock. Went to see DOY about flooring boards.
- Wed 5 Send Gooseberries to W'bool. Mr. BEAMISH (Peter Teulon) here. Mr. LYDIARD came later.
- Thu 6 To Warrnambool with LYDIARD (George or C. J. P.). Went to the Municipal meeting. Heard the news of the fall of South side of Sebastapool.
- Fri 7 Picked cherries. Took swarm of bees. Weeding wheat I got from MANNING (Fred or John).
- Sat 8 To W'bool and to Melbourne in steamer "Gwen"....
- Tue 11 ROSS took in Gooseberries.
- Sat 15 Returned home in "Champion". Stayed at Warrnambool. Had a game of cricket.
- Mon 17 Picked more gooseberries to send to Warrnambool. Weather. Rained very heavy.
- Tue 18 PICKERING (Wm.) came to get Rattler (Horse). Stayed all night. Picked raspberries
- Wed 19 Mr. PICKERING (Wm.) left. Sent horses in with gooseberries and got out flooring boards. Went to LATTA's (Wm.) and got a cow to kill. Picked Gooseberries for three days.
- Mon 24 Returned home and went in again to a party at Mr. McGREGORs (Samuel)
- Tues 25 (Christmas Day) Returned from Warrnambool !!!!!!!
- Wed 26 Engaged Mickey (COIL?) John (BEAZING EMBERLY) and ROSS absent. George (BOSTOCK) and Mrs George (Ann COX) came out. (*Gussy is very formal*)
- Thu 27 George (BOSTOCK) returned to Warrnambool. Mickey (COIL) start work mowing clover for hay. ROSS mowing barley paddock. Took swarm of bees. Making Gooseberry jam. Picked Gooseberries for Warrnambool. John BEAZING is back.
- Fri 28 Got timber and prepared straddle for haystack. Make gooseberry and raspberry jam.
- Sat 29 Mrs George (BOSTOCK) returned to Warrnambool. DRAYs back from diggings. To Warrnambool on way to Portland to play the match (cricket).
- Sun 30 Started for Portland in the steamer "Gwen" but was obliged to put back into Belfast.
- Mon 31 Went to Portland and played a match of cricket.

JANUARY 1856

- Tue 1 Returned to Warrnambool in steamer "Champion". Stayed Warrnambool and HICKLING (Fred) went to see wreck of "Schomberg". We had a dance in BATEMAN's Store

(MANIFOLD (Thomas) & BOSTOCK (George) Bonded Stores bought salvage rights of "Schomberg" wrecked on her maiden voyage)

- Thu 3 The Warrnambool City Council was elected. Returned home. (George BOSTOCK, along with others, was elected on the first Warrnambool Council)
- Fri 4 Reese JENKINS cutting wheat. Killed white leg steer I got from ADAMS (Wm). BOOTH reaping oats.
- Sat 5 Got some meat from LATTA's (Wm.). Got spars to lay in barn. Mrs. McCARTY called and got some fruit. J. PETERS was buried.
- Sun 6 Went down to 'Leura' via Warrnambool. (Leura 3 klms west Port Fairy)
- Mon 7 Went to Portland and to a party at Mr. HENTYs ?
- Tue 9 Returned to 'Leura'. LYDIARD came with me. George and Annie (BOSTOCK) came by steamer. Stayed all night at 'Leura' near (Goose Lagoon)
- Fri 11 Squaring spars for barn floor. HORNE (George S. W.) putting up tent and mowing around hut.
- Sat 12 HICKLING (Frederick) came out.
- Mon 14 HICKLING (F) returned to W'bool. LYDIARD came. Stayed all night on his way up country.
- Tue 15 Went to see G. (George) WILLIS's cattle. Went to Warrnambool. Got dray home from MANNINGs
- Wed 16 Flooring barn. Pick apples for W'bool. To LATTAs [Wm] about cattle I bought off George WILLIS.
- Fri 18 HORNE (George Samuel Wegg) putting up his tent. Laying floor in the barn.
- Sat 19 George & Annie (BOSTOCK) Emily [Rachael E. CONNOLLY] Mr. [Sam] & Mrs. HANNAFORD came out.
- Mon 21 George (BOSTOCK) and company returned to Warrnambool. ADAM's boy got cattle in. Killed a small black cow I got from ADAMS (Wm.) Sent in apples by LATTA's (Wm.) cart.
- Tue 22 Hired LEGGETT. Laying barn floor. Mr. BEAMISH (Rev. Peter Teulon) came and stayed all night.
- Wed 23 Went into Warrnambool with Mr. BEAMISH (Rev. Peter Teulon)
- Sun 27 WHEELER (Wm.) came up from Belfast and stayed all night with me.
- Mon 28 WHEELER returned to Belfast. To Woodford looking for reapers. MAILOR (Rob) commenced thrashing. Oats fit to cut.
- Tue 29 To Warrnambool to look for reapers. HOWARD (Chas) returned with me. MacDONALD came out.
- Wed 30 To ARNEL's (Fred) to look for reapers. JENKINS (Reese or Allan) commenced thrashing.
- Thu 31 Four men came from MANNINGs (Bros). Reaping oats. THORNTON commenced reaping.

FEBRUARY 1856

- Fri 1 HICKLING (Fred) came out. To Warrnambool for meeting of stewards for Batchelor's Ball.
- Sat 2 Return home. Reap oats I got from JELLIE (Jas/Wm.) To W'bool. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) return with me.
- Sun 3 Mr. BROMFIELD (James Astley) called. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went into Warrnambool.
- Mon 4 HICKLING (Fred) to Warrnambool and returned to stay overnight. Killed a steer from ADAMS.
- Tue 5 Sent apples to Warrnambool. Laying straddles for stacks.
- Wed 6 Went to Warrnambool. Sold apples and came home.
- Thu 7 MacDONALD went into Warrnambool. Settled with HORNE (G. S. W.). Wm. JELLIE was over.
- Fri 8 Gathered apples to send to Warrnambool, also 400 for RICHARDSON.
- Sat 9 To Warrnambool. Sent in apples by horse cart. HICKLING (F) returned with me. WHEELER (Wm) Charley (HOWARD) and ANDREWS (Joseph) came up from Belfast. Reaping half day.
- Sun 10 Charley (HOWARD) and ANDREWS (Joseph) returned to Belfast. HICKLING (F) and ANDREWS stayed with me. Went down as far as Woodford.

Mon 11 Reaping Spring wheat next to LATTAs (Wm.). WHEELER (Wm.) went to Warrnambool.
 Tue 12 Went to find Snowy & Prince, but MacDONALD couldn't bring them home. To Batchelor's Ball.
 Wed 13 Returned home. Brought in Snowy & Prince. ADAM's boy brought Scarlet home for me.
 Sat 16 Bought home spotted bullock I bought at Gov. sale. BOWIE, ALLAN & HICKLING came out with me.
 Sun 17 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and W. ELLISTON came up from Port Fairy.
 Mon 18 HICKLING (Frederick), ALLAN and BOWIE left.
 Tue 19 ELLISTON (W) went down to Belfast. Sent apples to Warrnambool.
 Wed 20 Reaping Tartarian oats. Mr. WARE (?) called and stayed all night.
 Thu 21 Mr. WARE left. Went into Warrnambool to see about thrashing machine. George (BOSTOCK) returned from Portland. Reaping oats.
 Fri 22 Finished carting Adelaide wheat. Picked apples for Warrnambool. Killed Strawberry cow.
 Sat 23 Paid off reapers. Send apples to Warrnambool.
 Mon 25 Cutting grass for thatching. To Warrnambool to see about thrashing machine
 Tue 26 Picked apples for Warrnambool. Engaged a man and wife. Pulled up onions.
 Wed 27 Got out winnowing machine. Flooring the barn.
 Thu 28 Cart Spring wheat. Finish oats. Kill small white steer. Gather apples blown off by heavy winds.
 Fri 29 Putting up doors on the barn. Putting up fallen oat stocks.

MARCH 1856

Sat 1 To Warrnambool to RUTLEDGE's sale of horses. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and HICKLING (F) drove out.
 Mon 3 DOY started thrashing. Sent apples to Warrnambool. Tuesday, John BROCK (Jas returned)
 Wed 5 To Warrnambool and from there to the Race Ball at Port Fairy.
 Thu 6 To Warrnambool. Putting thrashing machine together and got it home. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas friend and landlord) returned from England.
 Sun 9 Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas), George (BOSTOCK), AITKIN (James W. M. AITKIN), and MANNING (John or Frederick) came out and spent the day. Hired four men.
 Mon 10 Sent Rattler to Warrnambool and got a horse from Mr. DOY
 Tue 11 To Belfast and stayed for the Port Fairy Ball.
 Wed 12 Returned home and hired one man. LATTA (Wm.) thrashing.
 Thu 13 Thrashing wheat. BATEMAN (James or William) called.
 Fri 14 LATTA (Wm.) came about meat. Picked apples for Warrnambool.
 Sat 15 To Woodford to meeting of Road Board. From there to Warrnambool. Too wet to thrash.
 Sun 16 Returned home. CAMPBELL and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out with me. CAMPBELL went into Warrnambool. (Campbell EDDINGTON or Captain Alexander CAMPBELL)
 Mon 17 Too wet to thrash. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and I went grouse shooting.
 Wed 19 To Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned to Belfast.
 Thu 20 Got some beef from LATTA (William)
 Sat 22 Finished Adelaide wheat. McDONALD went into Warrnambool.
 Sun 23 ADAMS (Wm.) brought in a beast to kill. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came up from Belfast.
 Mon 24 LATTA (William) got half of the steer I got from ADAMS (William.)
 Tue 25 Went to Warrnambool to the races (new course).
 Wed 26 Went to Mr. PARKERs (Samuel). Went fishing and stayed all night.
 Thu 27 Fishing all day and returned to Warrnambool and went to see the Race Ball.
 Fri 28 Returned home and called at TRIMs to see about thrashing his grain.
 Sat 29 To Warrnambool to meeting about the Road Board and went out to Mr. PARKERs (Samuel)
 Sun 30 Returned from PARKERs (Samuel). Mr. MANIFOLD (*Thomas owned Grasmere*) and Mrs AITKIN came to W'bool. (*Mary AITKIN was Thomas MANIFOLD's sister, wife of late Jas AITKIN 'Glen Esk' Tasm. Augustus BOSTOCK married Margaret daw/of Jas & Mary AITKIN. Mary lived out her days in Warrnambool laid to rest there.*)
 Mon 31 Went to picnic given by Captain HAYES.

APRIL 1856

- Tue 1 Went to the Hopkins (Riv) with MANIFOLDS (*Thomas & Jane MANIFOLD family*).
- Wed 2 Brought Prince and Snowy home. MANIFOLDS drove out and spent the day.
- Thu 3 Sent in first wheat. ADAMS (William) brought Scarlet home and beast to kill. Got bullock from DOYs and got all cattle into wheat stubble. Left dray to be mended. (Wm.) LATTA commence carting wheat.
- Fri 4 Went to Warrnambool to Ball given to Captain HAYES.
- Sat 5 Attended a meeting of the Road Board and then came home.
- Mon 7 Mr. MANIFOLD came out. McCREDAN (McCREDDAN ?) called about sheep. Went over to Mr. MANIFOLD to a school meeting. MANIFOLD (Thomas) stayed all night.
- Tue 8 To W'bool with Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas). Agreed with McCREDAN (McCREDDAN?) to take sheep.
- Wed 9 Return home. DRAYs took in wheat. Bought new bullock dray home. Kill steer I got from ADAMS.
- Thu 10 To Warrnambool to attend court. Carting and cleaning wheat. (Augustus was magistrate. J. P.)
- Fri 11 Returned home and bought stuff to build Dutch Barn.
- Sat 12 Laid some floor ready to thrash. HICKLING (Frederick) and PLUMMER (William) came out.
- Sun 13 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came from Warrnambool
- Mon 14 HICKLING (F), Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and PLUMMER (Wm.) returned to Warrnambool. McCREDAN brought the sheep. Killed a spotted steer I got from ADAMS (Wm.)
- Tue 15 Settled with McCREDAN for sheep. To W'bool. Brought home mare I lent McCREDAN.
- Wed 16 Got out 200 bags of White and Velvet wheat.
- Sat 19 Wet. Went into Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board and stayed all night.
- Mon 21 Took machine up and put down at wheat stack. John BROCK was absent.
- Tue 22 John CLANSE (*CLANCY?*) & Harry WILLIAMS came. Left dray ready to start carting wheat.
- Thu 24 Went out with some of the Road Board to look at sites for two bridges and went back to Warrnambool. Commenced ploughing potatoes.
- Fri 25 Stay W'bool. Mrs CONNOLLY died. (*Rachael Emeline BOSTOCK was Gussy's Sister and w/o Michael CONNOLLY (decd) pioneer merchant "Leura" Port Fairy and Gipps Street, Port Fairy. (Rachael was known as Emily)*)
- Sat 26 Went to 'Leura' to see if everything was alright. Getting up potatoes.
- Sun 27 Returned to Warrnambool. Rachael Emily was buried. (*Gussy, a man of few words Thel*)
- Tues 29 Ploughing potatoes. Missed the cow and calf I bought from (Wm.) ADAMS.
- Wed 30 Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) and LYDIARD (George or C. J. P.) came out.

MAY 1856

- Thu 1 LYDIARD (G. or C.) started up country. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) stayed with me. Cleaning oats, getting up potatoes. Yoked steer I bought from ADAMS (Wm) and bullock I bought at the government sale.
- Fri 2 Went with Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) to TOZER's (Francis) to see land. To W'bool where I stay night.
- Sat 3 Attended meeting of the Road Board. Bagged up potatoes. Carted in wheat. CAMPBELL (Capt. Alexander ?) came home with me.
- Mon 5 CLANSE (?John CLANCY) and WILLIAMS (Harry) took in two loads of wheat. C. (Chas) HOWARD came out. CAMPBELL (Alex) returned to Warrnambool. McPHERSON called to see about sub-letting.
- Wed 7 HOWARD (Charley) left. Ploughing for Cape Barley. Cleaning the shop. Sowed some English vegetable seeds. Mickie (COIL) went to Warrnambool. Argued with ANDREWS (Joseph).

- Thu 8 Went to "Leura" to sale stayed. (*home of his late sister Rachael Emeline CONNOLLY*). (*I have documents showing Horace FLOWER in possession of this property.*)
- Fri 9 Went into Belfast (Port Fairy) and stayed all night.
- Mon 12 Settled with PHILLIPS (Harry), RIGHTES (WRIGHTS ?). LEGGATT carted manure into the garden. Sold HAYES 100 sheep. Jim paid part of his thrashing account.
- Tue 13 Settled with John BROCK went to Warrnambool. KING paid his rent. Returned to Mr. AITKIN's (James Wm. Manifold AITKIN) sale. HAYES [Captain?] paid half the money for sheep.
- Thu 15 McCRE DAN came. Commenced footrotting sheep. A man came to look at bullocks to buy.
- Fri 16 Footrotting sheep. Commenced thatching haystack. LATTA (Wm.) got his yokes.
- Sat 17 Footrotting sheep. To W'bool meeting of Road Board. Tom (BOSTOCK) arrived from Van D. Land. (*This is first mention of brother Tom "Thos Edw. BOSTOCK" who m. 15. 4. 1851 Mt. Elephant by Rev. Peter T. BEAMISH to Catherine Jane MACKERSEY "Greenhill" Tasm. They lived in Tasmania and later at Rosehill*)
- Mon 19 Stayed at Warrnambool. Mrs. CONNOLLY's (Rachael Emeline) place "Leura" was divided.
- Tue 20 Returned home and Dr. BRETON (J. C.) called. McDONALD went to KING about wheat. Went to see CLANSE (John CLANCY) to see if he could cart in wheat for me. To see MURPHYs about seed wheat for Tom (Thos Edw. BOSTOCK). WRIGHT and PHILLIPS (Harry) came from Warrnambool.
- Wed 21 Yoked white steer I got from ADAMS (Wm.). Charley HOWARD came.
- Thu 22 C. HOWARD left. Went to see the man I sold 10 bullocks to. Started bullock dray for Warrnambool but got bogged at bridge.
- Fri 23 Went to see splitters about splitting me some posts and rails. Paid Harry WILLIAMS for cutting wheat. MONTGOMERY left here for Mt. Shadwell (Mortlake). JELLIE (Jas or Wm.) got some sheep. Move damaged wheat out of verandah into room outside.
- Sat 24 Went to Warrnambool to the Road Board meeting, but the Board did not meet. Carting stuff for fencing stockyard. Finished putting handles on axes and picks.
- Mon 26 Home. Tom (BOSTOCK) came out with me. Morticed posts for the slacky? Carting rails.
- Tue 27 Went down to ADAMS (Wm) sale at Woodford. Commenced putting posts and rails for paling fence round the stockyard. To Warrnambool with Tom (Thomas Edward BOSTOCK)
- Wed 28 Stayed in Warrnambool and went to Hopkins (Riv) in the boat. Working on fencing.
- Thu 29 Returned home. Saw Alec ROLLER about bullocks. STEVENS came to see dray. Went over to see palings for stockyard fence and put back veranda in order. LATTA (Wm.) came over to see about Cape Barley. Sent James (BOSTOCK) over to get permission from Mr. AITKIN (Jas. W. M. AITKIN) to cut posts for the Dutch Barn. HICKLING (Fred.) returned from Melbourne.
- Fri 30 Cutting posts for barn. Lent ARNEL (Fred) paling knives. LATTA (Wm) got 2 bushells of barley
- Sat 31 Went to Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board. Putting up Stockyard fence.

JUNE 1856

- Sun 1 Returned home from Warrnambool in the evening with Mac ?
- Mon 2 GREY came over about seed wheat. Paid off Michael O'ROURKE. Made two yokes and fitted up two stalls for Tommy and Rattler.
- Tue 3 Went into Warrnambool to see Tom (BOSTOCK) off on "Champion"
- Wed 4 Got home the cow, heifer and steer I got from ADAMS (Wm.). Sent the ploughshares into Warrnambool and killed the yellow cow. Worked on stockyard fence.
- Thu 5 Finished putting up posts and rails. Yoked white steer I got from ADAMS (Wm.)
- Fri 6 Carted home palings and grubbing on hill. McCRE DAN came and stayed all night.
- Sat 7 To W'bool and Road Board Meeting. McCRE DAN left. MANIFOLD (Thos) returned from Melbourne
- Sun 8 Went for sail to sea in CAMPBELL's (Capt. Alexander) boat and stayed in W'bool all night.
- Mon 9 Returned home and sold GREY 40 bushells of wheat. Agreed with the splitters for 500 X 3'6" palings. Mickie (COIL) absent. Grubbing on hill and carting firewood.

- Tue 10 Sent the dray to Warrnambool for some things. Got out English wheat. Sent Mr. BARBER (George) some Gooseberry trees and got out some bran.
- Wed 11 To Mr. NICOL's (Gilbert) Sale. Start drawing off timber on hill. Splitting post for pig's yard.
- Thu 12 Went to Mr. NICOLs (Gilbert) and settled for a pair of bullocks. ROLLO (Alexander) paid for the bullocks. I went into Warrnambool.
- Fri 13 Stayed in Warrnambool and sent the horse for the dray. Went for a ride in the boat.
- Sat 14 Attend meeting of Road Board. Stay all night. CRAIG (John H.) and DENNY (Thos) held land sale.
- Sun 15 Return home. Called to JELLIEs about dray going to diggings. Went to DOY about his bullocks.
- Mon 16 Start dray for diggings. Mr. TOZER (F.) got 20 sheep. Mac went into W'bool to get things for dray. Commence putting up log fence. Plough near ROSS's hut. Young Buttercup calved. (*Mr. & Mrs ROSS*)
- Tue 17 Joseph ANDREWS left. Cart home post split for pigyard. Settled with John STAINES for split stuff. The man to whom Mickie (COIL) sold his bullock called and paid me 10 pounds. Plough near ROSS's Wed 18 Finished putting up log fence.
- Thu 19 Stacked up bags of oats in barn. Mrs. ROSS came up into kitchen. Commenced book shelves. Pulled wheat and pickle ready for sowing. Mickie (COIL) came back to get some meat. CLANCY (John) called about bullocks he wants to sell. Mr. JELLIE came and took away bullocks Mickie (COIL) sold.
- Fri 20 Making bookshelves and varnished cupboards. KING bought outright, bullock belonging to MANIFOLD (Tom) and BOSTOCK (Geo). GREGSON came over to see about DOY's bullocks.
- Sat 21 Took DOY's bullocks down to Woodford to try to sell them. Went into Warrnambool. The "Helen" got dismayed. Got posts for mash fence. Mr. TOZER (Francis) left for horse trial.
- Mon 23 Got Mr. TOZER's (Francis) horse returned home. Sold McPHERSON two steers. Commenced morticing posts for the pigyard. Charley HOWARD came out.
- Tue 24 Ploughing next to LATTA's (Wm.) fence. ROLLO (Alexander) came and got the six bullocks I sold him. Commenced nailing palings on to pig yard.
- Wed 25 HOWARD (Charley) returned to Warrnambool. Ploughing next to LATTAs (Wm.) fence. Settled with McDONALD. To KINGs to see about wheat he was to deliver to MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK for me. To John CLANCYs to see about wheat for Tom (BOSTOCK). Made a gate for the stockyard.
- Thu 26 Made gates for pigyard and stockyard. Mac (?McDONALD) went to Warrnambool.
- Fri 27 Ploughing ground on the hill. Ploughing next to LATTA's (Wm.) fence on the front.
- Sat 28 Went to the Road Board meeting in Warrnambool.
- Mon 30 Ploughing new ground. Carting over posts. Had wheat picked, but too wet to sow.

JULY 1856

- Tue 1 Leave off sowing potatoes on account of rain. Making gate for pigyard. Started to go and see ploughing match. Went as far as Woodfrod. Sent in bullocks to get loading for diggings. MacDONALD went to W'bool. Plough new ground in potato paddock next to LATTA's (Wm.) fence. LATTA start ploughing.
- Wed 2 Mac returned from Warrnambool. HICKLING & HOWARD (Charley) came and tried MANIFOLD and BOSTOCK's two horses in harrows. (Thos MANIFOLD & Geo BOSTOCK established first Bond Store, Lady Bay 1856.). Geo. [BOSTOCK] return with load for diggings. Old John came and picked up wheat for sowing.
- Thu 3 Sowing white wheat and went to Warrnambool with HICKLING (Frederick)
- Fri 4 Leave off sowing wheat, on account of the rain.
- Sat 5 Attended a meeting of the Road Board and sowed wheat in the afternoon.
- Mon 7 Return home from W'bool and ploughing potato paddock. Running up water furrows. Chas HOWARD came out. Went to AITKIN's (J. W. M.) to see about starting dray for diggings. Went over to DOY's to tell . about taking bullocks to sale at Woodford. Cutting the Gooseberry trees.

- Tue 8 Went to Woodford to cattle sale at ADAMS (Wm.). Sold spotted steer to VIRTUE Getting dray ready to send to the diggings.
- Wed 9 Took the brindle bullock in for ROLLO (Alexander Roller) and the spotted steer to VIRTUE Sowed a bag of Adelaide wheat in potato paddock. Mr. AITKIN (James William Manifold AITKIN) got four bags of oats. Sent the horses and dray to Warrnambool.
- Thu 10 Sowed English wheat next to LATTA's (Wm) fence. Fenced potato paddock. DRAY started for the diggings. Mr. TIERNEY (Thomas) called and took away his cattle. CAMPBELL (Captain Alexander) brought out the brown horse and took in one of YOUNG's LATTA (Wm) sowed wheat. Charley HOWARD stayed with me.
- Fri 11 Ploughing in front and finished harrowing English wheat. Cutting up tree that fell on the ploughed ground next to DOY's fence. Adelaide wheat coming up. Making a pig trough. LATTA (William) brought over half a steer that he killed. Mended bags I got out by the horse cart.
- Sat 12 Went into Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board. Charley HOWARD went with me. *(All five BOSTOCK men were members of the Road Board at some time).*
- Mon 14 Returned home and bagging oats. Mickie (COIL) returned from the diggings. FIRST FLOOD IN THE RIVER. Ploughing in front of house.
- Tue 15 Went into Warrnambool to the Benevolent Ball. Making a sty for Barrow pig.
- Wed. 16 Returned home.
- Thu 17-18 Finished the pigsty. Ploughing for wheat. Went into Warrnambool to Ball. Stayed overnight.
- Sat 19 Attended a meeting of the Road Board. Took horse dray in and brought out the plough I got from Van Diemen's Land.
- Sun 20 Returned home.
- Mon 21 Sowed Spring Wheat I got from McCLUNE (McCLURE ?) at front. Plough small mash for oats. Mr. JELLIE came to see about starting the team for the diggings. Putting up the Barrow pig to fatten.
- Tue 22 Went to KINGs and McPHERSONs Then went to Warrnambool and then home.
- Wed 23 Ploughing in oat mash. Starting team with Mickie (COIL) for the diggings. Mr. JELLIE (James or William) came and then went with him.
- Thu 24 Mr. TOZER (F) came about trees and some oats. Mac went to get small heifer, but she got away.
- Fri 25 Sent Mr. TOZER's (Francis) oats to Mr. MANNING. *(John S. MANNING / Frederick Mullet MANNING)*
- Sat 26 Went with other members of the Road Board to look out for best line for Spring Creek Road. Mac took ROSS's plough straight to BIRD's (Blacksmith) to be laid.
- Sun 27 Home. Went to LATTA's (Wm) to see if DONALD could come and mend kitchen chimney.
- Wed 30 Went over to Lake Wangoom to look out for best line of road.
- Thu 31 Returned home and went into Warrnambool . ploughing for oats.

AUGUST 1856.

- Fri 1 In Warrnambool. George (BOSTOCK) returned with the team from the diggings. Sowing oats in mash. Sold MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK (Thomas & George) 986 bushels of wheat at 8/- per bushel.
- Sat 2 Attended the Road Board Meeting.
- Sun 3 Went home and Ernest (BOSTOCK) came out with me. We went to see AITKIN (James W. M.)
- Tue 5 Went to Warrnambool per Woodford with Ernest (BOSTOCK) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK). The river down over mash. Remained in Warrnambool.
- Wed 6 Went and got back the sheep that strayed. Mac (?McDONALD) and ROSS started for Warrnambool with MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK's bullocks. Stayed all night at JELLIE's (Wm. /James.)
- Thu 7 Took 50 sheep in to FIDLER (T.). Mickie (COIL) was out looking for sheep.

- Fri 8 Return home. Drained water off oat mash. Man I hired came for a dray to get his things. Mr. WARE came to see sheep for Mr. SUTTON. Mickie (COIL) still looking for sheep. Brought home all he could find.
- Sat 9 Went to Mr. WARE's to look at sheep. Tried to keep ploughing next to DOY's line of fence but too wet. ROSS took horses and dray to W'bool and brought out man and wife I hired. Second flood in river. Mr. WARE left. Squaring posts for the barn.
- Mon 11 Ploughing next to DOY's log fence for Spring wheat. Squaring posts for Dutch shed. Mac (?McDONALD) took the horse MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK bought from GORING in Warrnambool.
- Tue 12 Squaring posts. Putting the Driver of the Thrashing Machine into the barn. Mac (McDONALD ?) returned from Warrnambool. Brought in the small strawberry heifer and killed her.
- Wed 13 Ploughing next to DOY's fence. Planting the Plum Hedge down to garden fence. John H. brought out the horse MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK (Thomas & George) bought off YOUNG's. R. CUNNINGHAM took away Mr. MANIFOLD's (Thomas.) colt to break her in.
- Thu 14 Ploughing by DOY's log fence. Started ploughing long lands and carting firewood. Went into Warrnambool to see Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) off.
- Fri 15 Mr. MANIFOLD (Thos) left for Melbourne in "Champion" on way to U. K. Sold sheep to Mr. SUTTON
- Sat 16 Charles HOWARD came home with me. Squaring posts and cutting firewood.
- Sun 17 Mickie (COIL) came home from the Diggings.
- Mon 18 Planted out the young Oaks. Went to see Mr. JELLIE (James or William) and to see sheep.
- Tue 19 Ploughing, carting wood and planting out Privot (English) hedge.
- Wed 20 Settled with Mr. JELLIE for bullock and loading for the Diggings. Went to Warrnambool.
- Sat 23 Squaring posts for barn. Mac (McDONALD ?) went into Mickie (COIL) went in for the teams for palings for Mr. SUTTON. Came out again as far as Mr. JELLIEs (J or W.).
- Mon 25 Mr. LYALL (James) came and got some vines and Gooseberry trees. LATTA (Wm.) got 1 ton of potatoes and a bag of oats. Mac (McDONALD ?) returned from Warrnambool.
- Tue 26 Finished ploughing in loamey mash and putting flower garden in order. Went to look for small heifer I bought from ADAMS (Wm.). Mr. SUTTON called and his man came for sheep.
- Wed 27 Sowing short lands to DOY's log fence. Putting flower garden in order. SUTTON came for sheep.
- Thu 28 Mr. SUTTON took away sheep. Sow Spring wheat long mash. Went to Allan JENKINS about beef.
- Fri 29 Went to Warrnambool with Charlie HOWARD after sowing spring wheat.
- Sat 30 Attended a meeting of the Road Board.

SEPTEMBER 1856

- Mon 1 Stay Warrnambool to monthly Cricket Meeting. Made arrangements for Ball. Sow Spring wheat.
- Tue 2 Return home. Finish sowing in long mash. Two masons were working at kitchen chimney. Mickie (COIL) to W'bool for his second load of palings to go to Mr. SUTTON. Run water furrows long mash.
- Wed 3 Putting up kitchen chimney. (*previously Donald at LATTA's*) Went to Warrnambool for bricks but could not get any. Cutting up timber on new piece of ground. Got out some galvanised wire.
- Thu 4 Mickie (COIL) came with horses/dray. Cart bricks for chimney. Cart wood and planting Dahlia's.
- Fri 5 Cutting and drawing off timber on new paddock. Putting up kitchen chimney. BROCK (John) went to W. bool. Marked out lines for drain in new mash.
- Sat 6 Went into Warrnambool.

- Mon 8 Return home. McKIERNAN (W. H.) came with me to see about stuff for fencing off road between DOY and myself. Sent 2 teams to plough for A. AITKIN (Alice ?) McDONALD went to Belfast (Port Fairy)
- Tue 9 The masons finished chimney. CLANCY (John) got two bags of oats. BIRD (the blacksmith) came to see about oats. Grafted apples, plums & cherries. Mickie (COIL) ploughing for (Jas)AITKIN
- Thu 11 Stayed in Warrnambool for elections.
- Fri 12 Went up the Hopkins River. Spent the evening at PATERSONs (*Robert Brand PATERSON h/of Mary Jane AITKIN the d/o James AITKIN & Mary M. nee MANIFOLD of 'Glen Esk' Tasmania. Mary Jane was sister of James William Manifold AITKIN previously mentioned*)
The team returned from Mr. SUTTONs ?
- Tue 16 Carting posts and rails and ploughing a new paddock with black horse. BIRD sent over for oats. Putting kitchen in order.
- Wed 17 Mickie brought over 1 load of posts and rails. Drawing off timber. Got oats Mr. JELLIE owed me.
- Thu 18 Sent oats to Warrnambool. McDONALD left for Port Fairy. Ploughing new paddock.
- Fri 19 Took 23 head of cattle to Mr. JENKINS (Allan). Drawing off timber.
- Sat 20 Got a beast from Mr. JENKINS (Allan). Sent LATTA (William) over a quarter.
- Mon 22 Charley HOWARD left sowing wheat and oats. Carting posts and rails.
- Tue 23 Cutting spars to mend bridge. To Warrnambool to dinner given to Mr. HORNE. (G. S. W.)
- Wed 24 Ploughing with black horse. Drew off logs and mended bridge.
- Thu 25 To Warrnambool to see McKIERNAN (W. H.) about road fencing. Carting split stuff.
- Fri 26 Returned home and killed two pigs. Carting posts and rails for new fence.
- Sat 27 Went to Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board.
- Mon 29 Went to Mr. ALLAN's (Wm.) Sowing oats and carting split stuff.
- Tue 30 Went to picnic to caves, given by Mr. MacGREGOR. Sowing oats and remained in Warrnambool. Went to party at MacGREGOR's (Samuel).

OCTOBER 1856

- Wed 1 Mr. HILL returned home with me.
- Thu 2 Mr. HILL left for W'bool. Mr. PARKER (Sam) and I went to Spring Creek Road. Carted loam for front garden. Carting manure for Cape Barley ground. Carted posts to renew oat paddock fence.
- Fri 3 Commenced morticing posts for oat mash fence. Took first swarm of bees. Went to see STAINES (John) about split stuff. Chas HOWARD and James BATEMAN came and stayed the night.
- Sat 4 Went to Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board.
- Mon 6 Putting up new fence. Went into Warrnambool. Sent in oats. Cutting potatoes for setting. Played first game of cricket and saw ADAMS (William) about oats.
- Tue 7 Returned home and called at BRIGGS and KINGs about their rents. Cleaned out stockyard. DOY got 50 bushels of oats. Carting split stuff and wood.
- Wed 8 Planting potatoes. Papered small bedroom. John took in Ratler and left Charley.
- Thu 9 Planting potatoes. Went to see (John) CLANCY about paying for oats. Went to Warrnambool.
- Fri 10 Went down to the nominations and from there to Belfast. Harrowing potatoes.
- Sat 11 Returned to Warrnambool to attend the court. The horse took in empty bags. Putting up new fence at bridge and new slip panel at stockyard. Had arm of horse dray mended.
- Mon 13 Attended the court. Carting posts and rails.
- Tue 14 Putting up fence for well round new paddock, in grass paddock. Attended court in W'nambool.
- Wed 15 Putting up fence. Attended Warrnambool court. Home. Brought over load of split posts.
- Thu 16 Mickie (COIL) went into Warrnambool and brought out a load of flour for the diggings. ROSS went over to JENKINS (? Allan) and brought over a beast. Putting up fence. Posts ready.

Fri 17 Preparing posts. Mickie (COIL) ready to start for the diggings.
 Sat 18 To W'bool to see about old Charley. Ernest (BOSTOCK) return and called at Woodford on way out. Put fence round new paddock. Call at Mr. JELLIE's about oats. Mickie (COIL) started for diggings (gold).
 Mon 20 Putting up new paddock fence. Making a light ladder. Weeding turnips and mustard out of wheat. BOOTH got 1/4 cwt of flour.
 Tue 21 Putting wire on new fence. Took swarm of bees. Alec ROLLO (Alexander) got bushel of oats.
 Wed 22 Went down to Warrnambool to the Election of the Counties and on to Warrnambool.
 Thu 23 Returned home from Warrnambool. CLANCY (John) and WILLIAMS (Harry) get out loading.
 Fri 24 Carting split stuff and fencing. Fixed the roller for drawing wire.
 Sat 25 Drawing split stuff. Put fencing wire around potato paddock. Took up old pigsty fence.
 Mon 27 Putting thrashing machine in order. KING called about his rent.
 Tue 28 Carting split stuff and then went to Warrnambool.
 Wed 29 Kept in Warrnambool by Influenza.
 Thu 30 Remained in Warrnambool.
 Fri 31 Finish putting wire on new fence. Commenced weeding English wheat. Returned from W'bool.

NOVEMBER 1856

Sat 1 Sent horse dray to Warrnambool with a load of wheat. Got horse shod. Weeding English wheat. Took swarm of bees. Squaring posts for barn. Planting Sycamore trees.
 Mon 3 Went out and showed BRIGGS' farms to Mr. URQUHART (Roderick or George). Returned home and Mickie (COIL) returned from the diggings. Carting split stuff. Weeding Adelaide wheat.
 Tue 4 To W'bool with teams for load for diggings. Start getting post poles for barn. Team return home.
 Wed 5 Return home dig post holes.
 Thu- 6 W'bool to play match at cricket. Married vs Singles.
 Sat 8 Went with ALLAN (Wm.) to PARKER's (Sam) to shoot.
 Mon 10 Return home. DOY called re oats.
 Tue 11 Gathering first Gooseberries to send to Warrnambool. Getting ready for bees.
 Wed 12 Carting split stuff and finished digging post holes. Packing Gooseberries for Warrnambool. J. BATEMAN (James) and C. HOWARD (Charley) called.
 Thu 13 Putting up posts of Dutch barn. Ernest (BOSTOCK) called on way to SUTTONs
 Fri 14 Ernest started for SUTTONs Carting split stuff and sowing potatoes.
 Sat 15 Went into Warrnambool to the Road Board meeting.
 Mon 17 Returned home and went to EDDINGTONs (Capt. John and CAMPBELL) with (?) BUCKLEY. Weeding wheat next to DOY's log fence.
 Wed 19 Putting wallplates on Dutch barn. George (BOSTOCK) came. Weeding spring wheat. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came to go shooting.
 Thu 20 Went to EDDINGTON's Dam to go shooting. Got home cattle from Allan JENKINS.
 Fri 21 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and others left for Warrnambool. Sent in a load of wheat. Went over to see the new fence at the bridge. Got Tommy home again.
 Sat 22 Went to Warrnambool. Carted the last split stuff. Weeding wheat.
 Mon 24 Return home. Road fence finished. Settle with McKIERNIN (W. H.). Sent wheat to Warrnambool.
 Tue 25 Sent a load wheat into Warrnambool. George (BOSTOCK) came on his way to Mt. Shadwell
 Wed 26 Went to Mt. Shadwell with George (BOSTOCK)
 Thu 27 Remained in Mt. Shadwell (*Mortlake Where George BOSTOCK built the Bluestone Flour Mill in 1856. (George died 1858 aged 32 years. The Mill" is symbol of shire in 2008.)*)
 Fri 28 Returned home and weeding wheat. Sent in a load of wheat to Warrnambool.
 Sat 29 Went to Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board. Weeding Spring wheat.

DECEMBER 1856

- Mon 1 GILLES (Lewis) & F. HICKLING were out (Grasmere). We went shooting. George (BOSTOCK) drove out. Putting wallplates on dutch shed. George returned W'bool. Sent load wheat. Got home 'tie' beams.
- Tue 2 HICKLING (F) & GILLES (Lewis) returned to W'bool. Putting tie beams on shed and commenced roof. DOY came over and left me some money, which Mickie (COIL) sent down. I took a swarm of bees.
- Wed 3 ROSS took in load of wheat. Putting up rafters in barn. Martin WILLIAMSON called and bought some Gooseberries to take to the diggings.
- Thu 4 Working at Dutch Barn and digging post holes for verandah. GILLES (L. W.) and HICKLING (Frederick) came out. Sent load of wheat into Warrnambool.
- Fri 5 Finished rafters on barn. Went to see ANDREWS (Joseph) about giving me a couple of days work at the barn. ROSS took in a load of wheat. COIL (Mickie) absent.
- Sat 6 Went into Warrnambool. Sent in last load of wheat. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and Mary (AITKIN nee MANIFOLD) came home with me. WILLIAMS paid for Gooseberries. (*Harry WILLIAMS Martin WILLIAMSON.*)
- Sun 7 Went with Ernest (BOSTOCK) to Mr. WARE's. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned to Warrnambool. (? *Minjah J. G. WARE. Ernest BOSTOCK's dau. Lucy married younger John WARE lived 'Weeripnong' Warrnambool. This home is listed, but not owned by, National Trust.*)
- Fri 12 Returned home (*from WARE's I suppose.*).
- Sat 13 Carting wood. To Warrnambool where I played match (cricket) between Town. & Country
- Sun 14 Remained in Town and went on board the 'Maid of Julpha'.
- Mon 15 Returned home. Got posts for verandah. The Boy went to Warrnambool and brought out the pony. Putting palings on the barn. Joseph ANDREWS came to help me with the roof.
- Tue 16 Putting on palings and cutting grass for thatching. Ernest drove Annie (BOSTOCK *nee COX*) out. (*Annie wife of George BOSTOCK.*).
- Wed 17 Finish roof of dutch barn. Ernest returned to W'bool. Annie (COX) making Raspberry jam.
- Thu 18 Sent the Boy in with the dray to pick up post for the verandah.
- Fri 19 Mowing in front of house. Sent the Boy to look for horses.
- Sat 20 To W'bool to a meeting of Road Board. George (BOSTOCK) came home with me. Mowing hay.
- Mon 22 George left. Mowing and making hay. Putting rafters on verandah of the dutch barn.
- Tue 23 Received a notice from Mr. PARKER (Sam) respecting special meeting of Road Board. To W'bool. Sent in horse dray.
- Wed 24 Returned home. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and ALLAN (Mr.) came with me.
- Thu 25 Remained home. Went to John CLANSEs (CLANCY ?)
- Fri 26 To W'bool to play Town & Country (cricket) match. Went to concert of Madame Anna BISHOP.
- Sat 27 Returned home and putting hay together.
- Mon 29 Mowing and making hay. Mickie (COIL) back from diggings. Went into Warrnambool.
- Tue 30 Returned home from Warrnambool. Making hay and putting frame on bullock dray. Tom and Boy start work. (*Thomas Edward BOSTOCK ?*)
- Wed 31 Sent the dray into Warrnambool. Went to DENNYS (Thomas ?) to put up reaping machine. Stayed in W'bool. DENNYS (Thos) to see about reaping machine. ROSS brought home black horses. Sent in horse dray with currants. Got out Mr. MANIFOLD's (Thos) two horses. Cart home firewood with two teams. ANDREWS (Joseph), Tom (?) and Boy left. Squared up with "MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK". (*Thomas & George*) Got out. . cask of sherry.

This is start of a new year for Augustus. These years introduce John MACKERSEY to diary. John married Ann Harriet HEADLAM and occupied "Kenilworth". Their son Charles Lindsay MACKERSEY married Jessie BOSTOCK (born at Rosehill) d/o Thos Edw. BOSTOCK & Catherine Jane MACKERSEY Thomas & Catherine were at Jellalabad c. 1850 around time of their cousin Edward Robe

BOSTOCK who married Mary MACKERSEY. John and Ann MACKERSEY moved to New Zealand from where John continued his friendship and wrote an amazing amount of letters back and forth across Tasman. I have letters in possession. They tell a lot about wool industry and life of those times between two countries. Edw. R BOSTOCK and Mary left Australia c. 1853 for London becoming an agent for his family and friends in Australia. He continued until his death 1869. Mary d. 1879 at Highgrove, London. The two MACKERSEY families were from Macquarie River, Tasm. Rev. John MACKERSEY was first to come as minister school teacher to Kirklands Manse. This is a lovely story for those with interest in these families.

JANUARY 1857

- Thu 1 Played a match (cricket) with Port Fairy. John MACKERSEY came down to Warrnambool. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) started to look for horses.
- Sat 3 Returned home from Warrnambool and John (MACKERSEY) came out with me and Jimmy returned with horses. Sent AITKIN's (*Jas. Wm. Manifold AITKIN*) pony to the horse.
- Sun 4 Went with John (MACKERSEY) to see Hopkins Falls.
- Mon 5 John (MACKERSEY) started for Portland. Mowing hay, preparing thatch and making frame for thrashing machine. FINN (*?Thomas, a constable at Warrnambool*) got two pigs. Fixed hay straddle.
- Tue 6 Making hay in oat mash and carting hay. Mickie (COIL) returned from Hexham. JELLIE (*Jas or Wm.*) came regarding reaping machine.
- Wed 7 Sent black horse over to Mr. DENNYS (Thomas) to start the reaping machine. To Warrnambool and stayed the night with Mr. DENNYS
- Thu 8 Started reaping machine but obliged to stop on account of horses being fresh. Cart hay.
- Fri 9 Working reaping machine, then home. Putting palings on the verandah of shed. Level the ground ready for laying thrashing floor. Prepare to thatch haystack. Mickie (COIL) got his bullock from Hexham.
- Sat 10 Thatched haystack and put Dutch Barn in order. Carting home firewood. HICKLING (Fred) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out. ROSS came home from DENNYS (Thomas).
- Mon 12 To Warrnambool with HICKLING (Frederick) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK).

("MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK" built the first Bond Store on Lady Bay. Together they established the business with George as working partner. Thomas MANIFOLD was married to Jane SYNNOT. They travelled to U. K. on occasions. A replica of store can be seen today at Flagstaff Museum on Cannon Hill, W'bool.

MANIFOLD & SYNNOT families were originally from Tasmania arriving with AITKIN & other families.
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- Tue 13 Return home. Finish place for thrashing machine. Laid down posts and rails under Dutch Barn.
- Wed 14 Laid straddle ready for stacking. Cutting and drawing thatch ready for thatching wheat stacks.
- Thu 15 Cleared up about the haystacks and ploughed between it and the wood heap. ROSS took the black horses over to Mr. DENNYS (Thomas). MACKERSEY (John) returned from Portland.
- Fri 16 To Warrnambool with John (MACKERSEY). Too wet to reap with machine. Stayed in W'bool. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned to Grasmere (home of *Augustus and family for many years and where these diaries are written.*) from Mt. Shadwell. (*In 1856 George BOSTOCK built The Mill at Mortlake Mt. Shadwell, which could be why Gussy was there maybe with his brother George.*)
- Sun 18 Went to Mr. CRAIGs (John Hollins) with John (MACKERSEY) about a station.
- Mon 19 Reaping. John started for Mr. THOMSON's (?). Ernest (BOSTOCK) and (Charlie) HOWARD went into Warrnambool. ROSS commenced reaping with machine for Mr. CRAIG (John Hollins ?)

- Tue 20 Reaping Adelaide wheat. Mr. NICOL (Gilbert) called about a bullock dray. Killed a black spotted heifer. To W'bool to see how reaping machine was going and attend sale of Mr. BATEMAN's goods at jetty.
- Wed 21 Went to Warrnambool about starting the reaping machine, but was obliged to send black horses home and get others. Attended Mr. BATEMAN's sale at the jetty. Reaping wheat.
- Thu 22 Made a start with reaping machine. Reaping Adelaide wheat.
- Fri 23 Working the reaping machine and returned home. Reaping in front.
- Sat 24 Too wet to reap. Cutting posts and sleepers for forge. Sent the bullock dray down to bring out timber. HICKLING (Frederick) ALLAN and BOWIE came out.
- Sun 25 George MACARTHUR, Ernest (BOSTOCK), HAWKINS (Wm Lilly) & Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out.
- Mon 26 Pope and mate came out. Harry (?) and mate commenced reaping Adelaide wheat at front and side of house. ALLAN, Jimmy (BOSTOCK), HICKLING (F) and BOWIE left. Reaping with machine at Mr. CRAIGs.
- Tue 27 To Warrnambool and from there to Mr. CRAIGs (John Hollins) to see how reaping machine was going. Reaping Adelaide wheat. John EMBERLEY came in evening.
- Wed 28 Finished reaping at Mr. CRAIGs (John H.). John EMBERLEY commenced work. Returned home from Warrnambool. Reaping oats on bank next to new fence. Started reaping White wheat.
- Thu 29 Sent bullock team for reaping machine. ROSS returned with Tommy and Rattler. Harry (? TRENCHARD) and two mates commenced reaping by the day at 11 o'clock. Squaring sleepers for blacksmith's shop. Made small rakes for gathering corn after the reaping machine.
- Fri 30 Got home the reaping machine. Putting her together ready to start. . reaping wheat. .
- Sat 31 Reaping White wheat. . made lanes and commenced cutting oats with machine, but obliged to leave off on account ground being too rough. Harry TRENCHARD came. Stayed all night.

(One busy month has passed while he seemed to be trialing his new reapingmachine.)

FEBRUARY 1857

- Sun 1 TRENCHARD (Harry) returned to Warrnambool.
- Mon 2 Went down to BIRDs (Blacksmith) to get part of the reaping machine mended. To Woodford to see ADAMS (William) about a cow to kill.
- Tue 3 Reaping English wheat and oats. Harry (TRENCHARD) and mates left. Went over to DOYs to see about the thrashing machine. Hired a man to bind after the machine. BATEMAN (Jas or Wm.)
- Wed 4 Finish reaping with machine. Went to W'bool. Reap oats in large mash. LATTA (Wm) cart wheat.
- Thu 5 Returned home and finished tying after the machine. Took the thrashing machine over to LATTAs (Wm.) and set her down ready to commence thrashing. Two of the 'Williams' emigrants that I hired, commenced work in afternoon.
- Fri 6 Commenced thrashing for LATTA (Wm.) Sold John JONES 20 bushels of apples. The two men and boy commenced reaping.
- Sat 7 Thrashing for LATTA (Wm.). TRENCHARD (Harry) came and stayed Sunday.
- Mon 9 TRENCHARD (Harry) returned to W'bool. JONES paid £20 towards apples. Went into Warrnambool with Mr. PATERSON (*Robert Brand PATERSON, Bank of Victoria*) and PALMER (*W. H. of Bank of Australasia*)
- Tue 10 Returned home and Jimmy BATEMAN came with me. Started carting wheat cut by machine. Finished the first of LATTA's (Wm.) wheat and brought the machine home. Obligated to leave off reaping and carting on account of the wet.
- Wed 11 Too wet to reap or cart so went to Warrnambool to concert by Madame LEE.
- Thu 12 Attended STERN's (Mr. N. ?) sale and bought a lot of pigs. Returned home and reaping. Finished laying the thrashing machine. STAINES (John) not working.
- Fri 13 Went to Woodford to see about meat and over to STERN's (N. ?) to get home the pigs. Went into Warrnambool with (Harry) TRENCHARD.

- Sat 14 Went down to Port Fairy to play the match (cricket).
 Sun 15 Returned home with Jimmy (BOSTOCK) & CAMPBELL (*Capt. Alexander C. or C. EDDINGTON*).
- Mon 16 Carting wheat into shed. CAMPBELL (A) & Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to Warrnambool.
 Thu 19 Too wet to reap, so went to Warrnambool and then home.
 Fri 20 Carting wheat into shed. John MACKERSEY returned. Mr. PATERSON (Robert Brand) called and stayed all night. (*husband of Mary Jane AITKIN*)
- Sat 21 To Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board. WHEELER (Wm. or Jas.) came.
 Mon 23 Filled up shed. Thatched seed wheat. WHEELER (Wm. or Jas.) left for Belfast (Port Fairy). MACKERSEY (John) came from Warrnambool.
 Tue 24 MACKERSEY (John) started for Mr. THOMSONs. Went over to DOYs to see about the thrashing machine. Reaping in long flat.
 Wed 25 Went over to Mr. PARKERs (Samuel) and ALLANs to see about thrashing their drain. Went to sale at Mr. BATEMAN and Co. Went to LATTAs (Wm.) and brought home small pure heifer and calf.
 Thu 26 Returned home from Warrnambool and went to Allan JENKINS about the steers. Mr. TOZER (Francis) called. Thatched the oat stack. Mr. BEAMISH (Rev. Peter Teulon) came and stayed all night.
 Fri 27 Mr. BEAMISH left and Mac (? McDONALD) called.
 Sat 28 Finished thrashing for the present and took up the machine. Mr. HOWARD, Miss HOWARD and Miss SELLARS called. Measured some reaping. Went into Warrnambool.

MARCH 1857

- Sun 1 McKIERNAN (W. H.) and Mr. HOWARD (Charles) came home with me. Brought a horse from Mac's (McDONALD ?) home with me.
 Mon 2 Thrashing for LATTA (William) for second time. Went to Belfast (Port Fairy) for Races. Went to Mr. HAWKIN's party. (*Lt. William Lilly HAWKINS- links to Hanibal HAWKINS*)
 Tue 3 Carting hay. Went to a party at Mrs. FLOWERS. (*Amelia FLOWER nee KIRK*)
 Wed 4 Thrashing at LATTA's (Wm.). Grain too wet to cart. Cleaned wheat in barn.
 Thu 5 Went to Belfast to the last days races. Went to Race Ball. Thrashing for LATTA (Wm.).
 Fri 6 Stayed in Belfast (Port Fairy). Went to see Steeple Chase Match. Thrashing for LATTA (Wm.).
 Sat 7 Left Belfast. Stayed all night at Mr. TALBOT's John (MACKERSEY) came down country. Carting and thrashing for LATTA (Wm.).
 Sun 8 Returned home with Jimmy (BOSTOCK) Allan (JENKINS ?) and HICKLING (Frederick). John MACKERSEY went into Warrnambool.
 Mon 9 Started on new paddock and went to Warrnambool. Brought out Rambler (horse ?) and finished thrashing for LATTA (Wm.)
 Tue 10 Set the thrashing machine at FINNs (Const. Thos FINN) and commenced thrashing. Cart in wheat.
 Wed 11 Thrashing at FINN's (Thomas) Went over to CLANCY's (John). Drawing straw.
 Thu 12 Finished thrashing for FINN (Thomas) and took up the machine.
 Fri 13 Took thrashing machine into Warrnambool and had a new wheel put in. Took the machine over to Mr. PARKER's (Samuel) and set her down. Carting wheat.
 Sat 14 Finished carting wheat. Started thrashing for PARKER (Samuel). WHEELER (William or James), ANDREWS (Joseph), Mr. CAMPBELL (*Capt. Alexander*) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out.
 Mon 16 WHEELER and ANDREWS (Joseph) started for Belfast I went to Warrnambool with CAMPBELL (Alex ?). Went to PARKERs (Samuel) to see about thrashing machine.
 Tue 17 Thatching wheat stack. Went to picnic on the Hopkins (River). Stayed all night W'bool.
 Wed 18 Went to see Mr. PATERSON (*R. B. PATERSON, Bank of Victoria*) about KING's rent. Returned home. Thatching wheat. Thrashing for Mr. PARKER (Samuel).
 Thu 19 Thatching wheat stack and carting dung on to barley ground. Went to Ball at Warrnambool. Took Mr. MANIFOLD's (Thomas) horse.

Fri 20 Attended Mr. BATEMAN's sale of horses. Carting dung. Stayed in Warrnambool.
 Sat 21 Attend meeting of Road Board and return home. Clean up wheat. Square up with Mickie (COIL).
 Sun 22 Rained all day and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) spent the day with me.
 Mon 23 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned to town. Cleaning up wheat.
 Tue 24 Cleaning wheat, mending harrows. Ploughing Cape Barley. John MACKERSEY returned.
 Wed 25 Went into Warrnambool. Cleaning up wheat and ploughing.
 Thu 26 Went over to Mr. ALLAN's (Wm.) to see how the machine was going. Went up to the bridge to try and catch some herrings. Remained in Warrnambool.
 Fri 27 Return home- cleaning up wheat (again). Cart dung to barley ground. Thrashing for Mr. W. ALLAN
 Sat 28 Cleaning wheat as it is too wet for outdoor work.
 Sun 29 Went into Warrnambool about Brigg's rent. . cleaning wheat.
 Tue 31 Went down to MURRAY's sale and from there to Warrnambool. Cleaning wheat.

Augustus BOSTOCK, Grasmere just north W'bool 1854 until death 1920, born 1833 Tas. My recent understanding is, he had education at Bishopsbourne, Cressy, Tasm (have a letter in my Word Doc)

APRIL 1857

Wed 1 Went to Mr. ALLANs (Wm.) to see how the machine was getting on. Carting wheat with the bullocks for LATTA (William).
 Thu 2 George (BOSTOCK) and the AITKINs came out. *(Possibly Mary M. nee Manifold AITKIN mother of Margaret AITKIN who m. 1865 to Augustus BOSTOCK; Alice AITKIN who m. 1875 to James BOSTOCK; Lucy AITKIN who m. 1860 to Ernest BOSTOCK and Mary Jane AITKIN who m. 1861 to Robert Brand PATERSON)*
 Fri 3 Stacking wheat and took three hives of bees. Carting wheat for LATTA (Wm.)
 Sat 4 Send a hive of bees to Melbourne for Annie (Annie BOSTOCK ?????). Carting for LATTA (Wm.) and went to Warrnambool to meeting of the Road Board. Sent the boy to look for MANIFOLD and BOSTOCK's horse (Thomas MANIFOLD & George BOSTOCK). Burning stubble.
 Mon 6 Home from Warrnambool. Burning stubble. Two new hands absent.
 Tue 7 Sent in first load of wheat. Sent John (? BRADY) to get MANIFOLD and BOSTOCK's horse from MAILOR's (Robert MAILOR). Commenced putting up stable.
 Wed 8 Putting up stable. Sent the men to ROLLOs (Alexander Roller) to get rafters. Went to Warrnambool to party at George's (George BOSTOCK).
 Thu 9 Stayed in Warrnambool. Ernest (BOSTOCK) started his mill. Got thrashing machine home from the Hopkins. Getting in firewood.
 Fri 10 Return home and set down thrashing machine. Working at stable. Price left. JONES (John) paid his account. Drury came over to see about buying the bullock dray.
 Sat 11 Thrashing wheat.
 Mon 13 Thrashing wheat. Went down to Belfast to play the match at cricket with Portland Club.
 Tue 14 Returned from Belfast. Thrashing.
 Wed 15 Sent load of hay to Warrnambool. Thrashing
 Fri 17 Finished thrashing wheat for the present. Started thrashing oats.
 Sat 18 Finished thrashing oats. Discharged the men and went into Warrnambool.
 Mon 20 Stayed in Warrnambool. Went to Bazaar. KEILLAR (James) came out to Grasmere.
 Tue 21 Home and KEILLAR (James) commenced work. Cutting out hay to send to Warrnambool. Squaring up stockyard. Went to Warrnabool to the Bazaar Ball.
 Wed 22 Sent a load of Hay to James MURRAY. John MACKERSEY started for Van Diemen's Land. *(Catherine MACKERSEY (sister) married Thomas BOSTOCK.)*
 Thu 23 Returned home and George (BOSTOCK) and HICKLING (Frederick) came with me. Branded young cattle and carted wheat to Warrnambool.
 Fri 24 George (BOSTOCK) and HICKLING (Frederick) returned to Warrnambool. Cutting firewood and cutting grass to tie up hay. Ploughing for Cape Barley and working at stable.

- Sat 25 Sent two loads of wheat to town. Cutting blocks for blocking the stable.
 Mon 27 Cleaning up the stockyard. Sent thrashing machine over to Went into Warrnambool.
 Tue 28 Commenced thrashing for T. . 's? Tom (BOSTOCK) arrived in "Lady Bird" steamer.
 Wed 29 Returned home and cutting hay to send to Warrnambool. Moved thrashing machine. Sent a horse in for Tom (BOSTOCK). Sent some hay to Warrnambool.
 Thu 30 ROSS returned from town. Mickie (COIL) took in load of hay. Fixed up stacks and mended well door. Planted Strawberry plants. Cleaned drains between waterholes. The Boy started for Mr. WARE's to meet Tom's (BOSTOCK) horses

MAY 1857

- Fri 1 Carting wood and fixing stacks. Tom (BOSTOCK) came out and went over the creek at JENKINS (Allan) to see the Falls (Hopkins) at Mr. NICOLS. (Gilbert). DOY was over about the pigs.
 Sat 2 To Woodford to election of new Board (Road Board). From there to Warrnambool. Cleaning drains. Agreed with John STAINES to dig drain in new paddock.
 Mon 4 ROSS took plough to Warrnambool and brought out load for Tom (BOSTOCK) with Mrs. KEILLAR and Betsy. Settled with Mickey COIL and also with John BRADY.
 Tue 5 Cleaned up wheat. Sent horse dray to Warrnambool to pick up some of Tom's (BOSTOCK) things. James KEILLAR started work at the stables. John BRADY left.
 Wed 6 Putting roof on stable. Sent two loads of wheat to Warrnambool. Mr. MEDLEY (F. W. or C. S.) called collecting land returns.
 Thu 7 Mr. MEDLEY stayed the day. Shingling the stable. Sent horses to Warrnambool with load of wheat and to plough the cricket ground. Cleaning wheat.
 Fri 8 Mr. MEDLEY left. Sent load of wheat by bullocks to W'bool. Shingling stables. Paid DOY for steer.
 Sat 9 Ploughing in new paddock. Went to Warrnambool to meeting of the new Road Board. ROSS returned after ploughing the cricket ground. Finished roofing the stable.
 Mon 11 Sent load wheat to Warrnambool. DOY (?) got two bags of Adelaide Wheat. Putting side on stable. Started levelling for blocks. Cutting load of hay for town.
 Tue 12 Paving the stable. Sent a load of wheat to town. Went to Warrnambool to (Samuel) Mr. HANNAFORD's dinner. Tom drove Jane out. (*Thomas BOSTOCK was wife of Catherine Jane MACKERSEY*)
 Wed 13 Returned home and George (BOSTOCK) came with me. DOY (?) got 12 bushels of 40 prolific wheat. Ploughing the little potato paddock.
 Thu 14 Ploughing. Tom and George started for Mt. Shadwell. (*Thomas and George BOSTOCK*) Carting firewood. Cleaning seed wheat. (*Mt. Shadwell rises behind the town of Mortlake*)
 Fri 15 Papering the room outside. Sent load of wheat into town. Working at the stable.
 Sat 16 George and Tom (BOSTOCK brothers) return. DRAY return from town. Working at stable. Ploughing on bank where heap of stones. DOY sowed small Adelaide wheat. Clean wheat to send to town for seed.
 Mon 18 Ploughing where Adelaide wheat was. Went to Warrnambool. Sent in wheat.
 Tue 19 Laid the spar across the fall at NICOLs (Gilbert). Cleaning a load of oats.
 Wed 20 Sowed Adelaide prolific on new paddock. Went to LUCKMAN's sale.
 Thu 21 Tom (BOSTOCK) was over at dam carting stone. Sowing potato paddock.
 Fri 22 Laid the log in (? Falls) for the dam at NICOL's Fall (Gilbert).
 Sat 23 Went to a meeting of the Road Board Warrnambool. Called to KING about rent.
 Mon 25 Running water furrows in new paddock. Finished Adelaide wheat ground.
 Tue 26 Put up for washing skins and commenced washing. Start ploughing towards DOY's log fence.
 Wed 27 Tom (BOSTOCK) (*Gussy's younger brother*) down washing skins.
 Fri 29 Went to DENNY (Thomas) about pigs. Called at KINGs on my way to Warrnambool.
 Sat 30 Sold M & B (Thos MANIFOLD & Geo BOSTOCK) 1000 bushels wheat. Went to DAVIDSON's (John) sale. Ernest (BOSTOCK) came home with me. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and HICKLING [Fred.] came out in evening.
 Sun 31 Ernest (BOSTOCK), HICKLING (Fred) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned to Warrnambool.

JUNE 1857

- Mon 1 Went down to Woodford to see LYALL (James) about skins. Called to see Mr. NICOL (Gilbert) Sowing next to DOY's log fence.
- Tue 2 Sowing wheat. KING called about lease. Cleaning up wheat with STAINES (James John) and mate. Loaded dray ready for Warrnambool.
- Wed 3 Called at KINGs on way to Warrnambool.
- Thu 4 Ploughing in oat mash.
- Fri 5 Went over to WALLS to GREY's sale.
- Sat 6 Went to Warrnambool to a meeting of Road Board.
- Sun 7 Went down to Belfast
- Mon 8 Returned home from Belfast. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for town.
- Tue 9 PHINNs (T. ?) brought over HOY's (A) cattle. Sent in a load of wheat.
- Wed 10 Sowing oats and got a load of wheat ready for town.
- Thu 11 Sent a load to town. Running furrows in the piece of sowed ground.
- Fri 12 Tom (BOSTOCK) finish washing his skins. DRAY is home from W'bool. Felling trees ready for road.
- Sat 13 Putting up fence which the horses pushed over. Went to Warrnambool to see DENNYS (Thomas) about pigs and he paid me £4.
- Mon 15 Commenced mending the road on the other side of the bridge. Agreed with MANNING (*Fred Mullet M. JohnSlade M.*) to pick out 200 sheep.
- Tue 16 Went to MANNINGs (Fred and John) and got the sheep. Mending the road. Sowing oats.
- Wed 17 To Warrnambool to HOY's (A) sale of horses and cattle. Tom (BOSTOCK) bought black horse off CLARKE (Could this be W. J. T. CLARKE ?). Sowing oats.
- Thu 18 Returned home from Warrnambool. The dray is back. The new bridge at Merri (Riv) is open. I went to NICOLs (Gilbert). Sowing oats.
- Fri 19 Masons putting up chimney in new hut. Cutting and carting firewood.
- Sat 20 To Warrnambool to meeting of the Road Board. Ploughing in the new paddock.
- Sun 21 Returned home and James (BOSTOCK) came with me.
- Mon 22 Ploughed new piece of potato ground. Commenced the waggon.
- Tue 23 James BATEMAN took away the horses. FINNs (? PHINN) Thomas left. Sent in a lot of pigs for Ernest (BOSTOCK). Made a cover for pigs. Ploughing in front for Cape Barley.
- Wed 24 Sent in remainder of the first trees for George (BOSTOCK). Sold Mr. THOMSON the team of bullocks. Ploughing for Cape Barley.
- Thu 25 To Warrnambool and saw Mr. PATERSON (Robert Brand PATERSON) about KINGs rent. Ploughing for English barley. Cleaning out furrows in oat mash.
- Fri 26 Working on the waggon. Ploughing for English barley and oats in waterholes.
- Sat 27 Commenced getting spokes (waggon) Delivered the bullocks I sold to Mr. THOMSON.
- Mon 29 Sowed Cape Barley in front and cutting firewood.
- Tue 30 To Warrnambool to see when steamer left for Melbourne. WILLIAMS working at waggon.

JULY 1857

- Wed 1 Returned home and weeding out stacks. Ploughing where the stacks are.
- Thu 2 John went over and brought all the skins from NICOLs (Gilbert). Ploughing for oats. I Bought the goodwill of HOY's (A.) farm.
- Fri 3 Cutting firewood. Commenced packing sheep skins. HOY (A) called about the farm.
- Sat 4 To Warrnambool to meeting of the Road Board. Returned home on Sunday.
- Mon 6 River over the oat mash. Hired Isack STEPHENS. Finished ploughing.
- Tue 7 Went to LATTAs (Wm) to see about opening gateway to his grass paddock to get a road to the farm.
- Wed 8 Tom (BOSTOCK) left for Melbourne. HOY (A.) came over to see about staying a day or two over his time. STAINES (N J) and STEPHENS moved over to HOY's (A). Pruning the gooseberry trees.

- Thu 9 Sowed Adelaide wheat next to DOY's fence. Moved one of the stacks into the shed. FINNs (? Thos FINN) and Mr. JUKES (Alfred Meredith) came out and settled about HOY's (A) farm.
- Fri 10 Putting up hand gate into LATTAs (Wm) grass paddock. Finished gable of shed. Went to Woodfrod and settled with LYALL (James).
- Sat 11 To Warrnambool. Sowed waterhole with oats. Ploughing for wheat next to LATTAs fence.
- Mon 13 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for Warrnambool. Got MANIFOLD and BOSTOCK's mare from ARNELs (Frederick). Finished putting up stalls for two horses at the farm. Got a plough from DOYs
- Tue 14 CLARKE brought sheep skins and oats for Tom (BOSTOCK) and took in ten bags of wheat. Started ploughing at HOYs (A). Tom (B) returned from Melbourne. Ernest (BOSTOCK) came with him.
- Wed 15 Ernest (BOSTOCK) returned to Warrnambool. Sowed English wheat next to LATTAs (W.) fence. Went over to NICOLs (Gilbert). Bought stack hay from DOY.
- Thu 16 Commenced cutting hay at DOYs
- Fri 17 Trussing hay at DOYs Ploughing at the Springs.
- Sat 18 Went into Warrnambool. Sowed hay at Mr. NICOLs (Gilbert).
- Sun 19 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out
- Mon 20 Sowed oats and wheat at 'Rosehill' (near Grasmere) where Thomas BOSTOCK lived for a time. Went to GRAY's sale bought two bullocks.
- Tue 21 Ploughing with all the teams at the Springs. Dressed and footrotted the sheep. Took the sheep over to 'Rosehill'. Got two bullocks home. Agreed with ANDREWS (Joseph) to cart hay.
- Wed 22 Sowed the first wheat at the springs. Put all the spare horses and cattle over in the small cultivation paddock at the Springs. Joseph ANDREWS carting hay from DOYs to 'Rosehill'. Carting firewood. John packing skins. Alexander ROLLO took away a load of sheep skins. *(Could be John MACKERSEY, bro/of Thos BOSTOCK's wife Catherine J. MACKERSEY. John was a wonderful lifetime friend to Augustus. They wrote letters between N. Z. and Grasmere for many years.)*
- Thu 23 Sowed wheat at Springs. More hay to Rosehill. John packing skins.
- Fri 24 Ploughing at the Springs and went to Rosehill. Andrew's (Joseph) team took away a load of wheat.
- Sat 25 Got the chaff cutter and plough over from Rosehill.
- Mon 27 To W'bool with Tom (BOSTOCK) Sent in Raspberry canes for (Wm) ALLAN working on Waggon.
- Tue 28 Tom and Ernest (BOSTOCK) went down to Belfast. Returned home and arranged with MILLARD about KING's farm. (Lease from Augustus). James STAINES started splitting.
- Wed 29 Sowed English wheat at the Springs. Sent Raspberry Canes over to Rosehill. KEILLAR (James) commenced planting them. Moved cattle to the Springs.
- Thu 30 Tom (BOSTOCK) returned from Belfast (Port Fairy). Putting chaff cutter together. Planting Raspberry canes at Rosehill.
- Fri 31 Sowing at the Springs. Went over to Rosehill. Paid Allen JENKINS meat account.

AUGUST 1857

- Sat 1 Went into Warrnambool to the Road Board Meeting. Called at Rosehill (Thomas BOSTOCK) Moved two ploughs to 'Rosehill' one to LATTAs (Wm.)
- Mon 3 Sow wheat The Springs. STEPHENS (Isaac) moved to Rosehill. Laid down machine ready to thrash.
- Wed 5 Moved a stack into the shed and ploughed behinds ROSS's hut.
- Thu 6 Mr. BROMFIELD (James Astley) & Co. called. To ADAMS (Wm) Looked for pony Skipper.
- Fri 7 To Rosehill. Planted fruit trees. Called at DOYS to see about harness and seed wheat.
- Sat 8 Sowing Adelaide and English wheat behind ROSS's, also oats at Rosehill. DOY called about dray.
- Sun 9 Jimmy (Jas BOSTOCK) came out.
- Mon 10 Tom (BOSTOCK) sowed barley at Rosehill. ROSS harrowing wheat ground.

Tue 11 Ploughing for wheat at Rosehill. Went into Warrnambool. Sent in wheels and two bales of skins. Got iron work for waggon.
 Wed 12 Returned home and sowed Adelaide wheat at Rosehill. To The Springs.
 Thu 13 Dressed sheep and cut the lambs.
 Fri 14 Cleaned barn and lined part of the barn.
 Sat 15 To Warrnambool to Road Board Meeting. Called at the farm I let to MILLARD Saw Mr. BARBER (George, a solicitor) about lease.
 Mon 17 Splitting spokes and butting firewood.
 Tue 18 Sowing wheat NICOLS (Gilbert). Pruned trees at Rosehill garden.
 Wed 19 To Warrnambool to a special meeting of Road Board. Sowing wheat behind ROSS's hut.
 Thu 20 Sowed English wheat behind hut and at Rosehill. Went to the Springs to collect cattle.
 Fri 21 Sowed wheat at Rosehill again. Went to Springs farm. Cutting timber for horse dray wheels. ROSS ploughing near his hut.
 Sat 22 To Warrnambool about lease of farm to MILLARD ?
 Mon 24 Sow oats & wheat at Rosehill. Tom [BOSTOCK] rent farm CLARKE had from NICOL (Gil)
 Tue 25 Got home the sheep, but too wet to dress them. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) called.
 Wed 26 Cut up and salted two pigs. Went to Rosehill. Ploughing.
 Thu 27 Went to Warrnambool with Lucy AITKIN (*later married to Ernest BOSTOCK.*) Cleared away straw from land to be ploughed.
 Fri 28 Home from Warrnambool. Dressed sheep. "City of Sydney" arrived in Warrnambool.
 Sat 29 To Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board and to see about the rams.
 Sun 30 Brought the rams out to Rosehill.
 Mon 31 Sowed English wheat on the bank in front of the house. Ploughing next to stockyard. Sowed oats at Rosehill. *Augustus BOSTOCK lived at "Grasmere", just north of Warrnambool from c. 1853. He wrote this diary until his decease 1920. I have edited up to c. 1880*

SEPTEMBER 1857

Tue 1 Sent load of wheat to Warrnambool and got back the waggon wheels. John EMBERLY came out with a load and took in 10 bags of wheat.
 Wed 2 To Rosehill to finish sowing wheat, but it came on wet. DOWS and SNOW's (Henry SNOW) cart came out for lambs, but found them too small.
 Thu 3 Too wet to plough. Put the waggon on its wheels.
 Fri 4 ? wheels of waggon. Ploughing at Spring Farm. Getting firewood.
 Sat 5 To Warrnambool to meeting of the Road Board. Stayed all night in Warrnambool.
 Sun 6 Returned home and Ernest (BOSTOCK) came with me.
 Mon 7 Went to Rosehill and killed pig I bought from NICOL (Gilbert).
 Tue 8 Went to Mr. JELLIE's (James) sale. Then went to Warrnambool.
 Wed 9 Went out with PARKER (Samuel) and ALLAN (Wm. ?) to select the best line for the tramway. Got home cattle I bought at JELLIE's sale.
 Thu 10 Looked for new steer I bought at JELLIE's (James).
 Fri 11 Went to Rosehill to see how the painters were getting on.
 Sat 12 Grafted some stocks. Dressed the rams. Thrashed some wheat.
 Mon 14 Planted first potatoes. Dressed the rams. CLARKE's boy came.
 Tue 15 Thrashed wheat to make room for stock.
 Wed 16 Moved the stack to the shed. Tom (BOSTOCK) went to Warrnambool.
 Thu 17 Tom (BOSTOCK), Lucy (AITKIN) and Ernest (BOSTOCK) came out. Got home reaping machine. Fri 18 Went to Rosehill. Commenced planting potatoes.
 Sat 19 To Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board. Stayed all night.
 Mon 21 Cutting firewood. Too wet to plant. Sent Tommy in to be shod.
 Tue 22 Harrowing potato ground. Cutting potatoes. Got home two cows that calved. Turned strangers out of Spring Farm.
 Wed 23 Planted potatoes at Spring Farm and went to Rosehill.
 Thu 24 Went to Warrnambool to a Ball. Planted potatoes at Rosehill.
 Fri 25 Plant potatoes at The Springs. Stay W'bool to hear BARLOW (Mr. BARLOW tramway)

- Sat 26 Stayed in town and had a game of cricket. Went to concert. Carting split stuff to fence Spring Farm. Returned home on Sunday.
- Mon 28 Went to Rosehill. Jane (*Catherine Jane MACKERSEY w/of Tom*) came out by dray from Warrnambool. Painting outside of house. Cleaning away straw ready to plant potatoes.
- Tue 29 Cut two logs for rollers. Cart split stuff. To W'bool to party at PLUMMERS (Wm PLUMMER)
- Wed 30 Returned home and Lucy (AITKIN) came out with us. Carting split stuff. Putting the fence next to the lane in order. (*Continuing with diary of Augustus BOSTOCK (Gussy) while residing at Grasmere at time of writing. He was born "Vaucluse" Epping Forest, Tasm. Came to Western District c. 1853.)*

OCTOBER 1857

- Thu 1 Went to Rosehill (Thomas BOSTOCK). ROSS planting potatoes at Spring Farm. Carting dung out of the stockyard with the waggon (*maybe the new one he had just made*). Finished dig in garden.
- Fri 2 Sent waggon to Warrnambool. Went up to Rosehill. STAINES (James or John) commenced putting up fence at Spring Farm. (*Rosehill is a short distance before Grasmere from Warrnambool.)*
- Sat 3 Went to Meeting of the Road Board at Warrnambool.
- Sun 4 Returned home and PLUMMER (William), PATERSON (Robert Brand PATERSON) and James AITKIN (James Wm. Manifold AITKIN) were out.
- Mon 5 To cattle sale at Woodford. Bought a small yellow spotted heifer and calf. William (maybe PLUMMER ?) commenced table for Rosehill.
- Tue 6 Killed the cow Tom (BOSTOCK) bought at Woodford. Harry TRENCHARD came out. John MACKERSEY and Family came.
- Wed 7 Went to Warrnambool. Sent in dray, but it was too wet for them to come out.
- Thu 8 Returned home and John (MACKERSEY) came out with us. Went in to dine with Mr. GILLIES. (*Lewis W. GILLIES P. Magistrate- known to the family in Tasmania*)
- Fri 9 Returned home and John (? MACKERSEY) came and got his horse.
- Sat 10 Started putting up gate at entrance of lane. MACKERSEY (John) and family came out.
- Mon 12 Finished putting up the gate and cleared road out.
- Tue 13 Putting gate to horse paddock and weeding wheat.
- Wed 14 Went to Rosehill. Cutting firewood and weeding wheat.
- Thu 15 To Warrnambool to meeting of Ratepayers, but meeting was called off. Tom (BOSTOCK) stayed all night to see about sheepskins.
- Fri 16 Sent ROSS in with the dray. Sent FIDLER (maybe T. FIDLER) two calves and five lambs. Ernest (BOSTOCK) came out with Tom (BOSTOCK).
- Sat 17 To W'bool to meeting of Road Board. Ernest (BOSTOCK) to Grasmere on way up country.
- Mon 19 Attended sale of palings and timber at ATKINSONS. Brought home the waggon and the wheels for horse dray and horse cart. Called to Mr. NICOL (Gilbert) about the meeting of the Ratepayers. Tom and Ernest (BOSTOCK) started up country. Weed wheat. John MACKERSEY to Rosehill. (*Home*)
- Tue 20 Cutting firewood. Went to Rosehill. ROSS carted split stuff. Brought home some slabs. To Warrnambool to attend a meeting of Ratepayers at DOOLEY's Hotel. Sowing tobacco (*First mention*) Weeding turnips out of oats.
- Thu 22 Putting gate on pigsty. To Rosehill. WILLIAM made body of horse cart. CLANCY (John) took 15 bags wheat to Warrnambool.
- Fri 23 Made sty for small pigs. FIDLER (? T) came out and got some lambs. Went over and saw about STAINES (James or John) fencing.
- Sat 24 To Warrnambool with John Weeding oats in long flats.
- Mon 26 To Rosehill with FRASER to see rams. Harry TRENCHARD came out. Killed speyed cow.
- Tue 27 Thrashing our last wheat. Henry TRENCHARD went to Warrnambool.
- Thu 29 CLANCY (John) took a load of wheat to Warrnambool. Went to look at Spring Ck Road.
- Fri 30 Cleaned wheat. Lined part of barn with palings.

Sat 31 Went to a meeting of the Road Board. Putting up fence in small paddock.

NOVEMBER 1857

Sun 1 Ernest and Tom (BOSTOCK) returned from up the country. A flood in the river ?
Mon 2 ROSS went to Spring Farm to put the place in order and get posts for gate at stockyard. Went to Rosehill (*Tom BOSTOCK's farm near Grasmere.*) John (EMBERLEY- I think) started clearing the road of fallen timber. Ernest (BOSTOCK) went into Warrnambool.
Wed 4 Went down to Belfast (Port Fairy) to a ball. ROSS putting HOY's (A) place in order.
Thu 5 Returned to Warrnambool from Belfast.
Fri 6 Returned home and weeding oats. ROSS moved over to Spring Farm.
Sat 7 Shear & dress ewes and lambs. Weed wheat. Sent James (BOSTOCK) to Warrnambool with dray.
Sun 8 John (? EMBERLEY) and myself went to Warrnambool to get mail.
Tue 10 Went to Mr. ARMSTRONGS to look at sheep. Returned and stayed at Robert HOODS.

(We met descendant Robert HOOD 1990's. This "Merrang" property is beautifully situated on Hopkins River, with a gracious homestead. About c. 1848 owner was Claud FARIE ' & RODGERS'. Claud mar. Jane COX, sis/o Ann BOSTOCK and also of John COX, Port Fairy and "Weerangourt" Byaduk.

Wed 11 Returned home and went over to Rosehill (*home of Thomas E. BOSTOCK*)
Thu 12 Hilling up the potatoes. Shearing rams at Rosehill. Mr. BEAMISH (Rev. Peter Teulon) came
Fri 13 Went to Warrnambool on way to Melbourne. Sat 14 Started for Melbourne, overland.

DIARY begins again, after his visit to Melbourne.

Starting at

DECEMBER 1857

Tue 1 Stayed at MANIFOLDS. (*maybe John & Peter MANIFOLD at Purrumbete*)
Wed 2 Returned to Warrnambool.
Thu 3 Returned home (to Grasmere)
Fri 4 Started putting up skillion for hanging up harness. Tom (BOSTOCK) finished clipping rams. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and PATERSON (Robert Brand PATERSON) came.
Sat 5 Hoeing potatoes at farm. Went snipe shooting at EDDINGTON's Dam. (J. EDDINGTON 'Ballangeich')
Mon 7 To W'bool. Hoe potatoes. Finish roof of shed. Got lease farm from Mr. JUKES (*Alfred Meredith*)
Tue 8 Went over to the farm and hoeing potatoes.
Wed 9 Squaring sleepers for the cart shed. Went into Warrnambool. Sent in a load of wheat.
Thu 10 Returned home. Clearing up wheat. Hung a gate at the stockyard.
Fri 11 Tom (BOSTOCK) and John (MACKERSEY) started up country.
Sun 13 Went up to Mr. HOOD's (*Robert HOOD*) "Merrang". (*on the Hopkins River.*)
Mon 14 Went to Mr. ARMSTRONG's and bought some sheep. Stayed all night at Mr. ROBERTSON's (? Mrs. ROBERTSON "Woolongoon")
Tue 15 Return home and went to Rosehill (Tom's place). Opened Tender for school house, but too high.
Wed 16 Went into Warrnambool with Jane and John MACKERSEY in the horse dray.
Thu 17 Went to Rosehill. Washing sheep skins. Hopkins mowing at "Grasmere"
Fri 18 Carting wheat to Warrnambool. Moving logs off road. FIDLER (T ?) came about sheep. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and ELLISTON (W.) came.
Sat 19 Sent wheat and sheep into butchers. Tom (BOSTOCK) back from The Station. Ernest (BOSTOCK) returned to Warrnambool.
Mon 21 LYALL (James) got sheep. Sent dray and waggon to Warrnambool to cart MANIFOLD and BOSTOCK's hay. (Thomas MANIFOLD & George BOSTOCK)
Tue 22 Went to Rosehill. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out to get the pony.

Thu 24 Returned home from Warrnambool. Ernest and Tom (BOSTOCK) came out.
 Fri 25 Had a pigeon match. (Christmas Day).
 Sat 26 Moving in the oat flat. Putting hay together.
 Sun 27 Went up to Mr HOODs (Robert HOOD of Merrang).
 Mon 28 Went to Mr. ARMSTRONGs and bought some sheep for killing.
 Tue 29 Bought 1100 sheep from Mr. HOOD (Robert HOOD). Started 200 on the road with Mr. ARMSTRONG. Returned home and mowing oat flat.
 Wed 30 Mowe hay. Send to meet sheep. Hired three men to reap barley. Getting well ready for pump.
 Thu 31 Sent sheep W'bool to FIDLER (T) and SHELDRIK (Walter). To W'bool to see LYALL (Jas).

JANUARY 1858

Fri 1 Finished mowing in the oat flat. Went to Rosehill. Reaping barley.
 Sat 2 Drove to Warrnambool to attend the Road Board. Ernest (BOSTOCK) came back with us.
 Mon 4 Mowing the hay. Cleaning the well ready to put down the pump.
 Tue 5 Finished cleaning and set the pump. PARKER (Sam) came to see about Spring Ck Road.
 Thu 7 Reaping English barley in long lands. Mowing the Cape Barley.
 Fri 8 Went to JELLIE's Sale (James or William). To Warrnambool with Mrs. MACKERSEY (*Ann Harriet nee HEADLAM wife/o John MACKERSEY. Both families are from Tasmania, but John remained a lifelong friend of Augustus BOSTOCK, even after his move to New Zealand c. 1871. I hold many many letters/docs, beautifully written. John occupied "Kenilworth" at Hamilton after they wed c. 1851*)
 Sun 10 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and Harry TRENCHARD came out.
 Mon 11 Put shed in order ready to cart barley. To Warrnambool to a party at MacGREGOR's (Samuel).
 Tue 12 Returned home. Reaping oats in the flat. Putting hay in the mash together.
 Wed 13 Sent sheep to Warrnambool. LYALL (James) came and got sheep.
 Thu 14 Just more work with oats and barley.
 Fri 15 Tom (BOSTOCK) went to Warrnambool.
 Sat 16 To Spring Farm to see how the wheat was. Carting more Barley.
 Mon 18 Cleaned stockyard. SNOW (Henry, a Butcher) got 43 sheep. Put straddle in order for hay. ANDREW (?) came out from Warrnambool with his team of horses to help cart the hay.
 Tue 19 Carting oats and barley. Tom (BOSTOCK) came back from Belfast (Port Fairy).
 Wed 20 Carting hay and reaping wheat etc.
 Thu 21 same again !!!!
 Fri 22 Went over to Mr. JELLIE's (Wm. or James) to see a reaping machine trial. Sold Mr. TIERNEY (Thomas) the young bull Blue Bell's calf. Started reaping Adelaide wheat.
 Sat 23 Sent 5 men to Spring Farm. Jimmy & Ernest (BOSTOCK) came. Sent wagon dray to Rosehill
 Mon 25 Dressing haystack. Tom (BOSTOCK) started carting hay at Rosehill. Reaping Adelaide Wheat.
 Tue 26 Reaping and then to a party at Mrs AITKIN (*Mary Meacock Manifold AITKIN*)
 Wed 27 Returned home. FIDLER (Tom) and SHELDRIK (Walter) got some sheep. (*SHELDRIK had many dealings with Gussy until he bought a Brewery 1867. Thomas FIDLER, butcher in Liebig Street*)
 Thu 28 Tom (BOSTOCK) carting hay at Rosehill. Reaping Adelaide wheat at Spring Farm. LATTA (William) started carting wheat off hill farm.
 Fri 29 Got home logs for bottom plates for cart shed. Started reaping wheat next to DOY's? fence.
 Sat 30 Finished getting logs home. Finished reaping wheat near house.
 Sun 31 Went to Warrnambool and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out.

FEBRUARY 1858.

Mon 1 Started reaping English wheat next to LATTA's (Wm.) fence. Putting the pump in order.

- Tue 2 Reaping English wheat next to LATTA's (Wm.) fence.
 Wed 3 Brought home sleepers for shed.
 Thu 4 To Belfast (Port Fairy). Party at Mr. RUTLEDGE's (Wm).
 Fri 5 Returned home from Belfast.
 Sat 6 Measured up and paid off some reapers at Spring Farm.
 Mon 8 Thrashing Cape Barley.
 Tue 9 Thrashing Cape Barley. To a Ball at W'bool.
 Wed 10 Return home. Thrashing barley and oats.
 Thu 11 Ernest (BOSTOCK) drove Jane (*nee MACKERSEY w/o Thomas BOSTOCK*) to Warrnambool.
 Thrashing wheat at LATTA's (William).
 Fri 12 Carting oats to the shed, but too wet to finish.
 Sat 13 To Road Board meeting W'bool. Stay all night. WHEELER and TIERNEYS (Thos) at
 Grasmere.
 Sun 14 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came home with me. GORING and Mr. PATERSON (*Robert Brand*)
called.
 Mon 15 WHEELER (Wm or Jas) and TIERNEYS (Thos) started for Belfast. Thrashing at LATTAs
 (Wm). Carting in last of the oats. Went to DOYS to see about the bullock team.
 Tue 16 Finished thrashing at LATTAs (Wm). Set machine down at Spring Farm. Carting in wheat
 ready to start the machine.
 Wed 17 Started thrashing at HOYS (A) out of field.
 Thu 18 Thrashing at Spring Farm. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) called on way to Mt. Shadwell. (*George built*
The Mill at Mortlake in 1856).....
 Fri 19 Heavy rain. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came from Mt. Shadwell.
 Sat 20 Thrashing at Spring Farm. Put up cart shed.
 Tue 23 Put up partition in barn. Wet in afternoon.
 Wed 24 Finished thrashing at Spring Farm. Loaded DOY's two drays ready to start to Warrnambool.
 Brought machine home and tied her down ready to thrash oats.
 Thu 25 Load two drays for W'bool.
 Fri 26 Thrashing wheat at Spring Farm. Putting up posts of the cart shed.
 Sat 27 To Warrnambool. Tom (BOSTOCK) drove Mrs. MACKERSEY (*Ann Harriett nee*
HEADLAM wife of John MACKERSEY of Kenilworth at Hamilton)
 Sun 28 Returned home from Warrnambool.

MARCH 1858

- Mon 1 Tom (BOSTOCK) started with Mrs. MACKERSEY to The Station. (Rosehill)
 Tue 2 Thrash wheat. To McCLUREs about battens.
 Wed 3 Man left with load of apples for diggings.
 Thu 4 Putting roof on cart shed. Thrashing wheat.
 Fri 5 Tom (BOSTOCK) returned from station.
 Sat 6 Carted last of wheat and went to Warrnambool.
 Mon 8 Collected the cattle to house paddock. Cleaning wheat. Move thrashing machine to LATTAs
 (Wm). SHELDRIK (Walter) got sheep.
 Tue 9 Thrashing at LATTAs (Wm) Thatching haystack. Went to Mr. HOOD's (Robert) for sheep.
 Wed 10 Started the sheep and returned home.
 Thu 11 Tom (BOSTOCK) went to meet sheep. Cleaning up the wheat.
 Fri 12 Tom (BOSTOCK) went into Warrnambool. Finished thatching haystack and finished
 thrashing for LATTAs (Wm).
 Sat 13 Last thrashing and cleaning up oats.

Gussy missed 10 days. for what ever reason !!!!!

- Thu 25 To W'bool to Election. Thrashing at Rosehill. Mr. BEAMISH (Rev. Peter Teulon. Vicar)
 came.
 Fri 26 Returned home from Warrnambool. URE came and got 75 bushels of oats for diggings.

- Sat 27 Weighing oats. Burning stubble. Digging potatoes at Spring Farm.
 Mon 29 WHITE took away the remainder of URE's oats. Burning stubble. Tom (BOSTOCK) thrashing at Rosehill.
 Tue 30 Sent for DOY's oats. Cart potatoes from Spring Farm.
 Wed 31 Went Mr. CASSIDY? (CASSADY) to look for cattle I bought at JELLIE's sale. To W'nambool.

APRIL 1858

- Thu 1 Returned home and went to conference of the Road Board at Yangery Prince
 Fri 2 William and Robert KEILLAR working on shed.
 Sat 3 Cart potatoes. Laid floor on shed. To Road Board meeting.
 Sun 4 Came home from Warrnambool
 Tue 6 Tom (BOSTOCK) went into Warrnambool. Paid ROBERTS & Co accounts.
 Wed 7 SNOW (Henry butcher) took away first lot of sheep...
 Thu 15 To W'bool to Road Board Meeting.
 Fri 16 Returned home. Went to see DOY & JENKINS (Allan) about carting goods to diggings.
 Sat 17 Went into Warrnambool. Brought out bran for the diggings. HARRINGTON arrived in the steamer. (*Dr. R. H. HARRINGTON, Coroner district/visited Grasmere often*) Sent load of wheat to W'bool.
 Mon 19 Putting up a division fence. Sent a load of wheat to Warrnambool.
 Tue 20 Sent in to bring out waggon with a load of bran. Went into Warrnambool to see George (BOSTOCK) off to Melbourne. (*It seems this was the last time he saw his brother George as he was in Tasmania when he died aged 32 at Campbell Town. Thel.*)
 Wed 21 Returned home and sent in a load of wheat and brought out bran. James (Jas. Wm. M. AITKIN) & Mrs AITKIN came. (*Mary Meacock nee Manifold AITKIN his mother*)
 Thu 22 Putting up the small paddock fence. Too wet to start teams for ARARAT.
 Fri 23 Started the waggon and drays with bran for diggings. (fibre !!!!!)
 Sat 24 To Warrnambool to the Road Board Meeting. Ernest (BOSTOCK) came home with me.
 Mon 26 Finishing small paddock fence. Building new stable for Spring Farm. Tom (BOSTOCK) commenced moving. (. *from Rosehill The diary will show, as we progress*)
 Tue 27 Went to E. STAINES sale at FOSTER's Flat. Making the pigyard fence.

Wednesday Augustus was away until Saturday 8th May and states that Tom (BOSTOCK) and myself drove up to Ararat Diggings. *Herewith another month in 1858 of life of Augustus BOSTOCK, known as Gussy.*

He spent his last years at a house in Hopetoun Street, Warrnambool, which he named "Vaucluse". His father Robert BOSTOCK built four storey homestead at Epping Forest, Tas. "Vaucluse". This came from his wife Rachael's links "Vaucluse" Sydney when her mother Elizabeth RAFFERTY occupied property (100ac).

MAY 1858

The diary does not start again until Saturday 15th May 1858.

- Sat 15 Home and bought some old sheep from SUTTON and WARE. (*A large WARE family*).
 Mon 17 Ploughing in oat flat for grass. John MACKERSEY came down. (*He was working Kenilworth at that time and married to Ann H. HEADLAM of Tasmania.*)
 Tue 18 Went to Belfast with John (MACKERSEY) and returned to Warrnambool.
 Wed 19 Returned home and Ernest (BOSTOCK) came with us to Rosehill.
 Thu 20 Fencing at Spring Farm, along Spring Creek Road. Ploughing in the mash for English grass. Weighed out wheat for ROSS ?
 Fri 21 Tom (BOSTOCK) and John (MACKERSEY) started up the country (Hamilton). Went down to Woodford. Went out and brought home the cow I have lost so long. Ploughing for English grass.

- Sat 22 To Rosehill. Jane (BOSTOCK) (Catherine Jane MACKERSEY) came down. Collected the cattle together. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out.
- Mon 24 Started putting up other line of fence at Spring Farm. Ploughed for grass seed.
- Tue 25 Drove Jane (w/o Tom BOSTOCK) into town. Sold wheat to MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK. Harrowing ready to sow grass. Got the sheep down from SUTTON's ?
- Wed 26 Killed some of the bacon pigs sowing grass seed in the mash. Jane (Jane nee MACKERSEY BOSTOCK) came down to put up room paper.
- Thu 27 ALLANs came from Rosehill. (Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM) Papering front room. Plough mash for grass.
- Fri 28 Went to Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board and to a party.
- Sat 29 Return home. Cart wheat to ROSS?. STAINES (? Jas) put up fence along road to Spring Creek.
- Mon 31 Sowed English Grass seed. (*? English grass originally brought in on ships from U. K). June 1858 is also when my forbear George BOSTOCK died Campbell Town, Tasm. Obituary in local press says, that he knew he had terminal illness, so we will see how long news takes to get to Warrnambool.*

JUNE 1858

- Tues 1 Went over to Spring Farm to see about fence and ploughing for grass.
- Wed 2 Went over to the farm at FOSTER's Flat to see how fencers were getting on. From there to Warrnambool. (This was the day George died 2. 6. 1858.)
- Thu 3 Returned home and LYALL (James) got some sheep. Finished ploughing flat for grass. Started ploughing for barley.
- Fri 4 Sowing English grass and went into Warrnambool.
- Sat 5 Tom (BOSTOCK) left for Van Diemen's Land. Went to election of new Road Board. Ploughed small paddock. Putting up the garden fence.
- Mon 7 Ploughing and working at the garden fence still Mr. Peter MANIFOLD called with Jimmy (BOSTOCK).
- Tue 8 Cutting chaff at Rosehill. Finished garden fence next to house.
- Wed 9 Went to Warrnambool and from there to Belfast (Port Fairy).
- Thu 10 Returned home and started ploughing on the rise at the side of the house.
- Fri 11 Delivered oats to DOY Putting the barn in order. Ploughing oats.
- Sat 12 Putting barn to rights. Went to Rosehill. Sent dray to Warrnambool with hay for Mr. AINSWORTH Got cask and spouting.
- Sun 13 Went to Warrnambool to get the mail per "Queen" steamer. This must have brought him news of George, but he says nothing about it at this time.
- Mon 14 Returned home. Sowing English and Cape Barley in cattle paddock. Dress a few sheep down here.
- Tue 15 Harrowing barley ground. Ploughing for oats. Carting stone for paving.
- Wed 16 Sent 4 bags of wheat to Warrnambool. Mr. PARKER (Samuel) called.
- Thu 17 Sowing first oats and went to Rosehill. DREW best sheep for Grasmere.
- Fri 18 Ploughing for oats while washing barn and shed. Sent ploughshare to Woodford
- Sat 19 Sowing, then ploughing and went to Warrnambool.
- Sun 20 Tom (BOSTOCK) returned from V. D. L. Mr. MANIFOLD (Peter ?) came with him. Returned home.
- Mon 21 Sowed in ploughed land. Ploughing near DOY's fence...
- Tue 22 Sent hay to ROSS Went to DOY about oats.
- Wed 23 Ploughing for oats. Moved all cattle over to Spring Farm. Got cow I bought from ADAMS (Wm) from Rosehill.
- Thu 24 Went to sale at Falla Park on account of cow I bought from Ernest (BOSTOCK) but didn't sell her. Went into Warrnambool.
- Fri 25 Returned home. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and Mr. MANIFOLD (Peter) went up to Purrumbete (*Camperdown Peter and John MANIFOLD*). Attended meeting of the School.
- Sat 26 Ploughing towards the little potato paddock. Splitting up hay in the yard.

- Sun 27 Jimmy (BOSTOCK and Mr. FRANCIS came from W'bool....
- Mon 28 To Rosehill too wet to sow.
- Tue 29 Sowing oats on land towards DOYs (Mr.) fence. Measured up STAINES (James ?) fencing at Spring Farm.
- Wed 30 Sowing oats. Commenced putting up pig sty.

Augustus didn't mention George's decease. I will add obituary from W'bool Exam. 11. 6. 1858.

The melancholy intelligence of the decease of Mr. George BOSTOCK of the firm of MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK on the 2nd instant was received on Wednesday last. Most of our local readers are well aware that for the past twelve months Mr. BOSTOCK suffered severely from a fatal disease and when he departed for Tasmania a few weeks ago, it was generally expected by his friends that he would never return. Mr. BOSTOCK was universally esteemed in this district and in him we lose one of our active leading men.

George is remembered in BOSTOCK plot at Warrnambool Cemetery, but was laid to rest in Anglican Cemetery at Campbell Town Tasmania where his parents were buried 1837 & 1847. He died 2nd June 1858 a day before his 32nd birthday and was buried 5th June 1858. Ann (nee COX) died Melbourne September 1865 aged 39 and is buried at St. Kilda Cemetery In that year 1858 that George died, Ann gave birth to a son George James BOSTOCK and one of her twin sons James Cox BOSTOCK died. That seemed to be the fate of so many of that era. Maybe some of you have special people in your family tree Well George and Ann are my special people. I have photos of both George and Ann, none of my grandparents Robert BOSTOCK b. 1850 and his second wife Grace Jago SARKIES b. 1880. Thanks for allowing me to share that with you. (Continuing with diary of Augustus BOSTOCK, a pastoralist on Grasmere, leased from Thos MANIFOLD. He owned many plots of land, but struggled to survive through years of hard work and mortgages. He employed others, many of whom lived on property.)

JULY 1858 -

- Thu 1 Putting up pigstys and putting water furrows in the sown ground.
- Sat 3 Sowing oats. Paving pig yard. Went to Warrnambool and from there to Belfast.
- Sun 4 Went out to "Leura". (*"Leura" was owned by Michael CONNOLLY and his wife Rachael Emeline BOSTOCK. They died 1855 & 1856 respectively. George BOSTOCK lived "Leura" when he first came to Port Fairy from Tasmania. He worked for Michael CONNOLLY for a time. "Leura" was held by Horace FLOWER in 1860"s. "Leura" remains today, - being about 3 miles west of Port Fairy.)*
- Mon 5 Return W'bool. Remain all night.
- Tue 6 To see MacGREGOR (Sam) about Purnim Farm.
- Wed 7 Plough toward stockyard. Look at Purnim Farm. Measure line fence for land FOSTER's Flat
- Thu 8 Putting up pigyard. Mr. BEAMISH (*Rev. Peter Teulon*) called and stayed all night.
- Fri 9 Sent seed wheat to ROSS (Mr.). Sowed oats next to small paddock.
- Sat 10 Sow oats next to small paddock at hut. To W'bool to see MacGREGOR about Purnim Farm.
- Mon 12 Sent the dray to town to bring out from the mill. Went to FOSTER's Flat to mark out line of fence. Open drains on sown land.
- Tue 13 Went down to Mr. MANNING's sale. (*Brothers Frederick Mullet & John Slade MANNING*). Went from there to Warrnambool.
- Wed 14 Brought home the cattle I bought at Mr. MANNING's (Frederick John) sale. Ploughing the ground where the stacks were taken up. Putting fence around the bridge paddock in order.
- Thu 15 Put cattle I bought from MANNING (Frederick John) over to Spring Farm. Too wet to plough.
- Fri 16 Putting fencing in order. Finished the Bee house. Delivered two cows to LAUDER (Mr. LAUDER ?) Got sheep from MANNING (Frederick John.)
- Sat 17 Went into Warrnambool. Agreed with MANNING (Fred John) to take Purnim Farm.
- Sun 18 Returned home and Ernest (BOSTOCK) came out with me.

- Mon 19 Finished ploughing short work towards DOY's log fence. Putting wire fence in order and putting up another wire. Ernest (BOSTOCK) returned to Warrnambool.
- Tue 20 Finished putting wire fence in order. Started ploughing English barley ground. Picked oats for sowing. Putting the carpenter's shop in order.
- Wed 21 Digging a drain and putting up a bridge at the swamp below the cowyard.
- Thu 22 Mr. KERR (Andrew) came and measured cultivation on Purnim Farm. Mr. MANIFOLD (Tom or Peter) and LYDIARD (Geo. C. J. P.) called and stayed all night.
- Fri 23 Went into Warrnambool with Mr. MANIFOLD (probably Thomas).
- Sat 24 Stayed in Warrnambool. Finished ploughing barley ground.
- Sun 25 Returned home.
- Mon 26 Ploughing next to LATTA's (William) fence. Rain too heavy to keep horses out. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned to Warrnambool.
- Tue 27 Ploughing over next to LATTA's (William) fence. Planted some cuttings of Laurels (Camphor ?) Laid lanes of it and Portugal laurels. DOY started for the diggings.
- Wed 28 Ploughing on hill in front. Cleaned drain to oat mash. Went to Spring Farm to see if ROSS was ready to commence small paddock. Went to Rosehill to count sheep on CLARKE's Farm.
- Thu 29 Sent Andrew (KERR ?) to Warrnambool with dray. Went to Woodford. Got balance of sheep from LAUDER (Mr. LAUDER ?) Went on to Warrnambool.
- Fri 30 Plough the hill opposite house. Cleaning drain from LATTA's (Wm.) fence to mash drain.
- Sat 31 Sowing oats towards DOY's log fence.

(I just want to say thank you for what you are doing, I look forward to the entries that you publish from time to time of Augustus BOSTOCK. I had family, Jenkin JENKINS who lived and farmed at Vrowen farm in January 1850 near Grasmere and although I have never seen Augustus specifically mention him in his diary, I feel his presence through Augustus's words about the hard unrelenting work, the non stop battle to make a living there, the feasts and the famines. These diaries paint an amazing down to earth picture of how it was. It is fascinating. I recently visited Grasmere, Purnim, Woodford, Warrnambool on holiday and soaked in the history, this is a great corner of Victoria and I love it. Keep up the good work.... best wishes.... Gordon). (At this time George BOSTOCK of MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK Bond Store, was deceased and Augustus has taken on responsibility of legalities of family enterprises. Augustus in August 1858)

AUGUST 1858

- Sun 1 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out from Warrnambool. Went for a ride to FOSTER's Flat.
- Mon 2 Sow oats on English barley ground. Jane (Cath. J. MACKERSEY) & Annie (Ann COX wid of George BOSTOCK) came and went to Rosehill. (Thomas & Jane BOSTOCK lived) Splitting props for fence.
- Tue 3 Opening water furrows in the last sown. Proposing sideline fence. Commenced ploughing small paddock at Spring Farm. Sowed last barley.
- Wed 4 Sowing oats next to LATTA's fence. Brush line of fence between Spring Farm and JENKINS (Allan). Commenced putting up place for calves. Send dray to KEILLARs (Robert) to be mended.
- Thu 5 Sowed oats on bank in front.
- Fri 6 Sowing oats. Went FOSTERs Flat about laying garden. Called Rosehill and home by Spring Farm.
- Sat 7 Went into Warrnambool and stayed all night.
- Sun 8 Returned home. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out with me.
- Mon 9 LYALL (James) got some sheep. Cutting lambs from Spring Farm. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) drove Annie (Ann BOSTOCK) to W'bool....
- Tue 10 Sent Ernest (BOSTOCK) some pigs. Plough in front. Cut firewood
- Wed 11 Went into Warrnambool to go to CRAIG's (John Hollins) Sale.
- Thu 12 Returned home and finished ploughing the bank in front (of house).

- Fri 13 Went to Spring Farm. Saw the blacksmith about coming out and putting up shop (*blacksmith shop ?*) ploughing English barley ground. Splitting firewood near pigsty.
- Sat 14 The Boy brought sheep home from pound. Sent some of BIRD's (the Blacksmith) cattle to pound. Made fence at Spring Farm.
- Sun 15 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out from Warrnambool.
- Mon 16 Sowing Tartarian Oats in bank at front of house. Went over and settled the dispute with BIRD (Mr) about sheep getting into his grain. Split logs near pigsty.
- Tue 17 The Blacksmith [Mr. BIRD] commenced put up his shop. Finish piece of ground sown yesterday. Went to look for posts for another shed. Sowing PRICE's Prolific wheat in small paddock at Spring Farm.
- Wed 18 To W'bool. Call FOSTER's Flat to see how grubbing was going. Ernest (BOSTOCK) came with me.
- Thu 19 Went to Mr. MANNING's sale. (*MANNING Brothers Frederick & John*)
- Fri 20 Went over to Mr. MANNING's Sale. Settled the lease on Purnim with MANNING
- Sat 21 Went over to see about things at Purnim. Ernest (BOSTOCK) returned to Warrnambool. Went up to Rosehill. Clearing timber from bush paddock.
- Mon 23 Went to W'bool with Jimmy (BOSTOCK) Capt. HELPMAN (Benjamin F.) came out with me.
- Tue 24 To Purnim and down to Mrs. CASSIDY's to see about beef. Burning off logs in bridge paddock.
- Wed 25 Took the sheep over to Purnim and put into the forward grain in the back paddock. The Blacksmith (Mr. BIRD) commenced work at Spring Farm with the KEILLARs (Robert and William). Jane (Catherine Jane BOSTOCK) and Miss AITKIN (Margaret or Lucy) came down from Rosehill.
- Thu 26 Sowing oats in back paddock. Went to FOSTER's Flat to see about clearing land for garden and to see about fencing lane next to BOSTOCK's Road. The black horse shod ready to go into town.
- Fri 27 Sent dray into town and went in myself.
- Sat 28 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out and we went round the places. Tom (BOSTOCK) came down.
- Mon 30 Tom (BOSTOCK) and myself started for The Station.
- Tue 31 Got up as far as the Grange. (*This must have been when Thomas BOSTOCK first prepared to settle at a property 'Kenilworth North' near Hamilton.*)

Augustus BOSTOCK is still a bachelor being born c. 1833 and has been writing a daily diary since he came to "Grasmere" run c. 1854 and which he has leased from Thomas MANIFOLD. He was at "Grasmere" for many years before moving to Coomete, which he leased for decades from William BAYLES.)

SEPTEMBER 1858

- Wed 1 Stayed at the Grange and saw the first show at Hamilton. (*Seems like Augustus had a few days off while at Hamilton. He was a judge at many sheep shows in Western District and also in more eastern regions of Victoria.*).
- Tue 7 Returned down from the country.
- Wed 8 Went to Purnim to see how sheep were getting on. Ploughing the long mash for oats.
- Thu 9 Went to Warrnambool. Picked out oats for seed.
- Fri 10 Com. sowing oats in the Long mash. Went to Spring Farm to see how the cattle were getting on.
- Sat 11 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and AITKIN (*James Wm. Manifold AITKIN*) started for MANIFOLDS (? *Purrumbete John & Peter*) Com. plough in bridge paddock. Open water furrows in sown ground.
- Mon 13 Measured up fencing at FOSTER's Flat. Ploughing paddock at bridge and ground for tobacco. Grafted stocks at Rosehill. Went down to Woodford.
- Tue 14 Ploughing in paddock next to the bridge. Got beef from LYALL (James).
- Wed 15 Went to Belfast (Port Fairy) to attend the sale of "Leura"

(The home of Michael CONNOLLY- w/o Rachael Emily BOSTOCK. George BOSTOCK lived there during his early days at Port Fairy. After death of Michael & Rachael by 1856 property was sold/leased to Horace FLOWER relative of William RUTLEDGE. I have lease documents if anyone should be related. .) "Leura" is 3 miles west Port Fairy.)

Fri 17 Returned to Warrnambool at the same time as the Governor. (*Charles LaTROBE*)
Sat 18 Drove to Belfast. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned home. Sun 19 Returned to Warrnambool.
Mon 20 John (MACKERSEY) came down. Drove him and MANIFOLD (Thomas, John or Peter) over to Rosehill near Grasmere.
Tue 21 Finished up the paddock at the bridge. Went with MANIFOLD around "Grasmere". (*Most likely to be Thomas MANIFOLD who owned Grasmere*).
Wed 22 Sowing oats in the long mash. MANIFOLD returned to Warrnambool. Ploughing piece of ground left at Purnim. (*sounds like he had a lease on this Purnim land as well.*)
Thu 23 Opening the water furrows. cutting and trussing hay.
Fri 24 Opening the drains to let the water of the sown ground. Went into Warrnambool.
Sat 25 Finished trussing hay. Carting manure out of stockyard. Flood in the river.
Mon 27 Carting manure. Commenced holes for posts for the new shed, putting up the fowl house. Send down to the sawyers near Woodford for timber.
Tue 28 Sow oats in long flat. Put up fowl house.
Wed 29 Putting palings on fowl house. Digging holes for new shed. Opened water furrows.
Thu 30 Went into Warrnambool... (*A month has passed. It appears Augustus is expanding his property*). *What an amazing man, as he cared for many of his family, following family tragedies, which were so common in those early days. He wrote a diary from 1854 to 1920, the year of his decease. Thelma*

OCTOBER 1858

Fri 1 Home. To meeting of committee of school house. Went to a party at Mr. McGREGORs (Samuel).
Sat 2 Went to Mr. ALLANs. Got palings out by the dray. Sowing oats.
Mon 4 Carting manure. Putting up another rail. FIDLER (T.) came for sheep.

None until Monday.

Mon 11 Got sheep from Purnim to feed off oats near house. Cart manure and cutting firewood.

(No diary until 18. 10. 1858.)

Mon 18 Went down to Mrs SLATTERY's sale Weed mustard out of oats.
Tue 19 Went and brought up cattle bought at sale.
Wed 20 Cutting and brought home some posts for new shed. (William and Mickie COIL)
Thu 21 Cutting firewood. Brought cattle over from Spring Farm. Branded cattle bought from TIERNEY (Thos) and Mrs SLATTERY? Got home the cow that was running over at COILS (Wm)
Fri 22 Brought cows from Rosehill. Branded calves & cattle purchased. Got sawn stuff from sawyer.
Sat 23 Took some of the cattle over to FOSTER's Flat). Went to Warrnambool to sale of BATEMAN's & M. & B. 's horses. (*MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK Merchants, Warrnambool*)
Mon 25 Cut potatoes ready for planting. Harrowed piece of ground at Purnim for turnips and tobacco.
Tue 26 Went to Ball in Warrnambool in aid of Benevolent Society Building. Cutting potatoes and finished rolling grain.
Wed 27 Returned home. Cutting potatoes.

- Thu 28 Took grey mare to TIERNEY's (Thos). Bought 5 heifers and put in paddock at FOSTER's Flat.
- Fri 29 Commenced putting in potatoes at Spring Farm, but obliged to stop on account of clover. Ernest (BOSTOCK) came out.
- Sat 30 Mowing clover over at Spring Farm. Putting roof on fowl house. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to Warrnambool with Tom (BOSTOCK)

NOVEMBER 1858

- Mon 1 Put potatoes in at Spring Farm. Commenced putting up yard for washing sheep, Rosehill. Working at tobacco and turnip land Purnim. Ernest (BOSTOCK) & McGREGOR (Sam) started up country.
- Tue 2 Went into Warrnambool to attend the Court. Returned home and planting potatoes.
- Wed 3 Waited in W'bool for Court to open.
- Thu 4 Return home. Planted potatoes at Spring Farm.
- Fri 5 To Warrnambool again to attend Court. Returned home and planting potatoes.
- Sat 6 Went up with PARKER (Samuel) to look at the road to be grubbed and cleared.
- Sun 7 Returned home and Ernest (BOSTOCK) returned down to the country.
- Mon 8 Commenced washing sheep. Planting potatoes at Spring Farm.
- Tue 9 Wash sheep. Plant potatoes at Spring Farm. Planting Purnim. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and WARE
- Wed 10 Finished washing sheep. James (BOSTOCK) commenced potatoes at Purnim. Donald (? McDONALD) commenced getting stone for dairy.
- Thur 11 Went to Warrnambool. Sent in tender for road to Spring Creek.
- Fri 12 Com. shearing lambs. HAWKINS (Wm Lilly) LYDIARD (George ?) & Co. came to shoot pigeons.
- Sat 13 Sent dray to Warrnambool. Planted potatoes at Purnim. Quarrying stone for dairy.
- Mon 15 To Purnim to see potato planting. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) & HORNE (Geo. S. W.) went shooting on dam.
- Tue 16 Commenced shearing old sheep. Finished planting potatoes at Purnim.
- Wed 17 Carting stone for dairy and shearing sheep.
- Thu 18 Carting stone. Shearing at Rosehill. Donald commenced building dairy.
- Fri 19 Drawing timber to the two rail fence at Purnim. Shearing.
- Sat 20 Finished shearing and went to Warrnambool. Finished securing fence at Purnim.
- Mon 22 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went down to see engaged for thrashing. Packed wool at Rosehill. Harrowing potatoes at Spring Farm.
- Tue 23 Harrowing potatoes at Purnim. To Rosehill and packed last bale of wool. Tom (BOSTOCK) went with PARKER (Samuel) to see line of road to Caramut.
- Wed 24 To Warrnambool. James (BOSTOCK) took in wool. Brought out bags and flour.

(Seems he picked up his pen again on Friday 17th December.)

DECEMBER 1858

- Fri 17 Went down to Ball at Belfast. MACKERSEY (John) went down with us.
- Sat 18 Returned to Warrnambool. Stayed all night and came home Sunday.
- Mon 20 John (MACKERSEY) came down and spent the day with us.
- Tue 21 Too wet to start to Kenilworth (North) near Hamilton. *(John MACKERSEY & wife Ann Harriet HEADLAM)*.
- Fri 24 Went and looked at the sheep. (Christmas Eve.)
- Sat 25 Dined at John's. (John & Ann MACKERSEY) at Kenilworth North.
- Mon 27 Went with John (MACKERSEY) down to Hamilton. Played a short game of cricket. Called Mr. McKELLARs (possibly Donald ?) on our way back.
- Tue 28 Start to home. Got as far McARTHURs .
- Wed 29 Got home. Reap oats Purnim and Grasmere.

- Thu 30 Went to Purnim, FOSTER's Flat and Warrnambool. Mr. MANIFOLD (Tom) and AITKINS (? James Wm. M. AITKIN and mother Mary AITKIN) returned from the country.
- Fri 31 BUCKNAL started to bring down sheep. To Mrs. ALLAN's party.

JANUARY 1859

- Sat 1 Go to Spring Creek about road.
- Mon 3 Carting hay at Purnim, reaping oats at Grasmere and Purnim. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) returned to Warrnambool.
- Tue 4 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) started for Geelong to get up Steam Thrashing Machine. Finished carting hay at Purnim.
- Wed 5 Carting Barley, finished oats that were ripe at Grasmere and Purnim.
- Thu 6 Drove (*horse & cart*) Jane (*nee MACKERSEY BOSTOCK*) into Warrnambool.
- Fri 7 Carting oats Purnim and Grasmere. SNOW (Henry) got lambs. I went to Rosehill.
- Sat 8 Too wet to reap, so went to Warrnambool.
- Mon 10 Return home. MANIFOLD (Thos) came. CRAIG (John Hollins) came for loading for diggings.
- Tue 11 Reap wheat at Purnim. Attend meeting at school house (Grasmere).
- Wed 12 Went to Warrnambool. CRAIG (John Hollins ?) started for the diggings.
- Thu 13 Move horses to Spring Farm. Sent dray to town. Got flour for Purnim.
- Fri 14 SNOW (Henry) got lambs. Reaping wheat at Purnim.
- Sat 15 Sheep arrive from Kenilworth (*John MACKERSEY's property*). Tom (BOSTOCK) went grubbing and clearing at Spring Creek....
- Mon 17 Measure up some of reaping. Drew the black sheep. Carting oats.
- Tue 18 Cart all oats cut at Grasmere and paid off reapers from Purnim. Went to Mrs ALLAN's party
- Wed 19 Stay W'bool. ...
- Thu 20 Mr. MANIFOLD (Tom) & Mr. MUSGROVE (A. W.) came home with me
- Fri 21 Start mowing hay Grasmere. To Rosehill. Tom (BOSTOCK) took Miss Hutton to go on steamer
- Sat 22 Measure reaping for ROSS Mow hay at Grasmere.
- Sun 23 Drove Jane (BOSTOCK) to W'bool.
- Fri 28 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned from Geelong. Taking down oat stack at Purnim on account of wet.
- Sat 29 To W'bool and brought Miss MACKERSEY ?
- Mon 31 To Warrnambool and drove out Annie (COX). Steam thrashing machine arrived. GREIG came for loading for diggings.

(? GREIG family married into Gussy's line at later time.) (*Ann COX was dau/o James COX, Clarendon, Tasm. George BOSTOCK was s/o Robert & Rachael BOSTOCK of Vauclose, Cleveland, Tasm. They m. 1849, lived Warrnambool. George was merchant with Thomas MANIFOLD as MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK as in replica at Flagstaff Maritime Museum Warrnambool. George returned to Tasmania where he d. 2. 6. 1858 of an abscess. We have just found gravesites at Campbell Town. The MACKERSEY family came from Greenhill at Macquarie River. Rev John MACKERSEY originally from Scotland started school and church "Kirklands" which still stands today. We visited early 2003. The TAYLOR family, many of whom are laid to rest there, own property today beautiful country. Edward Robe BOSTOCK (Jellalabad) cow/o George, Thomas, James, Ernest and Augustus married Mary MACKERSEY, while Thomas Edward BOSTOCK married Catherine Jane MACKERSEY (called Jane). Greenhill, with original old barn is situated on bend of Macquarie River. Thomas MANIFOLD was bro/of John & Peter MANIFOLD who, as pioneers, developed "Purrumbete" Camperdown, while Thomas MANIFOLD owned Grasmere, leased to Augustus BOSTOCK.) Continuing Diary of Augustus BOSTOCK (1833-1920) as he worked 'Grasmere' run north of Warrnambool, Victoria.*

FEBRUARY 1859

- Tue 1 Thrashing at Purnim. GREIG left for the diggings. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went into Warrnambool. Carting wheat at Purnim. Reaping oats at Grasmere.

- Wed 2 Thashing oats at Purnim. Ernest (BOSTOCK), HANNAFORD (Samuel) and Tom (Thomas BOSTOCK) came out from Warrnambool.
- Fri 4 Thrashing wheat. ROSS carting wheat. BUCKNAL returned from Spring Creek.
- Sat 5 Went to Warrnambool and brought out Hamilton to look at Steam Thrasher. Took Annie (Ann 'nee COX' BOSTOCK) into Warrnambool (*sis. in law of Augustus –wife/o George who died 1858*).
- Tue 8 Sent three loads of wheat to Warrnambool. Thrashing at Mr. MANN's (George). Tom (BOSTOCK) went to Belfast to Mr. BLACK's (Neil ?). Nomination.
- Wed 9 Thrashing at Mr. MANN's (George). Went to Foster's Flat. ALLAN (Wm. /John) working Purnim. Sent wheat to Warrnambool. Too wet to cart in oats at Grasmere. Tom (BOSTOCK) went to Belfast to Mr. BLACK's (Neil ?) nomination.
- Thu 10 Finished thrashing for Mr. MANN (George). Thrashing at MURPHY's (Dr. Francis). Sent four loads of wheat to Warrnambool.
- Fri 11 Sent two loads of wheat to Warrnambool. LYALL's (James) boy got some sheep. Two men came down from road. Carted some oats.
- Sat 12 Thrashing at MURPHY's (Dr. Francis). Tom (BOSTOCK) and I went up to Spring Creek to see about road. Stayed at Purnim all night.
- Sun 13 Returned home with P. (Peter) and T. (Tom) MANIFOLD and AITKIN (J. W. M. AITKIN).
- Mon 14 To W'bool, stayed all night. Thrashing for ARNEL (Frederick).
- Tue 15 Returned home and Mr. MANIFOLD (?Thos)with me. Thrash for IDEN? Carting oats from paddock.
- Wed 16 Thrashing for ROSS Carting wheat from Spring Farm.
- Thu 17 Finish carting wheat. Move machine to DOY's.
- Fri 18 Went to Spring Creek to see road. Carting oats from back paddock.
- Sat. 19 Went to Warrnambool to the Election. Finished carting in oats.
- Mon 21 In Warrnambool County Court (Magistrate) JENKINS HUGHES case. MANIFOLD (?Thomas) came out with me. Wm. ALLAN & BOWIE stayed all night.
- Tue 22 Thrashing for BOOTH (? Chas). Mr. MANIFOLD (?Thos) returned to W'bool. Carting in hay.
- Wed 23 Moved the machine and commenced thrashing for LATTA (William)
- Fri 25 Getting thatch for haystack. To Warrnambool to Bachelor's Ball.
- Sat 26 Two EDDINGTON's (Harry Campbell ?) came home with us. Finished thrashing at (Wm) LATTA's. Moved machine to FINNS (Thomas). ELLIS & Ernest (BOSTOCK) got thrashing machine. Agreed with Martin WILLIAMSON for two bullock teams at Purnim. BUCKNAL started for Kenilworth (Run of John MACKERSEY).
- Mon 28 Get thatch ready for haystack. Move machine FINNs (Thos) to VIRTUEs. LYALL (Jas) got sheep.

MARCH 1859

- Tue 1 To W'bool, from there to McGREGOR's (Sam) sale of sheep. Finished thrashing for VIRTUE.
- Wed 2 Moved machine to DELANEY's. Agreed with ALLAN (? Wm.) for two months. Finished thatching haystack. Putting up hurdle yards for sheep. Carting wheat from Purnim to W'bool.
- Thu 3 Went to Belfast to see Mr. HOWES (*Dilmond John HOWES Inspector of Road Works.*) about road at Spring Creek. Thrashing machine went to DELANEY's to commence thrashing.
- Fri 4 Remained in Belfast as HOWES (Dilmond John) had not returned home. Went to see Mr. ROBS (? ROBB) machine.
- Sat 5 Returned to Warrnambool. Spent the night at McKIERNIN's (*W. H. McK. Road Contractor*)
Returned home on Sunday.
- Mon 7 Finish thrashing at DELANEY's Com. ploughing back paddock at Purnim for the first time.
- Tue 8 Went up to Spring Creek to meet Mr. HOWES (Dilmond John). Came home again as Mr. HOWES (Dilmond John) did not come.
- Wed 9 Went to Spring Creek again and from there to Mr. McSUTHERS Ploughing with Tommy and Rattler in the small tobacco paddock. The last sheep came.

- Thu 10 Went to Caramut. Paid off LYNCH for grubbing and clearing (of road ?) Stayed all night at Mr. WARE's (?Minjah Jeremiah Geo. WARE ?)
- Fri 11 Returned home and ploughing in small paddock.
- Sat 12 Went into Warrnambool. Machine thrashing at COLEMAN's
- Mon 14 BUCKNAL return with cart from Spring Creek. Mr. GREIG came for loading for diggings.
- Tue 15 Mr. GREIG left. Mr. TOZER (Francis) called and took away Mr. BEAMISH's (Rev. Peter Teulon) mare. FINN (Thomas) called and paid for thrashing.
- Wed 16 Went to Warrnambool races. Thrashing at Mr. MURISON's ?
- Fri 18 Returned to Warrnambool and stayed all night at Rosehill.
- Sat 19 Returned home. Went to Purnim to look at sheep. Drafted off portion of the B7 sheep and sent them to Spring Farm. ROSS brought over spare bags. Gathered last apples.
- Mon 21 FIDLER (T.) came out for sheep. Moved thrashing machine to MOONEY's (John)
- Tue 22 Moved some sheep over to Spring Farm. Branded portion of calves. John MACKERSEY (*husband of Ann Harriett HEADLAM came from Kenilworth, Hamilton. John was a lifetime friend of Augustus BOSTOCK while his sister was married to Thomas Edward BOSTOCK*)
- Wed 23 Collected some of the cattle ready for the sale. Sent the dray to Warrnambool.
- Thu 24 Sold surplus cattle and implements etc.
- Fri 25 Delivered cattle sold at sale. Moved those not sold to Purnim
- Sat 26 Went to Warrnambool to Mr. MANNING's (F. M. & J. S. MANNING.) sale of Purnim. Settled with MACKERSEY (John) for last lot of sheep.
- Mon 28 John (MACKERSEY) started for The Station (Kenilworth North). BROWN (?) and mate went up with cart to finish the road. To BRISTOES (? BRISTOW) Bought some seed wheat for Purnim. Settled with KIDMAN for reaping.
- Tue 29 Tried to water the flat with pumps. Ploughing back paddock for first time.
- Wed 30 Went to Warrnambool and settled with McGREGOR (Samuel) for proceeds of sale. Machine moved to CONRICK's. (*Most probably Patrick CONRICK who m. 1850 Ellen MOLAN. Their son John CONRICK along with Robert BOSTOCK were first white settlers on Cooper Creek 1872. Augustus was Robert's guardian, after both his parents were deceased by 1865.*)
- Thu 31 To Spring Farm to see if worthwhile grubbing land for cultivation. LYALL (Jas) got some sheep.

APRIL 1859

- Fri 1 SNOW (Henry, a butcher) sent out and got some sheep. Harrowing back paddock at Purnim after first ploughing.
- Sat 2 Went into Warrnambool and sold SNOW (Henry) 200 sheep.
- Sun 3 MANIFOLD (Thos) AITKIN (*Jas Wm M. AITKIN*) and MANNING (Frederick or John) came out.
- Mon 4 Commenced harrowing back paddock for second time. Putting gate up to sheepyard. Sowed seed of pine, fir and oak etc. Got some spars for wall plates for the cow shed.
- Tue 5 SNOW (Henry, butcher) sent out and got 50 sheep, the first of his 200. Martin WILLIAMSON came to Purnim to plough. Drew some sheep from Spring Farm and put in home paddock. GREIG got loading for the diggings. Harrowing second time at Purnim.
- Wed 6 Commenced ploughing with bullocks at Purnim. LYALL (James) came and took away some of his cattle (Five). Men returned from the road.
- Thu 7 Commenced ploughing with black horses at Purnim. LATTA (Wm) got away thrashing machine.
- Fri 8 Went to Warrnambool to see MANNING (Fred or John) off. Went on steamer "Admilla". Bought a pair of scan harrows from Mr. McGREGOR (Samuel)
- Sat 9 Sent dray to Warrnambool and got out harrows bought from Mr. McGREGOR (Samuel).
- Mon 11 To W'bool, from there to PARRY's Sale. CONRICK [? Pat] delivered the seed wheat at Rosehil
- Tue 12 Cleaned up seed wheat.
- Wed 13 Got over some seed wheat from Rosehill. John MACKERSEY came down from The Station.
- Thu 14 Went to Warrnambool and from there to Belfast Races. Sowing wheat.

- Fri 15 Return to Warrnambool and then home. Sowing PRICE's prolific wheat at Purnim.
- Sat 16 Sowing wheat. Mr. TOZER (Francis) called and took away small bay horse left grey one. John (MACKERSEY) and Tom (BOSTOCK) drove to W'bool.
- Sun 17 Went up to Rosehill. (Thomas BOSTOCK)
- Mon 18 John MACKERSEY started for home. Robert MACKERSEY went with him. (*Brother ?*) Rolling the piece of ground first sown at Purnim. Went to Mr. TOZER's (Francis).
- Tue 19 Plough and sow at Purnim. Went to see thrashing machine. Machine moved to Mr. LYALL's (Jas)
- Wed 20 Went to Belfast to see Mr. HOWES (*Dilmond John Inspector of road works*) about passing the road. Stayed all night at Mr. FLOWERS (Horace) at "Leura". (*"Leura" is three miles west of Port Fairy Belfast. This was the property of Michael CONNOLLY before his death 1855. George BOSTOCK lived there with him c. 1840 when he arrived from Tasmania to work.*)
- Thu 21 Returned to Warrnambool and went to the Warrnambool Show. Thrashing machine started on it's way down to Mr. PICKERING's (William)
- Fri 22 Stayed all day in town (Warrnambool). Returned home (Grasmere) in the evening.
- Sat 23 Finished ploughing wheat ground in paddock at Purnim. Sowed portion. Agreed with boy to take ANDREW's place. (Joseph ANDREWS)
- Mon 25 Thrashing machine commenced Mr. PICKERING's (Wm). Squaring logs for shed at cowyard.
- Tue 26 Went into Warrnambool to see GAUNT (? J. M.) respecting deposit on account of road construction. The members of the Road Board went to look for best line of road to Spring Creek.
- Wed 27 Commenced taking up potatoes in small paddock at Spring Farm. SNOW (Henry) came for fifty sheep and FIDLER (T. butcher) forty sheep.
- Thu 28 Taking up potatoes at Spring Farm. Sent the dray to Warrnambool with 400 bags to MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK's Co. (*Thomas & George's Bond Store*).
- Fri 29 Taking up potatoes at Spring Farm. LYALL (Jas) took away some of cattle he bought at sale
- Sat 30 Went to Warrnambool. Taking up potatoes. Stayed all night at Rosehill.

(Letter from Sally who is on the Western District List and now lives at Caloundra.

Yes and my cousin Carol HOSE and I were friends with two children whose parents worked for the MANIFOLD's and I liked nothing better than to lean over the bannister in the house and slide down it when we were invited over the play. Lady MANIFOLD caught me one day and I thought I was "in for it now" but she just smiled and walked on. Carol's father Wilson HOSE bought "Black Rock" from his father (Thomas HOSE) a property a couple of miles further down the road and he and Sir Chester could talk "bullocks" till the cows came home. Last year I went back to have a look for the little Tallindert school I attended but I couldn't find it. Apparantly it is now a private home and I thought I could easily find it but no such luck. I drove on out to "Black Rock" to show my daughter the house but no one was home. . took a few photos though. It had just been sold for the 4th time in it's history. Sally FLYNN.

Sir Chester MANIFOLD owned Talindert homestead which is a few kilometres on the Colac side of Camperdown. Sir Chester was at one time Chairman of the VRC. Sir Chester's ancestors and the other MANIFOLD brothers family on the various homesteads around Camperdown (Purrumbete, Wirrigil, Danedite etc) were parishioners at St Pauls Church of England parishioners at Camperdown. The MANIFOLDS settled in the area around 1838 after John and Peter MANIFOLD, who had brought sheep to the Geelong district from Tasmania two years before, explored westwards. They found the freshwater Lake Purrumbete (most lakes on the plain are salt or brackish), and the good volcanic-soil grazing land in the vicinity of Mt. Leura, a large scoria hill one kilometre east of Camperdown.)

(The MANIFOLD family were generous benefactors to the town. The Clock Tower at Camperdown was erected at the intersection of the town's major commercial streets in 1897 in memory of Thomas Peter MANIFOLD who was killed in a riding accident in July 1895. The main street is named MANIFOLD

Street, and is a divided carriageway with an elm-tree median. Beth in Melbourne and formerly of Camperdown.)

I have noticed the name MANIFOLD in several postings to this list. The following is an amalgam of material from: *(Kyogle and District's Early Selectors and Settlers 1840 1920 by Bruce WILSON (my father) and Kyogle a Part of Paradise by V G ALCORN. Sir Chester MANIFOLD owned 'Talindert' stud near Warrnambool. Yangarie Station on the upper Richmond River in northern NSW was bought by MANIFOLD and McKINNON in 1902 who then privately subdivided the property into farms. After surveying the farms, they equipped them with fencing, house and bails and necessary improvements to make each farm viable. Families stated to have been associated with the MANIFOLD name in Victoria were: Jim BROWN, who married Alice TomPKINSON. Before coming to the Kyogle district in 1906, Jim was head gardener for MANIFOLD in Victoria at a salary of 50 pounds per year. Jim and his wife travelled by steamer to Murwillumbah and then by horse drawn coach to Kyogle. Their first employment in the district was to manage MANIFOLD and McKINNONs first station dairy farm at Dourigan where they stayed until 1910 when they left to operate a tea room in Kyogle. (I grew up on the adjoining dairy farm). Another family was Alexander FLEMING and his wife Elizabeth LUCAS. Alex came from Norral (sic) and Elizabeth from Warrnambool. In Victoria Alex worked for Sir Chester MANIFOLD on 'Talindert' stud. Alex came to Kyogle in 1903 with his brothers George, Robert, Jack and William. As an aside, there are some who believe that MANIFOLD and McKINNON favoured Presbyterian buyers when disposing of their dairy farms from the subdivision of Wyangerie. I will be interested in any comments on the above as one of my interests is the movement of Victorians to the Kyogle district in the early 1900's. Incidentally, there is a public school called "Manifold" near road from Kyogle to Lismore. Bryson WILSON)*

Continuing with diary of Augustus BOSTOCK while a grazier on Grasmere.

MAY 1859

- Sun 1 Returned home in the evening from Rosehill (Thomas and Jane BOSTOCK).
- Mon 2 Finished taking up potatoes. Mr. TOZER (Francis) called about the thrashing machine.
- Tue 3 The thrashing machine is thrashing at John ALLENS. Sowing wheat at Purnim.
- Wed 4 Sowing wheat at Purnim. Went to Rosehill and went to a meeting of patrons of the school. Stayed all night at Rosehill.
- Thu 5 Sowing wheat. Went to DOYS to see about oats. SNOW (Henry, a butcher), got sheep.
- Fri 6 Went to Mr. TOZERS (Francis) look at cattle on station and stayed all night. Home Saturday.
- Mon 9 Went to Mr. TOZERS (Francis) to look at cattle and stayed all night.
- Tue 10 To Warrnambool by Mr. William ALLANS. Machine went to Mr. TOZERS (Francis).
- Wed 11 Ploughing two small paddocks at Purnim. Went to look at sheep.
- Thu 12 Sent the bullocks to bring the machine over from Mr. TOZERS (Francis). Sowing wheat at Purnim. To Warrnambool. Stayed to a party at Mrs. AITKINS (? Mary AITKIN nee MANIFOLD).
- Fri 13 Sowing wheat at Purnim. Went up to Rosehill to see about thrashing machine. SNOW (Henry) and FIDLER (T. both butchers) got sheep.
- Sat 14 Thrashing machine to Rosehill. Commenced, but obliged to leave off spindle being bent.
- Mon 16 Ploughing back paddock at Purnim and went to Warrnambool.
- Tue 17 Finished thrashing at Rosehill. Moved machine to Grasmere. Went to Mr. MANN's (George) sale. Set the machine ready to thrash.
- Wed 18 Commenced thrashing. Dealer came to look at cows.
- Thu 19 Went into Warrnambool.
- Fri 20 Thrashing oats in shed. Went to Caramut Ball.
- Sat 21 Finished thrashing. Ploughing in back paddock second time. Stayed all night with SUTTONs
Returned home on Sunday.
- Mon 23 Start making dip. Mr. TOZER called about mustering cattle.
- Tue 24 To Mr. TOZER's to muster cattle.
- Sat 28 Finish mustering cattle. Stay the night Mr. TOZERS.

Sun 29 Returned home.
Mon 30 Went into Warrnambool. Cleaning oats for EDDINGTON?
Tue 31 Too wet to plough potatoes at Purnim.

JUNE 1859 is a quiet one too.

Wed 1 Ploughing potatoes.
Thu 2 Went into Warrnambool and to Mr. TOZER's (Francis)
Fri 3 Mr. TOZER and myself started for Geelong.
Sat 4 Went from Timboon to Frenchman's
Sun 5 Arrived at Geelong.
Mon 6 Remained in Geelong.
Tue 7 Went down to Melbourne by the railway.
Wed 8 Remained in Melbourne.
Thu 9 Stayed in Melbourne.
Fri 10 Saw Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) and Marcus AITKIN. (*Marcus was s/of James AITKIN and first wife Jane 'nee SYNNOT' AITKIN who died young. James married secondly to Mary MANIFOLD sis/of Thomas MANIFOLD owner of Grasmere run. Thomas was also married to another Jane SYNNOT.)*)
Sat 11 Returned to Geelong by first train.
Sun 12 Rode out to James HUNTER's (*one of five HUNTER brothers who came to Victoria c. 1835. Alexander McLean HUNTER married in 1850 Eliza BOSTOCK, sis/ of Augustus*)
Tue 14 Started home and went as far as Frenchman's.
Wed 15 To Mr. WARE's
Thu 16 Stay Mr. WARE's (J. G. WARE ?)
Fri 17 Went as far as Mr HART's (?)
Sat 18 Got into Warrnambool. Returned home to Grasmere on Sunday.
Mon 20 Went into Warrnambool on the chance of seeing the TOZERs (Francis).
Tue 21 Sowed wheat in back paddock at Purnim. Sent dray to W'bool. Got out things ordered in town.
Wed 22 Sowing wheat. Feeding off self grown grain on flat with sheep. Went to Mr. TOZERs (Francis) to see cattle mustered. Arranged with him for brand of The Station.
Thu 23 Sowing wheat in back paddock. Tom (BOSTOCK) carted down.
Fri 24 Went to Warrnambool to meet Mr. TOZER (Francis). Settled about The Station. (*Junction of Hopkins & Black Rivers. I have documents regarding this property which was in the names of Augustus and James BOSTOCK 'brother' who was a commission agent in Warrnambool. This must have been the reason for visiting TOZER and helping with mustering cattle.*)
Sat 25 Finished sowing wheat in back paddock. Went to Election of New Road Board.
Sun 26 AITKIN (J. Wm. M. AITKIN) and MARGETTS (E) came over. (*Edward came from Melbourne as Posts and Telegraph Master in 1854 and was Actuary of the Savings Bank established in 1859. He was squatter at Purnim 1860. He was a long time friend of Augustus hunting and visiting often.)*)
Mon 27 Went to The Station to draw cattle. Went out on the Brucknell Annie went to Rosehill. Commenced ploughing in the flat for oats. Brushing the outside fence to keep sheep. (*Annie BOSTOCK nee COX widow of George BOSTOCK Bro of Augustus. George d. 1858. Augustus was the one in the family who cared for all those in his family who suffered loss of loved ones.)*)
Tue 28 Went out to the rises. Collected cattle for butcher and fattening.
Wed 29 Brought cattle over and put some on Purnim and DEVONs on Spring Farm. Brushing the fence on Purnim. Ploughing in the flat.
Thu 30 EMBERLY (John) left to go to Rosehill. Repairing fences. Moved horses to FOSTER's Flat. Went into Warrnambool. (*John EMBERLY was one of the first workers for Augustus in 1854.)*)

JULY 1859

Fri 1 Took some horses over to FOSTER's Flat. From there to Warrnambool and stayed all night.
 Sat 2 Returned home and ploughing the flat at Purnim.
 Sun 3 Ernest (BOSTOCK) came. We went over to Spring Farm.
 Mon 4 Sowing oats in flat at Purnim.
 Tue 5 FIDLER (T.) came out to look at fat cattle. Sold some fat cattle to JONES (*John*). (*Mr. JONES built 'Coomete'. John or Francis JONES was a neighbour to Augustus. John JONES was Trustee of Oddfellows Lodge in 1868. (It could be John or Francis.)*)
 Wed 6 Ploughing for oats at Purnim. Putting the bridge in repair. Branded all calves. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to see D. JENKINS (*I don't know who this was, but Allan JENKINS was neighbour to Augustus on property adjoining Grasmere run.)*
 Thu 7 Too windy to sow. Allan putting up MANN's (George) fence, which the cattle knocked down. Went into Warrnambool.
 Fri 8 Returned home. Took in 5 head of cattle for SHELDRIK (Walter) and three for FIDLER (T. both butchers). Stayed in town all night.
 Sat 9 To TIERNEY's (Thos) to kangaroo hunt. Return home. Ernest (BOSTOCK) came out.
 Mon 11 Delivered two fat cows to JONES (John). Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) came and got the holly. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for home and LYALL (James) came about sheep.
 Tue 12 Took cattle to FOSTER's Flat. Finished ploughing for oats Purnim. Sent dray for flour.
 Wed 13 Went into Warrnambool. Finished cutting the raspberries.
 Thu 14 Went to Station (? Junction of Hopkins & Black Rivers ?) Mr. MANNING (MANNING, Fred & John) called. Got cart for Purnim. FIDLER (T) came to see about sheep. Sow oats went to Rosehill.
 Fri 15 Mrs. BUCKNAL went over to The Station. Took sheep into Warrnambool to FIDLER (T). Went over to Mr. PARKER's (Samuel).
 Sat 16 To N. RUTLEDGE's (?) to see a bull. Went to sale at PICKERINGs (William) and went home.
 Sun 17 Went over to The Station.
 Mon 18 Pruning Gooseberries. James (?BOSTOCK) paid for three cattle. FIDLER (T) came out and took in three beasts.
 Tue 19 Ploughing at Spring Farm. Went with Tom (BOSTOCK) with cattle to pound. Pruned roses and other flowers.
 Wed 20 Ploughing at Spring Farm. Got four bags of wheat from Rosehill. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came over and took Mr. TOZER's (Francis) grey horse to Warrnambool. Packed up cuttings etc. for WHITE and John MACKERSEY.
 Thu 21 Sowing wheat at Spring Farm. JONES (John) called about cattle. COULTER got his load ready for Kenilworth (*John MACKERSEY held this run near Hamilton*).
 Fri 22 Went to Station but met Jimmy (BOSTOCK) on the way with cattle. Went to Warrnambool with cattle for SHELDRIK (Walter).
 Sat 23 Sowing wheat in paddock at HOYs (A.). Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and R. RUTLEDGE (Richard) went to The Station to look at bulls. To Joseph WARE's.
 Mon 25 Returned home from Mr. WARES (Joseph). Mr. WARE and Mr. DeLITTLE (Robert or Henry of Caramut) came down with me.
 Tue 26 Went to Warrnambool. Came home and finished ploughing. Sowing small paddock at HOY's (A). Planted out some cabbages.
 Wed 27 Went to The Station. Helped Jimmy (BOSTOCK) with cattle for SHELDRIK (Walter). To Station. H. EDDINGTON (Harry) went with me.
 Thu 28 Returned to Grasmere. Brought over cattle for Mr. JONES (John). Ploughing for fallow at Purnim. John EMBERLY came ready to cart in wheat.
 Fri 29 John EMBERLY took load of wheat to Warrnambool. FIDLER (T.) came out and took in some sheep. Went to Rosehill and Woodford to see LYALL (James, land at Russell's Ck.)
 Sat 30 Went into Warrnambool. Putting up division fence between paddocks.
 Sun 31 AITKIN (Jas. Wm. M.) and MARGETTS (Edw.) came and dined with us. Went to The Station to get cattle for W'bool. (*A busier month for Gussy. It seems this new Station at*

Junction of Hopkin's and Black Rivers was acquired for raising cattle. Gussy BOSTOCK was still a bachelor b. 1833 in Tasmania.)

AUGUST 1859

- Mon 1 Went out to lay off right of pre-emption.....
- Tue 2 Went to the rises and got cattle for butchers. Had stable burnt and grey horse and Mr. TOZER's (Francis) 'Privateer' burnt.
- Wed 3 Took cattle to SNOW (Henry), SHELDRIK (Walter) and FIDLER (T). Returned to Grasmere. EDDINGTON (Harry) stayed all night...
- Thu 4 Went to a meeting at THOMSONs (? Dr. THOMSON). From there to Warrnambool.
- Fri 5 Returned home and sowing oats in small paddock at Grasmere. J. KEILLAR (James) returned with horses from Mr. WARES (Minjah). Man came out from Warrnambool for cuttings. EMBERLY (John) took in load of wheat. Finished putting up posts/rails to LATTA's (Wm) fence.
- Sat 6 Putting spars to stop up ford to Mr. MANNS (Geo). Put wire on fences across to LATTAs (Wm) sidelines. Sent trees, flowers to Botanical Gardens. Took down fence running from the pigsty.
- Sun 7 Went to FOSTER's Flat to look for cattle and horses and from there to Alan McDONALDs to look at the saddle horse.
- Mon 8 Carted fencing for small paddock. Sent BUCKNAL (Mr.) over to The Station (Jct Black & Hopkins) with telegram for TOZER (Francis). Got over Annie's two mares. (Annie BOSTOCK widow of George d. 1858) Putting breaking tackle on Mr. WARE's two fillies. Finished ploughing small tobacco paddock. Finished paling of fowlhouse. Mended fence around small paddock. Moved 9 old cows from Purnim to back paddock, Grasmere. DOY's man came and got 2 bags sugar.
- Tue 9 Commenced putting up fence between the two wire fences. Finished sowing oats in tobacco paddock. Tom (BOSTOCK) came and we cut some small pigs. Moved some horses to Purnim. Boy mending log fence around back paddock at Purnim to keep out sheep. Went over to HOYs (A.) to look at the cattle. Finished the floor for the fowlhouse.
- Wed 10 Cart posts & rails. Sent Tommy and Rattler to Purnim with plough and harrows. To W'bool.
- Thur 11 Putting up fence in front, round small paddock. Commenced splitting some more posts. FIDLER (T.) came out and got forty four sheep. Tom (BOSTOCK) started for The Station. Took up small sheeppark. Commenced putting up stuff round small garden at hut.
- Fri 12 Went to Warrnambool. EMBERLY (John) took last wheat. Went to Mr. ALLANs (W. ?) Stayed all night. Putting up fence for horse paddock.
- Sat 13 Went into Warrnambool. Stayed all night.
- Sun 14 Returned home. Jimmy came (BOSTOCK) and stayed all night.
- Mon 15 Putting up fence in front of house, also round small garden at hut. Yoked Mr. WARE's two fillies to plough for first time. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned home and took Mr. TOZER's (Francis) grey horse. Sent hay to Purnim. H. TRENCHARD (Harry) called on his way to town.
- Tue 16 Working both fillies from Mr. WARE's (Minjah). Finished fence around small paddock. Putting steam engine in order. Bagging oats. Went to Rosehill. Put flower garden in order.
- Wed 17 Cleaning oats. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) brought some cows and bull for RUTLEDGE WILKINSON came with Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and stayed all night.
- Thu 18 Cleaning oats. John (MACKERSEY) brought up bull from RUTLEDGEs Brought hay chaff from Rosehill and Mr. TOZER's (Francis) trees. WILKINSON left. Tom (BOSTOCK) returned from MACKERSEY's (Kenilworth Nth). Putting up old fence on one side of garden. Putting white-faced bull in LATTA's (Wm) paddock. Went to Spring Farm to see if cattle were alright. Called up to see DOY about black horses. Went up to Rosehill.
- Fri 19 Tried horse from Kenilworth. To W'bool to Ball. Put up fence in the back of the garden.
- Sat 20 Went out for a hunt past Mr. ALLAN's (Wm or John). Stayed all night in Warrnambool.
- Sun 21 Return home. Harry EDDINGTON came out with me. Mr. TOZER came and stayed all night.

- Mon 22 TOZER (Francis) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for The Station (Black & Hopkins Riv.) Sold 2 black horses to DOY Cut off water on cultivation in paddock at Spring Farm. Mr. BARBER (George, solicitor) came and took away young Cherry. Putting up the garden fence. Making place in front of stables to keep water from running into the stable. Went to Rosehill.
- Tue 23 Putting pigsty in order ready to put pigs. Went to FOSTER's Flat and put hinges on gate. Called at Rosehill. Harry TRENCHARD left for W'bool. River is higher than it has been this year.
- Wed 24 Went to Rosehill. Dividing pigstys.
- Thu 25 Stoning pigsty and went into W'nambool.
- Fri 26 Went to Rosehill to see about chaff. COULTON (*possibly COULTER*) came to put Purnim fences in order. Went over to The Station to see about the right on pre-emption.
- Sat 27 Went out on The Station and measured right of pre-emption. Stayed all night at The Station. MACKERSEY (John) came down.
- Sun 28 Returned as far as Rosehill.
- Mon 29 Went to Warrnambool with MACKERSEY (John). Tom and Annie (*Thomas BOSTOCK & Annie 'COX' BOSTOCK*) came to Rosehill. Split rails for fence dividing mash and back paddock.
- Tue 30 Cart rails for fence next to grass paddock. Sent to MURISONs for horse for GILLES (*L. W. GILLES -1stst magist. 1854 -ex-Tasm*). To The Station with MACKERSEY [John]. FIDLER [T] got pig Bess.
- Wed 31 Went to Warrnambool to meeting of Mr. RUTLEDGE's (William) supporters. Stayed in Warrnambool. Commenced fence between grass paddock.

This seems like a busier than usual month, as far as the diary is concerned. . There are a lot of names and places there, which I needed to give space to. Augustus BOSTOCK was brother of George BOSTOCK (1826-1858) who married Annie COX (1826/1865) of Clarendon, Tasmania, sister of John COX of Port Fairy; Thomas Edward BOSTOCK (1828/1873) who married Catherine Jane MACKERSEY, (Tas. -Kenilworth North) sister of John MACKERSEY; James BOSTOCK (1837/1919) a commission agent in Warrnambool married Alice AITKIN. Ernest BOSTOCK (1834/1871) an agent and merchant in Warrnambool married Lucy Hannah AITKIN. Eliza BOSTOCK (1830/1902) who married Alexander McLean HUNTER; Margaret BOSTOCK (1824-1853) who married Lieut F. C. DOVETON; Rachael Emeline BOSTOCK 1822/1856 aged 34, who married Michael CONNOLLY (d. 1855). One brother Robert Walker BOSTOCK remained in Tasmania and died unmarried at Westbury. Charles BOSTOCK died during a bushrangers 'rustle' at Ellinthorpe Hall 1838 aged 21. Elizabeth BOSTOCK daughter d. 1824 Hobart 1824 as a young girl. The mother Rachael BOSTOCK was born 1800 to Elizabeth RAFFERTY in Sydney and d. 1837 in childbirth. Their father Robert BOSTOCK b. 1784 Bootle, Liverpool, U. K. d. 1847 at his home Vauclose,

SEPTEMBER. 1859

- Thu 1 COULTON (? COULTER) topping up fence round cultivation at Purnim. Stayed in Warrnambool to Mr. GILLES (Lewis W.) party. BROWN splitting palings for fencing.
- Fri 2 Return home. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came with me. Tom (BOSTOCK) and (John) MACKERSEY came. Went over to HOY's (A.) to see about cattle. Flood in the Merri River. Brushing the fence at Purnim.
- Sat 3 Got posts for gateway in the new fence. MACKERSEY (John) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) started for Kenilworth (Hamilton).
- Sun 4 Ernest (BOSTOCK) and MARGETTS (Edw) were out.
- Mon 5 Went to Woodford. Saw LYALL (James). Went to Warrnambool.
- Tue 6 Moved cattle from Spring Farm and Purnim. Took Tom's (BOSTOCK) cow up to him. COULTON (?COULTER) finished topping fence at Purnim. BROWN split palings for garden. Sent hay to Purnim.
- Wed 7 ALLEN (John William) went to Warrnambool. Cart some posts for side fence. Went to Rosehill to take Annie (BOSTOCK) to town but it was too wet. BROWN splitting palings for garden fence.

- Thu 8 To W'bool with Annie (BOSTOCK). From there to nomination of Mr. RUTLEDGE (Wm). Sent hay to Purnim. Cart posts for fence. Shut up pigs. Went from nomination to Belfast. Stayed all night.
- Fri 9 Returned to Warrnambool Went to Mr. McGREGORS (Samuel). Stayed all night. Finished putting up two rail fence next to grass paddock. Started fence from small paddock down to river.
- Sat 10 Finished fence down to the river. Pulled out to Mr. ALLAN's in boat. Stayed all night.
- Sun 11 Went Warrnambool. Stayed all night. Got the English mail.
- Mon 12 Commenced shearing at Purnim. FIDLER (T) came to look at sheep. Carted home palings for garden fence. Started putting some up. Agreed with Peter and mate to dig garden.
- Tue 13 Tom (BOSTOCK) to W'bool to take Annie (BOSTOCK) to Belfast. Cart home garden paling and nailed some up. Got flour for Grasmere and Purnim by dray. Shearing sheep at Purnim. Harry (? TRENCHARD ?) start dig garden. Move old cows from bullocks. Got cow and calf. Took hay to Purnim.
- Wed 14 Sent dray for things from town. Putting palings on garden fence. Raining very heavy. Made clothes horse for Mrs ALLEN. Too wet to shear. Bagged and sowed up oats. Turned some of PHINN's (FINNs) cattle out of paddock.
- Thu 15 River bank high DOY called over about English barley. Cleaning and bagging up oats. Sheep too wet to shear. Putting palings on garden fence. BROWN splitting palings. .
- Fri 16 Nailed palings to garden fence. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) brought cattle down from MACKERSEY's (John). COULTON (?Coulter) returned from Mr. EDDINGTON (Harry). Harry was digging the garden.
- Sat 17 Weighed oats for EDDINGTON (Harry). Went to Warrnambool. DOY came and paid some money for horses. Annie (*Annie nee COX* BOSTOCK) came to Rosehill.
- Sun 18 The Boys from Store came and dined with us.
- Mon 19 Went to CLANSE and ARNEL's electioneering and to look for Ernest (BOSTOCK). (John CLANCY and Frederick ARNEL). Mrs. MANIFOLD (Jane 'nee SYNNOT' MANIFOLD *wife of* Thomas), ALLAN etc. called and I went to Warrnambool with them. Taking down the old fence around garden. Digging the large square bed in the garden. Tom (BOSTOCK) started for Mr. WARES (Minjah).
- Tue 20 Went to Mr. SOMERVILLE's (Geo.) sale. Return to W'bool to dine at Mr. DUFFY's (Mr. C.)
- Wed 21 Returned home. Harry EDDINGTON came part of the way with me. TRENCHARD (Harry) came out and got Ernest's (BOSTOCK) mare and Toby. J. KEILLAR (James) gave notice of leaving. Finished garden fence round as far as old fence next to river. Got in two fresh cows.
- Thu 22 Went to Woodford to Election and from there to W'bool. Stayed all night in Warrnambool.
- Fri 23 Returned home. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came with me. Ernest (BOSTOCK) went to Melbourne on steamer "Lady Bird". Finished putting palings on garden fence.
- Sat 24 Move Bulls. Went through cattle Grasmere. Went up to Rosehill. Put some small pigs in sty.
- Sun 25 Tom (BOSTOCK) came down and dined with us.
- Mon 26 Went over to FOSTER's Flat with Jimmy (BOSTOCK) to look at cattle. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went home (Warrnambool). Henry TRENCHARD took in AITKIN's (Jas Wm. M. AITKIN) pony. Man from diggings came to buy cows. Putting old palings on fence round ground where carrots were. TRENCHARD (Henry) left Mr. TOZER's (Francis) chesnut mare, one Mr. FINN (Thomas) had in Warrnambool. Harry (EDDINGTON ?) & Peter digging garden.
- Thu 29 To W'bool to party at Mr. ALLENS (?).
- Fri 30 To Melbourne in steamer "Lady Bird".

OCTOBER 1859 & NOVEMBER 1859

- Sat 1 Went to see "Champion" race....
- Wed 5 Went on "Royal Shepherd" for Launceston.

(November. It seems like Augustus missed a week or two, and continues on)

Thu 10 Started in "Royal Shepherd" for Melbourne. Wm. LORD came with me.
 Fri 11 Got to railway pier, Melbourne.
 Sat 12 Went to see about transfer of The Station.
 Tue 15 Went on board steamer "The Lady Bird" for W'bool.
 Wed 16 Arr. W'bool- stayed all night.
 Thu 17 Pulled a boat race on Hopkins River. Went to a party at Mr. ALLENS (? Wm.)
 Fri 18 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) delivered cattle to SHELDRIK (Walter). Tom (BOSTOCK) drove LORD (William) and myself out. Branded cattle at Purnim.
 Sat 19 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) branded calf for HOY (A.). Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) came out.
 Mon 21 Went to Rosehill. Tom (BOSTOCK) came and went over to Purnim to look at wheat in back paddock and to look at sheep.
 Tue 22 Branded calves. Brought sheep from Purnim and divided them. Put our half on Grasmere. Ridging at Purnim with two teams. Commenced mowing at Purnim headlands at bottom of wheat.
 Wed 23 Went to Warrnambool. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) brought cattle for Grasmere and Purnim. TOZER (Francis) moved his horses. ALLEN (Wm.) went to Warrnambool with dray. Ernest (BOSTOCK) came to Rosehill on way to Mr. SHAWS (T.) Ridging up fallow ground at Purnim.
 Thu 24 Mowing Purnim. Went to Purnim and saw the cattle Jimmy (BOSTOCK) put on the top paddock. Carting wood and we had very heavy thunderstorm. Tom and Ernest (BOSTOCK) went to SHAWS (T.).
 Fri 25 Went to FOSTERs Flat to see cattle. Went to Rosehill and then to Spring Farm and brought home two cows with young calves. Mowing down wild mustard in paddock round house. SHELDRIK (Walter) came and took calf. Old white faced cow died from clover. Too wet to mow at Purnim. Moved Polly brindle cow from the bullocks.
 Sat 26 Mow wild mustard about house paddock. Went round cattle. H. TRENCHARD was out.
 Sun 27 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came over and stayed all night.
 Mon 28 Sold first lot of cherries. SHELDRIK (Walter) came out and we took in six head of cattle. Kate foaled at Purnim. Called at Rosehill (Thomas) on my way home.
 Tue 29 The two BESTs (Thomas BEST &) mowing down wild mustard. Went to Woodford to see LYALL (Mr. James) about his account, but he was in Melbourne. Stayed at Rosehill to tea.
 Wed 30 ALLEN (Wm.) laid up. BEST (T.) drawing out land at Purnim. Tom (BOSTOCK) went up to Caramut. Got the pony and MACKERSEY's (John) grey horse shod. Got in two fresh cows. Wm. LORD went out and brought Tom's (BOSTOCK) cow back. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas), MUSGROVE (A. W.) and Mr. NETTLETON (W. F. G.) were out.

DECEMBER 1859

Thu 1 Mended stall in stable. Finished drawing out long lands in large paddock at Purnim. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) brought 32 head of cattle from The Station. Went to Purnim to see if back paddock was fit for hay. Went to DOY's to see if he would take part of cow that was knocked up on the road. DOY's teams returned from the diggings.
 Fri 2 Went with Jimmy (BOSTOCK). Killed the cow that went lame at Spring Flat. Brought her home and sold her to SNOW (Henry) who took her away. Sold SNOW 6 bullocks with 2 of HARTs for Seventy Three Pounds to be taken Wednesday. Went to Warrnambool. Saw TOZER (Francis), NICHOLSON (Mark) and returned home. Called at Rosehill with letters.
 Sat 3 Tom (BOSTOCK) took Mr. TOZER's (Francis) bay mare here to grass. Mowing hay at Purnim. Went to Rosehill. John MACKERSEY came.
 Sun 4 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) Mr. TOZER and Mr. NICHOLSON (Mark) came over and dined with me. Mr. NICHOLSON stayed all night.
 Mon 5 To Warrnambool to see PATERSON (*Robert Brand PATERSON later his brother in law*) about a double moulded plough. Mowed headland at Purnim. Sent Mr. WARE's two mares back.

- Tue 6 Commenced mowing in back paddock at Purnim. Putting hay together that was first sown. Saw DOY about taking barn work of thrashing machine at Warrnambool. Went and saw cattle at HOY's (A).
- Wed 7 The "Fruit" man came and got cherries. Mow back paddock. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) called on his way to Belfast. MACKERSEY (John) and Tom (BOSTOCK) went to W'bool. (*Thomas & John were brothers in law. To, husband of Catherine Jane MACKERSEY*). Put another man on making hay at Purnim.
- Thu 8 To Warrnambool and Belfast to Amateur Turf Club races. Make hay at Purnim.
- Fri 9 Returned home. SNOW (Henry) got eight head of cattle and I sold him 10 more to be taken before 3rd of next month. Dined with Ernest (BOSTOCK) (*Gussy is brother of James, Thomas & Ernest*). Stayed all night in Warrnambool. "Fruit" man got last cherries.
- Sat 10 Returned home. Went to Purnim to see Mowers and from there to Mr. MANN's (George) and brought home bullock that had strayed.
- Sun 11 Tom (BOSTOCK), MACKERSEY (John) and three young ladies came. (*I could presume they were the three AITKIN girls daughters of James AITKIN and Mary Meacock Manifold AITKIN of Glen Esk, Tasmania*) I walked back to Rosehill with them. Ernest (BOSTOCK), Mr. WARE (? J. Geo.), MARGETTS (Edward) and AITKIN (J. W. M. AITKIN) came out from Warrnambool. (*Edward MARGETTS- Director of Posts and Telegraphs from Melbourne 1854 Actuary of Savings Bank 1859 and Squatter at Purnim 1860. He and Gussy shared many times together over years.*)
- Mon 12 South westerly wind with rain. Mowing at Purnim. Sent dray to Warrnambool and got double moulded for Purnim. To Rosehill to see Tom (BOSTOCK) but he had gone into Warrnambool with WARE (?)
- Tue 13 Too wet to make hay Purnim. To W'bool about going to Belfast to GANNON's Wedding.
- Wed 14 Went to GANNON's Wedding at Belfast. went to party Mrs RUTLEDGEs (? *Eliza 'nee KIRK'*)
- Thu 15 Returned to Warrnambool. Went to the races before returning home.
- Fri 16 Mowing oats at Purnim for hay. ALLEN (John) carting wood. BEST (Mr. Thomas) ploughing at Purnim in the fallow paddock. Agreed with Mrs. BEST for housework.
- Sat 17 The ALLENs (John) left. Mrs. BEST commenced work. Went to Warrnambool to a meeting at WALLs (?) about estimates.
- Sun 18 I went for a walk around Purnim.
- Mon 19 Went with Tom (BOSTOCK) and Mr. TOZER (Francis) to Mr. WARE's to see cattle. Stayed all night at Caramut. Three men making hay, left.
- Tue 20 Returned home. Mr. TOZER (Francis) took pony mare to horse Mariner. To Purnim and over to Mr. PHINS (Thomas) (? FINNs ?) to see about teams.
- Wed 21 Mowing hay in tobacco paddock. Putting hay together. To Warrnambool and LATTA's (Wm) about teams to cart hay. ANDREW's (Joseph ?) team came from Woodford. Took Mr. BEAMISH's (Rev. Peter Teulon BEAMISH) mare to Warrnambool. He came with Tom and me.
- Thu 22 Commenced carting hay to Purnim to Rosehill. Finished mowing tobacco paddock. Putting hay into windows. Brought back cow that got into LATTA's (Wm) paddock. Mr. TOZER (Francis) started for Geelong.
- Fri 23 Carting hay to Rosehill. Two McLEANs left. Went to see DOY about teams to cart hay. Went to Rosehill. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came. WHEELER (Wm. /James) and TIERNEYs (Thomas) came from Belfast. Brought bull from Purnim.
- Sat 24 DOY's teams carting to Rosehill. Went up to Rosehill. Putting hay in small tobacco paddock into COCKS. (*Looks like nothing was done this Christmas day !!!!!*)
- Mon 26 (*All men went to town, so no work done*). Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and PATERSON (Robert Brand) went to EDDINGTON's dam, snipe shooting. Went to Rosehill and dined.
- Tue 27 Carting hay to Rosehill. Went to Warrnambool about thrashing machine. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came with me and stayed all night.
- Wed 28 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to The Station. Went to Purnim to finish putting hay together in tobacco paddock. Carting hay at Rosehill. Mr. PARKER (Samuel) called. To REIDYs (J ?)

- about thrashing his oats. To DOY about taking to Warrnambool engine and from there to PHINS (Thomas) and agreed with SHIELDS to take in. Finished stack of hay Rosehill.
- Thu 29 Cart hay at Purnim. Put wheat off cattle to hay and three horses Brought cattle from lower flat at Purnim paddock Grasmere. Moved bullocks to middle paddock. Sent Steam Engine to Warrnambool to PATERSONs (Robert Brand) to put in order. PRICE called. Ploughing next to potatoes at Purnim.
- Fri 30 Carting hay Purnim. To Warrnambool about the thrashing machine. Saw Matt CLARKE about bringing part of machine. Agreed with WILLIAMSON (Martin) for team bullocks to cart to Purnim. Saw REIDY (J) about his thrashing. Agreed with an engineer to drive engine.
- Sat 31 Carting hay Purnim. Drew cattle that got into middle paddock, back to grass paddock. Wm. LORD saw JOHNSTONE Jim (BOSTOCK) came. BEST (Thomas) carting firewood.

At the start of 1960 Augustus BOSTOCK continues working "Grasmere" which he leased from his friend Thomas MANIFOLD. This was a busy year with new Steam thrashing machine. .

JANUARY 1960

- Sun 1 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came over. Went with PARKER (Samuel) out to EDDINGTON's Dam.
- Mon 2 Commenced thrashing REIDY's (John) oats. Carting hay at Purnim. Mr. PARKER (Samuel) and myself had a day snipe shooting.
- Tue 3 Went to Warrnambool and saw PATERSON (Robert Brand PATERSON) about account. Saw SNOW (Henry) about cattle bought. Joseph WARE came with Tom (BOSTOCK) to Grasmere and stayed all night with me. Carting hay and reaping wheat at Purnim.
- Wed 4 Mr. WARE (Joseph) went home. Took horses to HOYS (A) that got out. Went to see cattle. Saw DOY about thrashing. Called to see IDEN but not at home. Started with 15 head (CLEMENTS, ?) cattle to the pound. Met him on the road and I gave them to him on his agreeing to pay me 9d. per head. Went and saw that machine was set all ready to start Tom's (BOSTOCK) oats. Tom (BOSTOCK) drove Mrs. MACKERSEY (*Ann Harriet nee HEADLAM*) and Alice AITKIN into Warrnambool. Carting hay at Purnim. Looked at reaping.
- Thu 5 Thrashed Tom's (BOSTOCK) stack of oats. Moved the machine and started thrashing DOY's Discharged five men at dinner time and went to IDENs about his thrashing. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came and took away a bullock and 2 cows. Reaping wheat at Purnim. Carting hay.
- Fri 6 Finished thrashing DOY's ?oats. Moved machine to IDENs Carting hay. To Warrnambool and from there to Mr. ALLEN's party. Saw FIDLER (T) about account.
- Sat 7 Return W'bool. Went with James BATEMAN to look at his crops for thrashing. Stayed all night.
- Sun 8 Went to Warrnambool to see Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) and Mr. NICHOLSON (Mark) before they left for England. Came out home. (*Thomas MANIFOLD h/o Jane SYNNOT (Mark NICHOLSON h/o Lizzie COBHAM d/o Francis COBHAM & Mary McCRAE)*)
- Mon 9 Went to IDENs about machine. Called at JONES (John) to see about his thrashing. Went to HOY's (A) to see about cattle and cutting thistles. Too wet to reap. Carting hay. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came from Rosehill. Carting firewood at Grasmere and Purnim. BEST (Thomas) went and secured a panel next to small panel at HOYS (A).
- Tue 10 Went to machine. Saw Harry about reaping small paddock at HOYS A. Carting firewood and went to Rosehill. Killed a cow for DOY ROSS came about his thrashing. Finished thrashing at Mr. JONES (John) and moved machine to Purnim. Jimmy went home.
- Wed 11 BRADLEY took spindle off machine to Warrnambool to be put right. Put machine ready to commence thrashing at Purnim. Cutting firewood for machine. Carting firewood for house and went to Warrnambool. Tom (BOSTOCK) and Ernest (BOSTOCK) went with Mr. Wm. ALLEN. Brought MACKERSEY's dray. (*John of Kenilworth North, Hamilton*).
- Thu 12 Too wet to finish reaping. Putting thrashing machine in order. Carting wheat ready for thrashing, cutting firewood for engine. Went up to Rosehill about getting out bags for wheat.

- Settled our account with Tom (BOSTOCK). Move grey mare and two colts from grass paddock into bottom paddock at Purnim.
- Fri 13 Measured and paid reapers at Purnim. Carting wheat and commenced thrashing. James BATEMAN came up about his thrashing. Had a heavy fall of rain in evening.
- Sat 14 Too wet to thrash at Purnim. Cleaning oats. Sewing bags of oats at Grasmere. To W'bool Went with AITKIN (J. W. M. AITKIN) about thrashing at PICKERINGs farm. Stayed in town.
- Sun 15 Went to Mr. ALLENs (Wm) funeral. Went home and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out with me.
- Mon 16 Thrashing wheat at Purnim. CLEMENTS called about his thrashing. Went to see ROSS about the time he will be ready for thrashing. PETER reaping small paddock at HOY's (A). Went to CLEMENTS to show him how to place his stacks. Went to HUGHES about his thrashing. Called at Rosehill on my way back. Paid one machine man wages up to Saturday night. Saw William KEILLAR about making noseboards for calves.
- Tue 17 Carting wheat at Purnim. Took down top of haystack. Too wet so went to Warrnambool with Tom (BOSTOCK) to bring dog cart. Paid PATERSON (Robert Brand P.) Twenty Pounds on account. Paid gift subscription to Agricultural Association. Agreed with AITKIN (J W M) about thrashing, sold him pigs.
- Wed 18 Carting wheat at Purnim. Picked blackcurrants. Brought in two fresh cows. (*Gussy was still alone, so two cows would possibly supply milk for workers ?*) Martin WILLIAMSON called about his team of bullocks and paid his account. WALTER commenced reaping Purnim wheat. Went to Warrnambool. Tom (BOSTOCK) left for Melbourne about his thrashing machine. Mrs MACKERSEY (*Ann Harriet HEADLAM*) and M. AITKIN went with him on way to TASMANIA. (*This could be Margaret AITKIN or even her mother Mary (nee MANIFOLD) AITKIN.*)
- Thu 19 Carting wheat and thrashing. George WILLIS called about his bullocks. Finished reaping wheat. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came and went to Rosehill. WALTER and James KEILLAR reaping HOYs (A) small paddock. SULLIVAN came and got apples and plums.
- Fri 20 Thrashing at Purnim. Went to Mr. MANN (George) about Thrashing. JONES (John) paid for thrashing. Mr. & Mrs. BROMFIELD (James Astley) came. Started with cow to Mr. KIRK, but sold her to GREAVES (? John GRIEVE) on road down. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came.
- Sat 21 Finished thrashing Purnim and carting wheat. Too late to move machine to ROSS's Too hot to move cattle. Sold GREAVES (John GRIEVE ?) seven head of cows Jimmy (BOSTOCK) to Warrnambool. Paid one reaper off. MILES (D.) came and got bag apples for diggings. Paid two of the thrashing machine men, wages to date.
- Sun 22 Delivered cows to GREAVES (John GRIEVE?) Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and AITKIN (J. W. M.) came.
- Mon 23 Moved ten head of cattle to HOY's (A) and 48 head to stubble Purnim. Branded calves and moved machine from Purnim to ROSS's commenced thrashing. William KEILLAR came to put cow house right. BROWN commenc splitting stuff for stockyard. Reap HOYs (A). Fruitman got apples and plums.
- Tue 24 Went to Warrnambool and on to (William) PICKERINGs Farm with TOZER (Francis) and Ernest (BOSTOCK). Looked at Murison's Thrashing machine. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came with me. Finished thrashing at ROSS's Carting hay at Purnim.
- Wed 25 Moved machine to IDENs and commenced thrashing. Went to FOSTER's Flat to see cattle. Ernest (BOSTOCK) went to Warrnambool. Called at ROSS's about his thrashing. Went to Mr. JONES (John) about thrashing his wheat. Called at DOYs about his thrashing. SHELDRIK (Walter) came to look at fat cattle but we could not deal. Cleaned wheat at Purnim ready to cart to Warrnambool. Carting some straw For bedding for horses.
- Thu 26 Went to HUGHES and CLEMENTS about their thrashing. Went to Rosehill to get dray home. Went to Mr. MANN's (George) about his thrashing. Finished thrashing at IDENs and moved machine to HOYS (A). Commenced carting wheat ready to start thrashing. Sewing up bags of wheat ready to cart to Warrnambool. The farmer opposite BATEMAN's (?James) came about his thrashing. PHINN (Thos ?) called to see when machine going to him. Carting some straw at Purnim for bedding.

- Fri 27 Thrashed HOY's (A) wheat. Went to REIDY's (John) about balance of his thrashing. Ernest (BOSTOCK) was out. Called at PHINNS (T) about his thrashing. Agreed with DOYs (A) to cart 500 bushels of wheat in from Purnim at 4d per bushel. Moved the machine and set her down at Mr. MANNs (Geo). MALER (Robert MAILOR ?) came to see if we could thrash his grain. Fruitman came, Got apples and plums.
- Sat 28 Commenced thrashing at MANNs (Geo). Went into Warrnambool. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came with me. Attend meeting of Amateur Turf Club. Paid three machine men wages to date.
- Sun 29 Ernest (BOSTOCK) and McKEIRNIN (W. H.) started for Ararat Diggings. To Rosehill. W. TRIPP & McKIE came out.
- Mon 30 Finished thrashing at MANNs (George) and moved machine to JONES (John). Sold SNOW (Henry) 30 head of cattle 10 bullocks and 20 cows at eight and ten Pounds to be taken away in three weeks. Blacksmith moved WAVERLEY's Shoes.
- Tue 31 Thrashing at JONES (John). DOY's teams took two loads wheat to Warrnambool. SNOW bought cows to be taken in three weeks. *Phew that was a busy month and apparently, thrashing machine never had a chance to get cold. Thomas BOSTOCK, it appears, is in Melbourne seeing about purchase of Steam Thrashing Machine. Gussy wrote a diary from 1854 until his death 1920. He survived all his brothers and sisters and took care of welfare of all his families who suffered loss of family over many years. He stands 'tall' in history of this nation. Gussy was one of eleven children, with my gr. grandfather George (1826-1858) being elder brother. The*

Grasmere

JANUARY 1861

- Jan 1 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went with a lot of ladies to the Hopkins Falls. Came to Grasmere in the evening and danced all night.
- Jan 2 Some of the people left and Jimmy came from Rosehill. Ernest (BOSTOCK) went to Warrnambool. Some ladies stayed all night. James AITKIN (J. W. M.) went to Warrnambool late in evening. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to Rosehill.
- Thu 3 MARGETTS (Edward) commenced reaping wheat at Purnim. Went over to HOYs (A) to see the cattle. Went up to Rosehill.
- Fri 4 Went again to HOYs (A) to see cattle. Saw Schoolmaster about school house (Grasmere). Another cow burst from clover.
- Sat 5 To W'bool. Had a game Cricket. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) brought over some cattle from Purnim.
- Sun 6 Walked up to Rosehill.
- Mon 7 Ernest (BOSTOCK) and Lucy (AITKIN) went into Warrnambool. I went round all cattle.
- Tue 8 Moved some young cattle from Grasmere to Purnim. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) brought 70 head of young cattle from The Station for Purnim paddock. To Warrnambool on way to Belfast. Played a match at cricket. Tom (BOSTOCK) came from Hexham.
- Wed 9 Went to Belfast and played match at cricket. Returned to Warrnambool. LATTA (Wm) thrashing his oats. MARGETTS (Edward) reaping.
- Thu 10 To opening of Applications for land. Returned home and Tom (BOSTOCK) drove out with me.
- Fri 11 Commenced reaping paddock of wheat. MARGETTS (Edward) commenced carting oats. Went to LATTA's (Wm.) to see KEILLAR (John or Wm.) about cutting wheat at HOYs (A). Sent dray to Warrnambool for flour etc. Killed a beast for MARGETTS (Edward). Putting muzzle on small white faced steers. Putting beast in the yard to kill for HARRIS ?
- Sat 12 Killed a beast for HARRIS and he took it away. Went to Rosehill and brought home the white bullock I bought at Tom's SALE. (BOSTOCK). Brought home the red bullock from MATHERSON's (Geo) paddock. Went round cattle at Purnim. MARGETTS (Edw.) carting oats.
- Sun 13 Tom and Jimmy came (BOSTOCK). MARGETTS (Edward) came from Warrnambool.
- Mon 14 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned to The Station. MARGETTS (Edward) carting firewood. Went to JENKINS (Allan) agreed with the two KEILLARs (*John and William*) to reap portion of

- small paddock at HOYs (A). Putting horses and some young cattle out of the flat at Purnim. Killed a beast for NICHOLLS (? *Gilbert NICOL*)
- Tue 15 Went to Rosehill. NICHOLLS (?) cart came for beef. Went to HOYs (A) to see how to see how reaping was getting on. Charlie carting firewood. (*Maybe Charlie HELPMAN*)
- Wed 16 Had a heavy thunderstorm. Mrs. MARGETTS went to Warrnambool. Went to Rosehill. Sold SNOW (Henry) the two pigs up there and two calves from Grasmere.
- Thu 17 Got calves in for SNOW (Henry) and got some cows and calves for sale at Rosehill. Went to Warrnambool to Mr. STEVEN's party. (?*F. P. STEPHENS STEVENS. Gussy wrote as it sounded*)
- Fri 18 Returned home and took cows to Rosehill to sale. SNOW (Henry) got calves. Sold cows. McKENZIE (A.) called on way to Warrnambool.
- Sat 19 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) to Mr. TOZERS (Francis). To W'bool with McKENZIE (A). Tom and family (Thomas BOSTOCK and Catherine Jane MACKERSEY) Left Rosehill and went to Warrnambool.
- Sun 20 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned. McKENZIE (A) stayed all night.
- Mon 21 McKENZIE (A) went to Warrnambool. Sent dray to Rosehill and brought down some things bought at sale. White sow from Rosehill and black and white one had pigs. (*This was Transfer of Land. Thel*). Tom (BOSTOCK) came from Warrnambool and delivered Rosehill to JENKINS (Allan). (*When I first spent 18 months deciphering this diary I never realised the impact of some things, as I do now, 15 years later. . Thelma*). [*This quick edit in 2013 after 27 years*]. JELLIE (Wm) shot old bullock from MacGILL (Mr.). Sent Charlie over to TIERNEY's (Thomas)
- Tue 22 Sent dray up to Rosehill to bring down the last of the things bought at sale. Mr. MARGETTS went to Warrnambool to his case at the Police Court with his reapers. John MACKERSEY came down. Killed c. s. heifer for beef for Grasmere.
- Wed 23 Went into Warrnambool with John MACKERSEY of (*Kenilworth North, near Hamilton*) Saw SNOW (Henry) about his account. John (MACKERSEY) came out with me.
- Thu 24 Went into Warrnambool with John (MACKERSEY). Tied Bully in the harness. Agreed to change him with John (MACKERSEY) for Inkerman. Stayed in town all night. Went to party at Mrs AITKIN's. (*Mary AITKIN had 3 daughters Lucy Hannah, Alice and Margaret who feature in these families, as diary continues*) MARGETTS family (Edward) came to Purnim. SCOTTY and mate commenced reaping at HOYs (A) small paddock.
- Fri 25 Returned home. Went to see how reapers were getting on. IDEN called about cattle. Getting to potatoes at HOYs (A). Went to see about fence. Went to Belfast (Port Fairy) to Mrs. R's party (Mrs. RUTLEDGE ?).
- Sat. 26 Returned to Warrnambool with AITKIN (J. W. M.) (*S/o James & Mary AITKIN bro/of Lucy, Margaret, Alice & Mary Jane who married Robert Brand PATERSON*). *James Wm. M. AITKIN married Annie Young McROBIE widow of J. G. WARE*). Returned home. MACKERSEY (John) came with me. BYASS (Dr. Lovell) and SPENCE (Basil) came. Went to Purnim.
- Sun 27 Went to Warrnambool and got home late.
- Mon 28 MACKERSEY (John) left for Kenilworth (Hamilton). Went to see the MARGETTS (Family). Carted in the last wheat out of small paddock. Went to IDEN's and measured up ALSTON's (Wm. ALSTON ?) wheat for him. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out from Warrnambool.
- Tue 29 Made new gate to replace the one broken, going into flat paddock. Commenced closing round shed for pigs. Killed beast for MARGETTS (Edw.). To Warrnambool to Ball at WALLs (W)
- Wed 30 Returned home. William KEILLAR at pigsty. COIL (Mickie) came about a beast for beef. Harry WILLIAMS came. I agreed with him to cart in small paddock at HOY's (A). Charlie carted thistles at HOYs (A). (*Charlie is mentioned such a lot from here, but no surname.*)
- Thu 31 Returned home finished the pigsty. Killed a beast for Mickey COIL. Went round the cattle at HOYs (A). Putting up the fallen sheaves in the paddock at HOYs (A). Too wet to reap.

FEBRUARY 1861

- Fri 1 Cutting up thistles at HOYs (A)
- Sat 2 Putting pigs into new sty. Repaired the stable. Too wet to reap.
- Sun 3 Stayed at home all day. MARGETTS (Edward) came.
- Mon 4 Went round cattle at Purnim. Called at MARGETTS (Edw.) Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for The Station. Measured up the small paddock at HOYs (A) for the reapers.
- Tue 5 Commenced room for saddles. BAYLES (William) and James AITKIN (J. W. M.). To Tom's (BOSTOCK) with them. Charlie went to see HAMILTON (? Alexander) about thatching. (*Member Volunteer Fire Brigade. William BAYLES M. L. A. becomes prominent as diary continues*)
- Wed 6 Went over to friends and then to Mr. MANIFOLDs (Thomas) and stayed there all night.
- Thu 7 Returned to Warrnambool and stayed there all night.
- Fri 8 Returned home. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself went to Mr. CORNEY's party.
- Sat 9 Played match cricket with Belfast Club. Stay W'bool all night. Returned home Sunday.
- Mon 11 Went to DOYs about place to put stack of wheat. Went to WILLIAMS (David Harry) to see when he commenced carting wheat. Sent dray to Warrnambool. Drawing grass to thatch stack wheat. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came on way to Boortkoi. (*Hexham. Thomas BOSTOCK established this property for MANIFOLDs. A most beautiful property today, occupied by a MANIFOLD descendant.)* Lucy (Lucy Hannah AITKIN) and Alice AITKIN drove out. KEILLARs (James William) from Mr. WAREs called to get cuttings. Chesnut colt home.
- Tue 12 KEILLAR (James William) took kangaroo bitch for Mr. WARE (Minjah). Sent grass for thatching wheat. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to Boortkoi (at Hexham). Carting wheat from small paddock at HOYs (A) to DOYs Miss McDOWALL came out. Rode chesnut colt for first time. Cutting thistles in back paddock. Killed a beast half for Grasmere and half for Mr. MARGETTS (Edward). Putting cattle and horses out of flat paddock at Purnim. Got the rest of the pig's food from Purnim. Walked up to Mr. MARGETTS (Edward) in the evening.
- Wed 13 Putting down the remainder of the floor in the saddle room. Went over to DOYs to see how WILLIAMS was getting on with the cartage of the wheat.
- Thu 14 Putting up stands for saddles. SNOW (Henry) sent out and got calf. Mr. (A. W.) and Mrs. MUSGROVE came out. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came.
- Fri 15 HAMILTON (Alexander) putting thatch on wheat stack at DOYs Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself went to HOYs (A) to see cattle. Lucy (L. Hannah AITKIN) and two young ladies went to Warrnambool. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself went out to the Hopkins (River) to fish for herring. Stayed in Town. Tom (BOSTOCK) came down.
- Sat 16 Stayed in Warrnambool all day. William ALLEN and BOWIE came out to Grasmere.
- Sun 17 Return home. Tom (BOSTOCK) drove out with us on way home. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went with Tom (BOSTOCK) to Boortkoi to start cattle. Charlie went to hill to get horse and take him to Jimmy (BOSTOCK).
- Mon 18 ARNEL (Frederick) called to see about hiring. Paid WILLIAMS for carting wheat. Went to DOY about carting wheat and to see about thrashing machine. CLEMENT's brother in law came to see DOY's farm. Went round cattle in top paddock at Purnim. Mending old wheat bags. ALLEN (William) and BOWIE left. MARGETTS (Edw.) got Old Prince and dray away to go to Warrnambool tomorrow. Sent Lucy (L. H. AITKIN) and family by dray to go to town.
- Tue 19 Went down to Mr. McKELLARs to see his thrashing machine at work. Went to DOYs to see if he had heard anything about Steam Thrashing Machine. Sent the dray to town to bring our some things for MARGETTS (Edward).
- Wed 20 Gathering fruit to send into Warrnambool. MARGETTS (Edward) finished carting. Went to Warrnambool to get the English mail. ARNEL (Frederick) called about employment.
- Thu 21 Went round all cattle at Purnim. Burning mustard. Charlie came from Hexham. Sent to Warrnambool with apples to go to GREIG ?
- Fri 22 Went to see cattle from Hexham. Killed a beast for here and Mr. MARGETTS (Edward). Went to W'bool to go to Belfast to Mr. HAWKINS (Lt. William Lilly) Party, but it was put off. Stayed in town.
- Sat 23 Went to see James BATEMAN and stayed all day.

- Sun 24 Returned home. BATEMAN (James) came up with me. Mr. KERR (Andrew architect) left for Warrnambool. Mr. DENNY (Thomas DENNYS) came and stayed the afternoon.
- Mon 25 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for The Station. Mr. MARGETTS (Edward) was down. Paid James KEILLAR for reaping. BUCKNAL came over about apples for diggings. Carting firewood. The man fencing at The Station called to see Jimmy (BOSTOCK). William KEILLAR came and mended stockyard gates. Painted gates at Grasmere. Got old Princes shoes removed.
- Tue 26 Sent dray into Warrnambool. Went into Mr. DENNYS (Thomas) party. Stayed in town all night. William LORD went into town to go by the steamer, but missed his passage.
- Wed 27 Dined with Mr. BEAMISH (Rev. Peter Teulon) and to home.
- Thu 28 Mr. & Mrs. HELPMAN and family came and stayed all day. PATERSON (Robert Brand, Mgr. Bank of Victoria) BROMFIELD (*James Astley, first resident chemist and councillor*) to MARGETTS (*Edward, Posts & Telegraphs*) went quail shooting.

MARCH 1861

- Fri 1 Went to MARGETTS (Edward) before breakfast with PATERSON (Robert Brand) and BROMFIELD (James Astley) to shoot Quail. William LORD went into town to go by the steamer to Melbourne.
- Sat 2 Went round all the cattle. Went over to HOYs (A) to show ARNEL (Frederick) the allotment he is to have. M. (Margaret AITKIN ?) J. (Jane BOSTOCK, w/of Tom ?) and Alice (AITKIN) came out and we went up to Boortkoi at Hexham. (*Thomas was managing this property for the MANIFOLDS of Purrumbete.*) Tom and Ernest (BOSTOCK) came down.
- Sun 3 Remained at Boortkoi all day.
- Mon 4 Returned home. Went into Warrnambool to Mr. MANIFOLD's election. (Thomas) Went to party at Mr. PARKER's (Samuel). Returned home after the dance was over. BRIGGS came out with me. Johnny came over for the bullocks and dray to take them to Warrnambool.
- Tue 5 BRIGGS start for home. Johnny (?) took bullocks, dray to W'bool. Went round all the cattle.
- Wed 6 Went into Warrnambool with Jimmy (BOSTOCK). Heard of Mr. MANIFOLD's (Thomas) arrival from England. Returned home later in evening.
- Thu 7 Went to Warrnambool. Drove to Belfast on way to Mrs. RITCHIE's party. (*John RITCHIE of Aringa married 1852 to Sarah Elizabeth DAVIES at John COX's Weerangourt*) Stayed at Mrs FLOWERS (*Amelia nee KIRK wife of Horace FLOWER*) after the party.
- Fri 8 Returned to Warrnambool and stayed there all night.
- Sat 9 Returned home Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and TRIPP (W.) came with me. (*TRIPP was Clerk of Parliament in Parliamentary Debating Club formed in Warrnambool 1860. A. M. JUKES was Speaker*)
- Sun 10 Water cattle at HAMILTONs (*Alexander Member of the Volunteer Fire Brigade and Mortlake Road Board.*) Walked to MARGETTS (Edward).
- Mon 11 Drew out some cows and bullocks from middle paddock and put them at HOY's (A). Went over to the Hill with Jimmy (BOSTOCK) calling at Mr. TOZERS (Francis). Stayed at the Hill (?) all night.
- Tue 12 Went to see MORTON (Edward) about HOY's Farm. Johnny and Charley took young cattle from Rosehill to The Station. Returned to Grasmere. Went to HOY's (A) and brought back the fat cattle we put over there. Mr & Mrs MARGETTS (Edward) were down. BROWN came for beef.
- Wed 13 Went into Warrnambool to entries to amateur races.
- Thu 14 Stayed at Warrnambool to amateur races.
- Fri 15 Remained in Warrnambool to the settling. Stayed all night to see MANIFOLD (Thomas).
- Sat 16 Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) came from Melbourne in the steamer. MORTON (Edward) came over to Grasmere to see HOY's Farm (A). Return home Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and TRIPP (W.) came with me.
- Sun 17 TRIPP (W) returned to Warrnambool.
- Mon 18 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for The Station (Could have been at Junction of Black and Hopkins River). Went to MANNs (George) about cattle. Called at Allen JENKINS about land we rent from ALISON and KNIGHT (*Merchants John ALISON & Andrew Halley KNIGHT. est. 1843*)

- on Port Fairy river front land.*). MARGETTS (Edward) returned from Boortkoi (Hexham). Went to Purnim about whitefaced bull among cattle in flat. Killed a cow for beef for Grasmere and MARGETTS (Edward). Saw CLANSE about renting HOY's (A) farm. (*John CLANCY farmer*)
- Tue 19 Gathering apples. Sent beef up to Mr. MARGETTS (Edward). Went over to FOSTER's Flat to see EVERITT (Charles) and WRIGHT (*contractors to Augustus*). Called at CORNEY's (T.) (*Tas. Dr. Isaac CORNEY s/o Robert Corney. 4 sons V. D. L. 1821*). Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came from The Station.
- Wed 20 Went into Warrnambool and from there to Belfast to Miss RUTLEDGE's Wedding (?) Sent dray into town to get some things. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to W'bool with me. Paid most small accounts.
- Thu 21 Returned to Warrnambool. McKENZIE (A.) came up with us. Called at TIERNEY's (T) sale and stayed at Warrnambool all night. Possibly Thos TIERNEY long time friend of Augustus. Mackenzie was a great friend of Augustus for years they went Quail shooting, sharing in each other's homes and many adventures. I believe it to be Anthony MACKENZIE 'Woollongoon', but its 15 years since edit.
- Fri 22 Saw PALMER (Octavius Frederick Wm.) about cattle. Returned home. MACKENZIE (Anthony) came out with us and stayed all night.
- Sat 23 Rained all day. MACKENZIE (Anthony) left for home. Went to IDENs about potatoes. Saw DOY about carting potatoes. Moved the horses to Purnim. MARGETTS (Edward) called on his way to Warrnambool. Sent over to blacksmiths (Mr. BIRD ?) to get plough.
- Sun 24 Mr. MARGETTS (Edward) came. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself went to tea.
- Mon 25 Went to Warrnambool. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and Lucy (Lucy Hannah AITKIN) came out and stayed all night. Mr. & Mrs. BEAMISH called. (Rev. Dr. Peter Teulon BEAMISH, Anglican. 1850.)
- Tue 26 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to The Station. Went to IDENs about potatoes and DOYs about thrashing wheat. Went to RUTLEDGE's election (William)
- Wed 27 Charley went to Warrnambool to bring Ernest's (BOSTOCK) two cows. Returned from Warrnambool. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came from The Station. DOY's teams brought two loads of potatoes from IDENs Walked to MARGETTS (Edward).
- Thu 28 Tommy (T. E. B.) came to help draw cattle. Johnny (?) brought over more turnips. Drew fat cattle to take to Melbourne.
- Fri 29 Took fat cattle as far as The Station yards. Sent dray to Warrnambool with two casks of apples for Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas).
- Sat 30 Went as far as Terang on way to Melbourne with fat cattle. (What a droving experience even if it was on horseback.)

DIARY ENTRIES from APRIL/MAY 1861.

Continuing the diary of Augustus BOSTOCK of Grasmere, who has just returned to Warrnambool with Thomas MANIFOLD, after selling his cattle at Melbourne Sales.

APRIL 1861

- Sun 7 Took cattle as far as the yards to show them for place.
- Mon 8 Yards Too Full to sell the cattle.
- Tue 9 Took cattle in and sold them. (Phew . . Thel)
- Wed 10 Settled with Dal CAMPBELL and Co for the cattle. (Dalmahoy CAMPBELL & Co. of "Greenwich" Dal was Auctioneer.) Charlie started for home with horses. (So Gussy had company)
- Thu 11 Stayed in Melbourne.
- Fri 12 Left in vessel "LADY BIRD" (steamer) for W'bool. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thos) came with us.
- Sat 13 Attended the Road Board meeting and stayed in town all night.
- Sun 14 Stayed at Warrnambool and Charlie is home with the horses.
- Mon 15 Returned home BRIGGS came and stayed all night.

- Tue 16 BRIGGS left for home. Went to DOYs about wheat. Johnny went to The Station. Sent dray to town to get flour.
- Wed 17 To W'bool to see McGREGOR (Sam) about HOY's (A) Farm and to get English mail.
- Thu 18 Went round cattle at Grasmere. Went to Warrnambool to see MANIFOLD (Thomas). Tom (BOSTOCK) came down by the mail from Melbourne. Stay in town all night.
- Fri 19 DONALD setting up copper for the pigs. Tom (BOSTOCK.) drove out with me, stayed all night.
- Sat 20 Tom (BOSTOCK) started for home (? Boortkoi). Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to The Station. I went to Warrnambool to the Road Board meeting and to take up a BILL at the bank. CLEMENT's brother in law called to see about HOY's (A) farm. DONALD finished the copper. TRIPP (W.) and MARGETTS (Edward) came out with me.
- Sun 21 Went up to MARGETTS (Edward) to dinner. TRIPP (W.) returned to Warrnambool. ROSS called about HOY's (A).
- Mon 22 Went to HOYs (A). Saw Mr. STUBBS about school house (Grasmere) and ROSS about farm. George MATHERSON called about farm. Mr. & Mrs. MANIFOLD (Thos and Jane Synnot) and some young ladies came. Sent dray to town to bring married couple. Mr. McKIERNIN's (W. H.) horse came. (McKEIRNAN was Road Contractor with many in his employ. He was highly respected and sadly missed when he fell from his horse died 1862 aged 31 yrs.)
- Tue 23 Went into W'bool to play the married and singles match at cricket. Stayed in town all night.
- Wed 24 Return home. Getting in pigs. ROSS and CLANSE (John CLANCY). . called about HOY's (A) Farm.
- Thu 25 Got the steer home from LATTA's (William). Charlie to NICHOLSONs about his account. (Mark was his close friend and also a friend with Thomas MANIFOLD both M. L. A.). Went to ROSS and CLANSE (John CLANCY) about portion of HOY's farm. Went to MATHERSON's (George) about subscription to school house. (Michael CONNOLLY d. 1855, was hus/of Rachael Emily BOSTOCK who d. 1856. He donated land in the centre of Grasmere village for the construction of the school house.). Called at MARGETTS (Edward) Digging carrots and parsnips in the garden.
- Fri 26 Digging carrots in small garden. Helping MARGETTS (Edward) to put up stack of straw. Went to Hexham to the ball.
- Sat 27 Stayed up at Boortkoi. Went up to Hexham and played a game of cricket.
- Sun 28 To McKENZIES (Anthony) to dinner. James AITKIN (J. W. M. AITKIN) and myself return Grasmere.
- Mon 29 James AITKIN (J. W. M.) went into Warrnambool. Went round the cattle at Purnim. Sent Charlie to The Station with two letters for Jimmy (James BOSTOCK). Carting stone on road to Bridge.
- Tue 30 SANDY? went over to plough for MARGETTS (Edward). Charlie returned from The Hill Let ROSS and CLANSE (John CLANCY) The farm at HOYs (A). Putting brush on the road across swamp, down to the small bridge.

MAY 1861

- Wed 1 Went to W'bool to attend Special Meeting of Road Board. Stayed in town all night.
- Thu 2 Returned home and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came with me. Carting brush for the road to the bridge. BROWN called over from The Station.
- Fri 3 Went to Mr. MARGETTS (Edward) to mark the line between Purnim and the land we rent from ALISON (John) and KNIGHT (Andrew Halley). Mr. and Mrs. CORNEY (?T) called. Went to JENKINS about renting CLARKEs land. (?Could be W. 'Big' CLARKE as he was in the region). Making road, going to the bridge.
- Sat 4 Went into Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board. Stayed in town all night. Mr. MACKERSEY arrived from England. (? John MACKERSEY John's mother was Eliza nee LETHAM MACKERSEY. The family were from 'Greenhill' Macquarie Plains, Tasmania). Stayed in town.

- Mon 6 Saw McGREGOR (Samuel) about Grasmere. Tom (BOSTOCK) went to Belfast. I went to the Police Office. Saw plan of Common on Black River and returned. Mr. BEAMISH (Rev. Peter Teulon BEAMISH) called and stayed all night. Killed a cow for beef.
- Tue 7 Mr. BEAMISH (Rev. Peter Teulon) left. MARGETTS (Edward) came and got Prince. COULTON (? COULTER) called about things for MACKERSEY (John). Went to The Station to commence mustering cattle for Melbourne.
- Wed-Thu
8 9 Mustering cattle for Melbourne.
- Fri 10 Started fat cattle for Melbourne. To Warrnambool. James AITKIN (J. W. M. AITKIN) started for Purrumbete. Stayed in town all night.
- Sat 11 Stayed in Warrnambool to sale of land at Panmure. Went with Ernest (BOSTOCK) to see land on Dennington Road. DREW (Cornelius) went to Warrnambool.
- Sun 12 Returned home. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came with me. MARGETTS (Edward) called down.
- Mon 13 BROWN called on his way to The Station. Bagging potatoes for town. Making muzzles for calves. MARGETTS (Edward) called.
- Tue 14 Went to Warrnambool. Telegraph to Melbourne re cattle.
- Wed 15 Mr. MACKERSEY (John) came up by the steamer. Went round all cattle. DRAY called and got two tons of potatoes for Tom (BOSTOCK). BOWIE came out to help with cattle.
- Thu 16 Held sale of cattle and horses. Mr. MACKERSEY (John) and HARRINGTON (Dr. R. H.) came out. (Dr. HARRINGTON was Coroner for County Districts c. 1862. He was Vaccinator for Warrnambool for many years and Medical Officer for the Benevolent Assylum to 1880's. He visited Augustus regularly.)
- Fri 17 Went to Warrnambool to settle with McGREGOR (Sam) for sale of cattle. SHELDRIK (Walter a butcher) got away cows he bought. Moved horses back to Purnim paddock.
- Sat 18 Jimmy (BOSTOCK), myself and BOWIE went to Warrnambool and stayed all night. Tom (BOSTOCK) and John MACKERSEY came. Arranged with TOZER (Francis) about bill.
- Sun 19 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to The Station. Returned home.
- Mon 20 Went round all cattle. Called at COILS (Mickie) about his account. JELLIE (Jas. or Wm.) paid his account. Mr. MARGETTS (Edw.) sowing wheat next to lane, next to bridge. MARGETTS called on his way with two mares to the Blacksmith. Saw SCOTTY (?) about splitting posts. Went to Warrnambool to get word from Melbourne about cattle and stayed all night.
- Tue 21 Returned home. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) brought two cows from The Station. MARGETTS (Edward) came down.
- Wed 22 Went into Warrnambool to see about money from Melbourne for cattle. Stay W'bool all night.
- Thu 23 Returned home. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came with me. Charlie returned from Melbourne. (Charlie had taken cattle to Melbourne Sales and now returned on horseback. (No idea who Charlie was)
- Fri 24 Rained nearly all day. Went into Warrnambool to a Ball given by the volunteers.
- Sat 25 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came into town and stayed all night. DREW (Cornelius) manuring the asparagus beds.
- Sun 26 Stayed in Warrnambool. Went to Church in the evening. Campbell EDDINGTON call Grasmere.
- Mon 27 Saw about our account with MANIFOLD & Co. Returned home. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and BOWIE came out with me.
- Tue 28 Jimmy went to The Station. BOWIE left. Went over to Purnim to see the fence old GEORGE is putting up between MARGETTS (Edward) and us. Killed a beast for beef.
- Wed 29 MARGETTS (E.) got his beef. Commenced putting wire fence in order next to Rye Grass flat. (first rye grass.) Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came from The Station and got Punch's shoes removed
- Thu 30 Finished the wire fence next to the rye grass flat. Sent the dray into Warrnambool. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went into Warrnambool. Repaired the fence running to the river in the flat.

Fri 31 Finished the fence. Carting wood. Went to Mr. MARGETTS (Edw.) Paid Alex MATHERSONs wages.

June 1861

- Sat 1 Went into Warrnambool to a game at football and to attend the Road Board meeting. Sent in the last of the wheat. Stayed in Warrnambool all night.
- Sun 2 To McKEIRNINs (W. H.) came to breakfast. James BATEMAN returned home with me. Mr. DeLITTLE (Robert) called (Robert, Joseph & Henry from V. D. L. sons of John of Dublin. Squatters at "Bung Brungle" "Caramut" & "Mepunga". Albert AFFLECK "Minjah" married Constance DeLITTLE)
- Mon 3 Branded up calves. SCOTTY & WALTER commenced splitting posts for the fence in the flat. Mr. MARGETTS (Edward) came. Mr. DeLITTLE (Robert) left for Warrnambool.
- Tue 4 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for The Station. Commenced splitting posts and morticing them. D. MILES got two beasts he bought at sale.
- Wed 5 Morticing and carting posts. Calling the pigs. MARGETTS (Edward) called. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned. Went out to show George MATHERSON the cow for beef. Walter SELLARS came and took away sheep dip.
- Thu 6 Morticing posts. Killed cow for George MATHERSON. Mr. TOZER (Francis) came to look at c. s. cattle. POWLEN (? POWLING) bought 5 horses for Mr. TOZER (Francis) to grass. WALTER & SCOTTY commenced splitting posts.
- Fri 7 Morticing posts. Went to IDENs He paid me the balance of account for cultivation at HOYS (A). Ernest's boy (BOSTOCK) came, got small chesnut mare. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went W'bool.
- Sat 8 Went into Warrnambool to a meeting of the Road Board. Stayed all night and had a game of football. Tom (BOSTOCK) came from Boortkoi. (Tom, manager at Boortkoi, Hexham for MANIFOLDs of Purrumbete. Andrew MANIFOLD's son is the manager in 2005.
- Sun 9 Tom (BOSTOCK) came as far as HAMILTON's (Alexander) with me. (Alex was a vocalist at concerts; pastoralist at Hexham 1860's; member of Volunteer Fire Brigade; Mortlake Road Board.)
- Mon 10 Finished morticing posts and commenced carting them to line of fence. James JELLIE took away the cattle he bought at sale. Tom and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came from W'bool. MARGETTS (Edw) called.
- Tue 11 Finished carting posts as far as the gate. Commenced carting old rails. Tom and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) started for Boortkoi (Hexham). Went to Rosehill to show HAMILTON (Alexander) trees to put up for Tom (BOSTOCK). MARGETTS (Edward) called.
- Wed 12 Commenced putting up fence in the flat in place of wire fence. Sent Charlie to ROSS's to see about plough to send to Tom (BOSTOCK). Went to Mr. MANN's sale (George) of cattle and horses. Johnny MATSON called and stayed all night.
- Thu 13 Putting up fence. Sold two large sows to a Melbourne man. Went down to sale of sheep at Yangery Prince. From there to Warrnambool and stayed all night.
- Fri 14 Returned home and Mr. TOZER (Francis) came out with me to take away the 25 head of c. s. cattle he bought at sale.
- Sat 15 Went to Warrnambool to sale of cattle. Played Game Football. Stay Warrnambool all night.
- Sun 16 Stayed to opening of the new part of the church.
- Mon 17 Went to MARGETTS (Edward) about sideline fence. Sent two large sows to Warrnambool. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and Charlie returned from Boortkoi at Hexham. (I am wondering if this Charles could be HELPMAN as they were neighbours of Augustus.)
- Tue 18 COIL's (Mickie) team came for his steer. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went into Warrnambool. Putting up fence in flat.
- Wed 19 Fencing in the flat. MARGETTS (Edward) called about beef. Carted some rails.
- Thu 20 Went into Warrnambool to see about McCREDDIN's cattle (? McCREDDIN). Went out to CAMPBELL's paddock to see cattle. Killed a c. s. bullock for beef. Stayed in Warrnambool all night and went to a party at Mrs HELPMAN's. (Capt. Frank HELPMAN was Warrnambool Harbour Master 1859-68. I don't know the link, but HELPMANs were

- neighbours.) Jimmy (BOSTOCK) settled with TOZER (Francis) about The Station (? Jnct of Black Creek and Hopkins River.)
- Fri 21 Saw ATKINSON about cattle. (ATKINSON became a regular visitor to Augustus held sale of timber and palings 1857; sold cattle 'CRAIG & ATKINSON' to Augustus 1861) Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and TOZER (Francis) went to Melbourne in steamer "Queen". Sent beef to MARGETTS (Edward).
- Sat 22 Went into Warrnambool to last meeting of the Road Board and from there to Belfast to the General Meeting of the Amateur Turf Club. Returned to Warrnambool.
- Sun 23 Stayed in Warrnambool. Went out as far as the Hopkins (River) with James AITKIN (J. W. M.) and John MANIFOLD.
- Mon 24 Saw BUSH (BUSHE?) about SNOW's (Henry) affairs. Returned home. Putting fence in the flat. Went up to Purnim to see about the heifer. ARNEL (Frederick) called about the allotment.
- Tue 25 Putting up fence in the flat. Received a letter from CRAIG & ATKINSON offering me McCREDDIN's cattle. (John Hollins CRAIG Auctioneer & E. ATKINSON)
- Wed 26 Putting up fence. Went into Warrnambool. Bought McCREDDIN's cattle from CRAIG (John Hollins) and E. ATKINSON to be delivered on Friday.
- Thu 27 Finish fence in flat as far as small horse paddock. To W'bool to Ernests (BOSTOCK) party.
- Fri 28 Returned home and McCREDDIN delivered the cattle bought from them. Went to William JELLIE's sale. Carted posts out of the rye grass flats.
- Sat 29 Put COIL's (Mickie) steer in the yard and shot him for him (Mickie). Put the wire in top of posts of new fence. Cut down the fuschias in front and commenced doing up the flower garden. Went round cattle bought from McCREDDIN
- Sun 30 Went round the cattle and horses. Called at MARGETTS (Edward). Paid old George for sideline fence at Purnim.

JULY 1861

- Mon 1 Moved the cattle and horses out of top grass paddock at Purnim into the flat Commenced cutting the raspberry canes. Went with young HELPMAN's (Charles & Phillip) to have a run after Kangaroos.
- Tue 2 Went into Warrnambool to settle with CRAIG (John Hollins) and E. ATKINSON (auctioneers) for McCREDDIN's cattle. Stayed all night on account of rain.
- Wed 3 Went out with some ladies for the night. Stayed in Warrnambool all night. (This is the first mention of a lady in his life. He is now 28 years of age.)
- Thu 4 Returned home. Three young ladies came with me. First flood in river (in his time anyway). Went to Warrnambool again to escort in young ladies. Stayed the night. Charlie went to Warrnambool about wheel of dray.
- Fri 5 Rained nearly all day. River rising. Returned home. MARGETTS (Edw.) came out with me.
- Sat 6 Rained all day. Picking over potatoes. Went to DOOLEY's (Hotel) to election of new Road Board. Stayed in Warrnambool all night.
- Sun 7 Stayed in Warrnambool.
- Mon 8 Returned home and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out with me. Saw GIBB about his account.
- Tue 9 Tommy POWLEN (POWLING) came and took away Mr. TOZER's (Francis) horses. Charlie brought bay colt from HAMILTONS (Alexander).
- Wed. 10 Moved TRIPP's (W.) horses. (Clerk of Parliament, in Parliamentary Debating Team). Moved AITKIN's (J. Wm. M. AITKIN) and MANIFOLD & Cs. 's horses from ROSS and CLANSE (John CLANCY). Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to town. Making pig sty under shed. Charlie went to Purnim and brought old Prince and dray. Got Fruit Trees for Tom (BOSTOCK) and Gooseberry trees for PALMER [O. F. W.]
- Thu 11 Sent dray to Warrnambool with trees for Tom (BOSTOCK) and Mr. PALMER (Octavius Frederick Wm. PALMER. O. F. W. PALMER m. 1867 Rachael Emily DOVETON, dau/of Margaret BOSTOCK & Lieut. Francis C. DOVETON. Margaret sis/of Augustus BOSTOCK). Also to take in hides. Work at pigsty in shed.
- Fri 12 Finished pig sty. Tom (BOSTOCK) came down from Boortkoi.

- Sat 13 To Warrnambool with Tom (BOSTOCK). Stayed all night.
- Sun 14 Went to James BATEMAN and stayed all night.
- Mon 15 Home. It rained heavy all day. Divide pigs in pens. Sent Charlie to town with Tim and Punch.
- Tue 16 Putting fastings on gates to pig sty. MACKENZIE (Anthony) and WOODWARD (Charles or Anthony ?) called. Went to Warrnambool with them and stayed all night.
- Wed 17 Returned home. Alston (Wm) start splitting posts. With Tom (BOSTOCK) to Boortkoi, Hexham.
- Thu 18 DREW (Cornelius) morticing posts. Stayed Boortkoi (Hexham) and went out shooting Turkey.
- Fri 19 DREW (Cornelius) morticing posts. Got wheel of dray.
- Sat 20 Went to Mt. Shadwell to see SMITH (David) about the two working bullocks.
- Sun 21 Returned home and went to Warrnambool with Alice AITKIN (sis/of Margaret & Lucy)
- Mon 22 Stayed to the Warrnambool meeting of SNOW's creditors (Henry SNOW a Butcher). Went to Madame CARADINI's concert (concerts earlier years) Carting posts for wire fence.
- Tue 23 Returned home. Getting up trees for Tom (BOSTOCK). Carting old rails for fence. Dividing horse paddock. Sent trees over to ROLLOs (Alexander Roller). Went into Warrnambool to concert in evening.
- Wed 24 Dr. HARRINGTON (R. H.) came by steamer. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thos) came overland. Attended meeting of SNOW's creditors. Stayed in Warrnambool all night.
- Thu 25 Attended another meeting of SNOW's creditors. Stayed in Warrnambool all night.
- Fri 26 Returned home before breakfast. DREW (Cornelius) finished the raspberries. Went to Mr. MARGETTS (Edw). He came for gooseberry trees. Killed a cow for beef.
- Sat 27 Sent beef to MARGETTS and ALSTON (Wm). Rained all day. Left dray at MARGETTS.
- Sun 28 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and TRIPP (W) came to Dinner. Charlie went to see cattle at Purnim.
- Mon 29 Commenced putting new fence in place of wire from gate to small garden. Delivered cow to Mr. PHIN (FINN?) to kill. To Rosehill to see about garden and about sowing wheat. Went to Warrnambool to Madame CARADINI's Farewell Concert.
- Tue 30 Rained very heavy. Returned home in the afternoon. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) and Mr. BEAMISH came with me. (Rev. Peter Teulon BEAMISH). Got old Prince shod.
- Wed 31 Charlie went down Woodford way with Mr. BEAMISH (Rev. Peter Teulon). Went over with MANIFOLD (Thomas) to a meeting of patrons at the school house. Went into Warrnambool to see Jimmy (BOSTOCK) off to Melbourne. (School House, Grasmere was on land donated by late Michael CONNOLLY)

AUGUST 1861

- Thu 1 Stayed in Warrnambool to a party at Mr. BROMFIELD's (James Astley. James was first resident Chemist. Shop- 78 Liebig Street. A Councillor).
- Fri 2 Stay ed in Warrnambool.
- Sat 3 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to Melbourne in "Village Bell" and returned.
- Sun 4 Walked up to Mr. MARGETTS (Edward) MacKENZIE (Anthony) came.
- Mon 5 Open drains through rye grass flat. Putting new fence in place of wire. Charlie (?HELPMAN) moved HARRINGTON's (Dr. R. H.) horse from HAMILTONs (Alexander) to CLANSE and ROSS's (John & Alexander ?). MARGETTS (E) came. Carting loam for garden walks.
- Tue 6 Wheeled loam to front walk. Opened drains in front. Putting up fence. Agreed with Wm. KEILLAR to floor Verandah and School house. Blistered Peter's (horse?) fore foot. Carting loam for walks.
- Wed 7 Charlie (HELPMAN ?) to The Station to bring up four working bullocks. Put swing gate in fence near bridge. MARGETTS (Edw.) came and got Fruit Trees. Putting wire along top of fence next to the lane.
- Thu 8 Putting wire and made up log fence in middle paddock. Mending fence to small cultivation paddock. Tom (BOSTOCK) came down.

- Fri 9 Tom (BOSTOCK) went to Warrnambool. Moved cattle into middle paddock. Went round cattle and horses at Purnim. Putting up new fence in place of wire fence. Charlie (HELPMAN) return with bullocks.
- Sat 10 To Warrnambool to Mr. MANIFOLD's election. (Thomas) Stayed in Warrnambool all night. Tried to sell four working bullocks.
- Sun 11 Returned home. MANIFOLD (Tom) and Tom (BOSTOCK) came with me. Stayed all night.
- Mon 12 To Woodford to Mr. MICKLE's election (Thomas). Then to Warrnambool. Tom (BOSTOCK) left for home. Stayed in Warrnambool all night.
- Tue 13 Stayed in Warrnambool.
- Wed 14 Returned home. SHELDRIK (Walter) came out with me. (Walter had many cattle dealings with Gussy and operated a held Brewery in 1867). I sold him ten pigs. Went up to MacKENZIES (Anthony) on way Mortlake. Charlie (?HELPMAN) went with me. Stay MacKENZIES (Anthony) all night.
- Thu 15 To Mortlake to see about 2 bullocks David SMITH has to work. Stay MacKENZIES all night.
- Fri 16 Charlie (HELPMAN ?) return home. Went to Mr. EDDINGTON's (Campbell) and stayed all night.
- Sat 17 Went with Campbell EDDINGTON up to Mr. W. BLACK and stayed there all night. Sun 18 Stayed at Mr. BLACK's (Neil ?) all day.
- Mon 19 Returned to Mr. EDDINGTON's (Campbell) calling at Mr. THOMSON's (?Dr. Alexander 'Bream Creek') and from there home. Mr. EDDINGTON (Campbell) came with me.
- Tue 20 More calves from Grasmere. Went to Purnim. Opened the drain in front paddock. Killed a cow for beef. Settled with Charlie (?HELPMAN)
- Wed 21 Send beef to Mr. MARGETTS (E) and Wm. ALSTON. Went to Warrnambool to get something for my face. Stayed all night. Getting the ground ready for vegetables.
- Thu 22 Returned home before breakfast. Johnny MATSON came with me and brought two horses to put at ROSS's (Alexander). (S/o Henry MATSON & Alice MANIFOLD 'Purrumbete'). Went to see how KEILLAR (Wm.) was getting on with school house veranda. Went round all the cattle at Grasmere. Moved two bullocks out of the front paddock to rye grass flat. Went round all cattle and horses at Purnim. Sent calf to SHELDRIK (Walter).
- Fri 23 Rained all day. Went into Warrnambool and then to DOOLEY's (James) to a sale of cattle MacKENZIE (Anthony) brought down. (James DOOLEY was a Road Board member and licensee of the 'Rising Sun Hotel' 1854 and Telegraph Hotel in 1858).
- Sat 24 Mr. TOZER (Francis) came out to see young cattle. Took out the Chesnut colt. DREW (Cornelius) and Mrs. DREW went to Warrnambool. TRIPP (W) and McKAY returned to Warrnambool. DREW (Cornelius) came home.
- Mon 26 Charlie (? HELPMAN) left for The Station. Put out some of PHINN's cattle. (Thomas of 'Comley Banks' Purnim.) Went to ROSS (Alexander) to see horses running. Repairing fence running from garden to river, also wire fence in the flat. Walked up to see MARGETTS (E).
- Thu 27 Went to school house (Grasmere?community centre 2000). Settled with Wm. KEILLAR for flooring veranda. Agreed with him about the gate. Putting 12 bullocks out of front paddock into flat. Moved the rest to the back paddock. Carting wood. MARGETTS (Edward) called. Working at garden. Went to LATTA's (Wm) about subscription to school house.
- Wed 28 To W'bool before breakfast. To Mr. TOZERs (Fran.) on Hopkins and took delivery of 18 cattle exchanged for young cattle. Brought them home to Grasmere. DREW (Cornelius) repairing the fence next to the river on LATTA's (William) sideline. Ernest (BOSTOCK) returned from Melbourne.
- Thu 29 Went after the bullocks that got out of the paddocks. Brought them home and put them with some others into the front paddock. Johnny? and Pat took away the young cattle for TOZER (Francis). (John MATSON Pat ?). Finished the fence as far as the front garden.
- Fri 30 Went round the cattle. Putting wire on fence running to small garden. Commenced the piece on the other side of gate. Killed the bullock with cancer head for the DOYs Went over to JONES John to look for large yellow bullock.
- Sat 31 Took 4 horses, 3 bullocks to W'bool for sale. Stay in town. Put fence in place of wire fence.

SEPTEMBER 1861

- Sun 1 Returned home. AITKIN (J. Wm. M.) came out. There was a flood in the river.
- Mon 2 Went to Warrnambool with MARGETTS (E.) and AITKIN (J. W. M.). MARGETTS and myself went with TOZER (Francis) to Black's River and brought some cattle from him. Returned to Warrnambool and home. MARGETTS (E) came home with me and stayed all night.
- Tue 3 Went round all cattle on Grasmere. Mr. MARGETTS (E) came down. Went to Woodford and met MacGREGOR (Samuel). Went from there to MITCHELLs and stayed all night.
- Wed 4 DREW (Cornelius) finished the fence. Went to MITCHELLs and Mr. CARMICHAEL's (William squatter on 'Retreat') and stayed all night.
- Thu 5 Went on to the sale of cattle at the Eumarella (River) (The Eumarella West Run, Macarthur, on Eumarella River, was held by George BOSTOCK 'my gr. grandfather' 1849-1852. George, James, Thomas, Ernest & Augustus were brothers) Went home with Mr. LYALL (Jas) from there.
- Fri 6 Went from LYALLS (James) to MACKERSEYS (John) calling at Jimmy WHITE at Hamilton. (James WHITE held 'Brisbane Hill' at Byaduk. On his death Ernest BOSTOCK occupied the property. He and his wife had no offspring and James no will. It was a long time settling. I have documents re same.). Called to ANDREWS (Joseph) at bank in Hamilton.
- Sat 7 Stayed at MACKERSEYs (John) all day. (Kenilworth).
- Sun 8 From MACKERSEYs (John) I went to Boortkoi (Hexham).
- Mon 9 Return home and brought Tim (Horse). It rained heavy night. MARGETTS (Edw.) called down.
- Tue 10 Went to TOZER's (Francis) and brought store cattle I bought from him. Tommy (?) took cattle that came back. The FINNS (Thomas ?) called.
- Wed 11 Went round all the cattle. Some of the store cattle crossed the river. Went out to look for them. Found them among the other cattle. Grey mare foaled.
- Thu 12 Delivered a cow to Mr. PHINN (Thomas) for beef. Went over to Purnim to see that cattle were alright. Went round cattle Grasmere. Mr. STUBBS called over.
- Fri 13 Went to the school house (Grasmere) to see Mr. STUBBS and to get two hind shoes on Punch. Went round cattle on Grasmere. Working at flower garden. MARGETTS (Edward) brought down the dray. DREW (Cornelius) digging the garden.
- Sat 14 DREW (Cornelius) digging the garden. Went into Warrnambool and stayed all night.
- Sun 15 Returned home in afternoon. Ernest & Lucy drove out with me. (Ernest BOSTOCK married Lucy H. AITKIN on 5. 6. 1860 and lived at "Lipook". This beautiful property has been restored by the CLANCEY family who have resided there for some years now 2005).
- My apology about this, but I have I omitted to type up the diary for 1860. . . the year that Ernest BOSTOCK married Lucy, d/o James AITKIN, Glen Esk, and Mary Meacock 'nee MANIFOLD' AITKIN. Gussy only added one short sentence Ernest was married. Stayed to a party at Mrs. AITKINs". James AITKIN d. 1847 Tasmania and is laid to rest at Anglican Cemetery in Church Street, Campbell Town. Mary AITKIN d. 1884 aged 80. Mary AITKIN was sister to John, Thomas & Peter MANIFOLD & mother to J. Wm. M. AITKIN and Mary Jane PATERSON (w/o Robert Brand PATERSON)
- Mon 16 Ernest (BOSTOCK) and Lucy (nee AITKIN) returned to Warrnambool. Went to Purnim to see cattle. DREW (Cornelius) carting wood and brought wheat down from MARGETTS (Edw). Saw George (MATHERSON ?) about cabbage plants. Agreed with ARNEL (Frederick) to cut thistles for a week. Digging flower borders.
- Tue 17 Went up to Purnim and went round all the fencing on the outside and put it in repair. ARNEL (Frederick) commenced cutting thistles. DREW (Cornelius) mended fence at the small vegetable garden.
- Wed 18 Went round cattle. Went into Warrnambool to Benevolent Asylum concert. DREW (Cornelius) working in the garden.
- Thu 19 Stayed in Warrnambool. Settled with KNIGHTS (Andrew Halley) for breaking horses.

- Fri 20 Returned home. Cow died from clover. One of the cows bought from Mr. McCREDDIN calved. Working in the garden. Got in plugs to send to Ernest (BOSTOCK).
- Sat 21 Went to Purnim and took grey mare to Mr. TOZER (Francis) to Mariner (horse). Called at LIVERSEYs to see NICHOLSON (Mark) about his account, but he had left. Called at HARRIS about balance account. MARGETTS [Edw.] came and spent the evening. DREW (Cornelius) working in the garden.
- Sun 22 Went to Warrnambool to get the English mail.
- Mon 23 Saw MacGREGOR (Samuel) about the small grey mare. Returned home. Fred ARNEL working in the garden. Mr. STUBBS called re meeting Thursday for elections for Patrons of the School.
- Tue 24 Went round cattle and to ROSS (Alexander) and brought over Dr. HARRINGTON's (Dr. R. H.) horse. Working in the garden. MARGETTS (Edward) came down and helped me to kill two pigs, one for Ernest (BOSTOCK) and one for ourselves.
- Wed 25 Went with MacKENZIE's (Anthony) as far as Mrs. ROBERTSON's on way to Mortlake. (Possibly Jemima Vans ROBERTSON of 'Konnewarren' Hexham, who gave town land for building of Ellerslie Presbyterian Church. She died 1884 aged 85) Sent pigs to W'nambool to Ernest (BOSTOCK).
- Thu 26 To Mortlake. Called at David SMITH's about two bullocks. Stayed to dinner at Mr. BURKE's (Robert). Went to Boortkoi (Hexham).
- Fri 27 Returned home. Settled with SCOTTY for work at Rosehill on account of Tom (BOSTOCK). Went into Warrnambool to show of horses. Stayed all night.
- Sat 28 Sold grey mare Mona at saleyards. Bought small heifer. Ernest (BOSTOCK), Lucy (BOSTOCK nee AITKIN), Alice AITKIN and Campbell EDDINGTON came out with me.
- Sun 29 Walked over to HOY's (A) and up to MARGETTS (Edward). Campbell EDDINGTON left for home. (EDDINGTONs held nearby "Ballangeich")
- Mon 30 Ernest (BOSTOCK), Lucy (BOSTOCK) and Alice AITKIN (sis/of Lucy) to W'bool. Took in Ernest's cow and put her in his paddock. Isaac (CORNEY ?) brought heifer, bought at sale. Stay in Warrnambool.

OCTOBER 1861

- Tue 1 Returned home. Went down to Belfast to meet MacGREGOR (Samuel). Went out to MONTRAYs at Yambuk (west of Port Fairy) to see a lot of store cattle. Bought a hundred bullocks to be delivered in a fortnight. Returned to Belfast and stayed all night.
- Wed 2 Dined with WHEELER (William or James). Returned home and rode with Miss RUTLEDGE part of the way. Lost a beast by clover.
- Thu 3 Went round cattle. Put MATHERSON's (George) steer and two horses out of Purnim paddock. Branded calf of cow in milk. ARNEL (Fred.) mowed grass plot in front of house. Mr. BUCKNAL called.
- Fri 4 River small at the bridge. Carting firewood. To Warrnambool to see Tom (BOSTOCK) and Mr. & Mrs. MACKERSEY (John MACKERSEY and Ann Harriet HEADLAM). Stayed in town all night.
- Sat 5 Mr. MUSGROVE (A. W.) paid for cow he bought from us. Went on board steamer, returned home.
- Sun 6 Started for Melbourne. Took down Tim (horse) for Jimmy (BOSTOCK) stayed all night Timboon.
- Mon 7 Went as far as the Lower ???
- Tue 8 Got into Geelong and went to the races. Went down to Melbourne by last train.
- Wed 9 Went to see the exhibition.
- Thu 10 Went to see the show
- Fri 11 Called on Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas)
- Sat 12 Returned to Geelong.
- Sun 13 Went as far as William McROBIE's on way home. (Wm. McROBIE, a miller, Hobart who came to Western District and held "Weatherboard". He was father/of Annie Young McROBIE, first wife (m. 1851) of Jeremiah George WARE "Minjah". After Jeremiah's death

- 1859 Annie re-married in 1862 J. Wm. M. AITKIN s/o James & Mary AITKIN. Annie & Mary AITKIN are buried at Warrnambool.
- Mon 14 Got as far as Koort Koort Nong (WAREs). Stayed there all night.
- Tue 15 Went by Mortlake to Boortkoi (Hexham). Sold two bullocks to D. SMITH (David)
- Wed 16 Returned home. Went to Warrnambool to see about store cattle. Stayed in town all night
- Thu 17 Mr. MacGREGOR (Sam) was not in town. Stayed in town. Went on board the "Havilla".
- Fri 18 Saw MacGREGOR (Sam) about MONTRAYs cattle. Returned home. Called to MacKELLARs about cattle. Moved cattle to make room for cattle from MONTRAYs Jim (?) came for reaping machine for Mr. TOZER. (Francis).
- Sat 19 Went down to MONTRAYs for cattle. Drew the cattle and took them to Mr. FISHER's yards. Stayed there all night. TOZER's (Francis) left with reaping machine.
- Sun 20 Brought the cattle home. I got home four o'clock Monday morning.
- Mon 21 Got home with cattle. Drew Mr. McKELLARS and Mr. MARGETTS (Edward). Went to Warrnambool to PATERSON's party (Robert Brand PATERSON).
- Tue 22 Returned home. Sent dray into Warrnambool for things and to take in a sheep to kill.
- Wed 23 Went round the cattle. J. AITKIN Mrs WARE and Miss MacDOWALL came out. Killed a cow for beef. (Mary Jane AITKIN M. 24. 10. 1861 to Robert Brand PATERSON, Bank Manager, Warrnambool. He became partner in AITKIN & PATERSON, formerly 'MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK', following the premature death of George BOSTOCK in 1858.)
- Thu 24 Went to W'bool to Mr. PATERSON's wedding and gave him up the premises for a week.
- Fri 25 Remained in Warrnambool.
- Sat 26 Went out to Grasmere before breakfast. Called to see DOY about starting horses for Geelong. Played singles & married match (cricket) in Warrnambool.
- Sun 27 Went to Church. Walked to the Hopkins River in the afternoon.
- Mon 28 Rode out to Purnim. Margaret AITKIN went out with me. (First Mention of Margaret with Augustus Margaret is sister to his brother Ernest's wife, Lucy Hannah AITKIN). Started the horses for Geelong. Went round all cattle on Grasmere. Called on Mr. & Mrs. PATERSON (Robert & Mary Jane PATERSON)
- Tue 29 Drove Mrs. AITKIN (Mary M. AITKIN) out to Grasmere.
- Wed 30 Had a game at cricket. Mrs. WARE returned to Warrnambool from 'Minjah'. The PATERSONs (Robert Brand and Mary Jane PATERSON) started up country.
- Thu 31 Went out with Mrs. MARGETTS and Miss. MacDOWALL to see Mrs. CORNEY. MARGETTS came into Warrnambool.

Augustus BOSTOCK migrated to the Western District c. 1850 aged about 17 years, following his elder brother George BOSTOCK (my gr. grandfather). George BOSTOCK m. 1849 to Ann COX (Clarendon). They lived at "Eumarella West", Macarthur 1849-1852 when George made his move to Warrnambool, where he commenced business "MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK" with Thomas MANIFOLD of "Grasmere".

NOVEMBER 1861

- Fri 1 Stayed in Warrnambool all day.
- Sat 2 Paid bill to McCREDDIN for cattle. Had a game at cricket and stayed in Warrnambool.
- Sun 3 Walked to Ernest's (BOSTOCK) garden and then home.
- Mon 4 Went around cattle. DREW (Cornelius) working in the garden.
- Tue 5 Went to E. Creek about some accounts due to us. Returned home by Warrnambool. Charlie HELPMAN fell from his horse.
- Wed 6 Went round the cattle on Grasmere. DREW (Cornelius) took over Prince and got his shoes altered. MARGETTS (Edward) came down.
- Thu 7 Went over to Rosehill. Ernest's (BOSTOCK) mare Minnie foaled. Blocked up the gateway opposite DOY's parcel (land). Called at DOY's about horses that went to Geelong. Went over to DOYS in the afternoon to see him about putting on sheep.
- Fri 8 Went into Warrnambool and stayed all night.
- Sat 9 Stayed in Warrnambool. Played a singles & married cricket match.
- Sun 10 Returned home.

- Mon 11 Went round all cattle. MARGETTS (Edw.) came.
- Tue 12 Went to Purnim. Put out strange bullock. MARGETTS (Edward) came down with me. Mr. ARMSTRONG called. Went with him to his station calling at Mr. HOODs (Rob) and having tea on way up.
- Wed 13 Went to Boortkoi (Tom BOSTOCK)
- Thu 14 Stayed at Tom's (BOSTOCK) all day. Mended some gates.
- Fri 15 Went to Kenilworth (near Hamilton. His friends/relatives John MACKERSEY & Ann Harriet HEADLAM). Got up by 4 O'clock.
- Sat 16 Stayed at Kenilworth. Danced in the evening with the children.
- Sun 17 Went to Church at Cavendish.
- Mon 18 Too hot to travel. Stayed at Kenilworth.
- Tue 19 Returned to Boortkoi (Tom and Jane BOSTOCK.)
- Wed 20 Returned home. Went into Warrnambool to get the English mail. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) came down by the steamer.
- Thu 21 Went to see allotment at the Hopkins (River) Stayed in town (Warrnambool).
- Fri 22 Returned home. Two MANIFOLDs (possibly Thomas and wife Jane SYNNOT) & Miss MATSON (Henry MATSON h/of Alice MANIFOLD.) Went over to look at MARGETTS' (Edward) cattle to see if any could be drawn for sale in Warrnambool. Put a strange cow out of the paddock. Arranged with CLANCY (John) to take MANIFOLD's (Tom) two ponies up to Purrumbete. (John & Peter MANIFOLD owned "Purrumbete" Camperdown). Weather is rather stormy with rain. (Augustus begins to write about the weather, each day, until the end of his diaries 1920.)
- Sat 23 Drew some of MARGETTS (Edw) bullocks and took them to Warrnambool for sale at MacGREGOR's yard (Sam). We only sold one. Brought the rest home. Stayed all night in town.
- Sun 24 Stayed in Warrnambool. Walked out as far as Ernest's (BOSTOCK) paddock.
- Mon 25 Lucy had son (Charles BOSTOCK d. 1883). Return home. Campbell EDDINGTON came out with me. Stayed all night. Weather very hot.
- Tue 26 Campbell EDDINGTON left for home. DOY called about horses at Geelong. Agreed with him about sending to Adelaide for reaping and thrashing machine. To Purnim. Looked at MARGETTS (Edw) barley. A man called looking for bullock for SNOW (Henry, butcher). John CLANCY called about allotment near school house. W. cold windy.
- Wed 27 Went into Warrnambool about Rosehill. Stayed in town all night. Played a game at cricket. Weather cool and windy.
- Thu 28 Went to steamer and meet Mr. WOOD Returned home. To Mr. MANN's sale of farm cattle.
- Fri 29 Putting a wire on top of posts of old four rail fence. Went round all cattle. Moved four head out of middle paddock into back paddock and moved three head from middle paddock into grass paddock at Purnim. Settled with ARNEL (Frederick). Saw BUCKNAL about butchering. To LATTAs (Wm).
- Sat 30 Went to Warrnambool before breakfast. Went for a walk around town with Mr. LORD (William). To Mr. WOOD's meeting. Stayed in town all night. Weather rather warm. (A Mr. J. D. WOOD represented Warrnambool in the Victorian Parliament in 1861. Later he was Attorney General and defeated by Capt. DANA in 1864.)

It was a remarkable life, where Gussy wrote almost every day of his life and survived all his beloved siblings. . He spent many years of caring for and was always there for every member of his family, who suffered the loss of a spouse or loved one. So many people found work with Gussy over the years and many more shared great friendshi. I hope you find someone too, as you as you browse these diaries.

DECEMBER 1861

- Sun 1 Returned home Mr. LORD (Wm) came with me. Weather warm in morning/ light rain.
- Mon 2 Started for up country with Mr. LORD (Wm) but obliged to turn back. Saw BUCKNAL about starting butchering. John CLANCY returned from Purrumbete (Camperdown) after taking up the ponies. Weather rain very hard all day with wind.

- Tue 3 The largest flood in the river known for years. Went into Warrnambool round by Great North Road to Mr. WOODS (J. D.) Election. Stayed in Warrnambool all night. W. cold with shwrs.
- Wed 4 Went out to Mr. MARGETTS (Edward) to see the cattle. Returned by Woodford. Flood still in the river. Weather is cool and cloudy.
- Thu 5 Flooding still over the flats. Mr. LORD (Wm.) and myself went to Boortkoi (Hexham). DREW (Cornelius) looking after fences. Weather Fine.
- Fri 6 Went from Boortkoi (Tom BOSTOCK) to John MACKERSEYs (Kenilworth) Weather Fine.
- Sat 7 Went over to McGILLS and returned to MACKERSEYs (John & Ann 'nee HEADLAM').
- Sun 8 Stayed at MACKERSEY's (Kenilworth) John and myself drove over to the township.
- Mon 9 Mr. LORD (Wm.) and myself drove down with Mr. LEARMONTH to see Canowalla (Kanawalla) Station and from there to see Mr. McKELLARs where we stayed all night. (William LEARMONTH from V. D. L. took up "Ettrick" c. 1844. A son John Ralston LEARMONTH was f/of Noel LEARMONTH b. 1880, who wrote Four Towns On a Survey" referring to Macarthur area. George BOSTOCK held "Eumarella West" at Macarthur 1849-1852) (McKELLARs Donald at "Purnim" Thomas was squatter on "Kanawalla" John was Overseer on "Balangeich".)
- Tue 10 Drove to Hamilton. Mr. LORD (Wm.) started for Ballarat by coach. I returned to EDDINGTONs on my way home. W. rather warm. (EDDINGTON family held "Ballangeich" not far from Gussy's Grasmere. Noted in diary are Capt. John E. Harry E. Lieut Edward E. & Campbell E. friends of Gussy.)
- Wed 11 Drove to MCARTHUR's (?Gilbert 'Lawrenny') to breakfast and Spring Creek where I met Tom (BOSTOCK) and John MACKERSEY. We drove together as far as turnoff. Return home. Warm.
- Thu 12 Went round the cattle and to see fence at Purnim that was washed away by the flood. Went into Warrnambool to entries for Amateur races. Weather Cool.
- Fri 13 Stayed in town for Amateur races and went to Ball in evening. W. Fine.
- Sat 14 Stayed in Warrnambool. Paid rent for grass at Purnim. Weather rather cold.
- Sun 15 Returned home and Jimmy (BOSTOCK), DAVIS and McROBIE (Jas) came out with me. PATERSON (Robert Brand) Tom (BOSTOCK) and some ladies drove out with us. MacKENZIE (Anthony) called and stayed all night. (McROBIE William on 'Weatherboard' was father of Annie Young McROBIE and James McROBIE. Annie, widow of J. G. WARE, m. 1862 James Wm. Manifold AITKIN.
- Mon 16 Went round cattle on Grasmere. DREW (Cornelius) went to Rosehill and brought two sheep. Went to see Mr. STUBBS about School. MARGETTS (Edw.) came down. Raining and blowing all day.
- Tue 17 Went into Warrnambool to a party at Mrs AITKINs (Mary M. M.). Weather very wet.
- Wed 18 Stayed in town. W. Moist.
- Thu 19 Returned home. Went round cattle. W. Windy.
- Sat 21 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) drove into Warrnambool and brought out Mrs. AITKIN (Mary M.), Mrs. BATEMAN and some ladies to get fruit. Went into Warrnambool in the evening. W. fine.
- Sun 22 Remained in Warrnambool. Rained nearly all day.
- Mon 23 Home and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) drove out. Mrs DREW (w/o Cornelius) went to town. Cutting thistles. Went over to the blacksmith (McLAREN) to get the A waggon mended. McROBIE (James) & DAVIS started on their way home. Weather. Cool with light showers.
- Tue 24 Get McLAREN to put brake on Am waggon. Mrs PATERSON (Mary Jane) and two young ladies (?Alice & Margaret her sisters) came. Spent day. MARGETTS [E] called. got bus from Black Riv.
- Wed 25 Went out shooting snipe to EDDINGTONs Dam (at Ballangeich) MARGETTS (Edw.) came with us.
- Thu 26 Went up the river to try to shoot some ducks. Sent Inkerman and Tim over to be shod. Tom (BOSTOCK) called on his way to Warrnambool. Moved MARGETTS (Edw) cattle back into his own paddock. Went to the river. Cutting some thistles. Weather fine.
- Fri 27 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself drove to Warrnambool to Annual Races. DREW (C.) carted fencing to sideline with LATTA (Wm.) Weather is showery.

- Sat 28 Stayed in town to the races. Went to Madame CARANDINI's Concert in the evening. Weather cold. (Madame CARANDINI had also given a concert in 1856)
- Sun 29 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself returned home to dinner.
- Mon 30 Took the waggon over to Blacksmith to get the brake filled. DREW (Cornelius) commenced putting up sideline fence. MACKERSEY (John) and A. AITKIN (Alice) rode out.
- Tue 31 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) started to meet John MACKERSEY to drive to Boortkoi (Hexham) to spend New Years Day. Cutting Thistles on Grasmere. DREW (Cornelius) putting up sideline fence. MARGETTS (Edw.) called down. Attended a Meeting at School House of the Patrons. Went up with Mr. STUBBS to look at bay filly at Purnim. Wthr fine/cool. Gussy is still at Grasmere which is about 12 miles from Warrnambool. However, that is just an estimate. We believe the home was situated on the road, before you get to the main village of Grasmere today.

From Grasmere run

JANUARY 1862

- Wed 1 Finished the sideline fence that the flood carried away. Went to Warrnambool and dined with Ernest (BOSTOCK). Went to the Hopkins (River) afterwards to see Volunteers.
- Thu 2 Stayed in Warrnambool all day. Weather Windy.
- Fri 3 Gave my vote for the Municipal Election. Went up to sale of sheep at Woodford. Returned home. MARGETTS (Edw.) came down. Weather changable.
- Sat 4 Putting wire on top of posts of sideline fence. Finished cutting thistles on Grasmere. Cutting some on Purnim. Weather very warm.
- Sun 5 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned from Boortkoi (Hexham). MUSGROVE (A. W.) came out.
- Mon 6 DREW (Cornelius) hoeing in the garden. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself picking black currants. BUCKNAL called down. MARGETTS (Edw.) finished carting in his hay.
- Tue 7 Went to school house. Arranged with PITTS for carpenter's work. Went up to see PHIN (Thos). DREW (Cornelius) cutting thistles. Went into Warrnambool and ordered the timber for repairs at school. Stayed to Benevolent Assylum Elections.
- Wed 8 Rode home before breakfast. Went round the cattle. Called at MARGETTS (Edward). MARGETTS and boys came down. Went to Mr. STEPHENS party. (? Fred. Perkins STEVENS STEPHENS.) DREW (Cornelius) cutting thistles. Weather warm.
- Thu 9 Drove home. Mrs. AITKIN (Mary M. nee MANIFOLD) and Mrs PATERSON (Mary Jane, nee AITKIN) came out with us. Weather very warm.
- Fri 10 Picked black currants. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) drove Mrs AITKIN and Mrs. PATERSON to Warrnamool and drove PATERSON (Robert Brand) out in the evening. Went to School House to see how PITTS was getting on. Weather warm.
- Sat 11 PATERSON (Robert Brand), Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself went to EDDINGTON's dam snipe shooting. Drove to Warrnambool in evening. Weather. fine and cool.
- Sun 12 Stayed in Warrnambool.
- Mon 13 Went out to see reaping machine at work over the Hopkins (River). Returned home.
- Tue 14 Went to the school house. Took waggon over and got on the brake. MARGETTS (Edw) called down. Weather. The hottest day this year. Thermometer 100 degrees at 5. p. m.
- Wed 15 Went to school house. Finished fitting brake, fastened seats. Went round all cattle.
- Thu 16 Went into Warrnambool to see about sending to Portland for reaping and thrashing Machine. Tom (BOSTOCK) came down. Went down and had game at cricket.
- Fri 17 Went to CAMPBELLS to see Reaping and Thrashing Machine working. Drove home. Tom (BOSTOCK) came with us. Weather cool.
- Sat 18 Drove to Warrnambool and played Match at Cricket. Stayed in town all night. MARGETTS (Edw.) took out the Reaping and Threshing machine. Weather cool/windy.
- Sun 19 Returned home. Tom (BOSTOCK) drove with us and went home in afternoon. MARGETTS (Edw.) came in the evening. Weather cool.
- Mon 20 Went to School House to see how carpenters were getting on. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to CLANCY's (John) to see about ROSS's crop. Started Reaping and Thrashing machine. (Big day with his new machine. . 1862 -Thelma). Mr. MacGREGOR (Sam) came and put in

working order for us. We went with MacGREGOR (Samuel) to JENKINS (Allan) and . then to see cattle. MacKENZIE (Anthony) came to MARGETTS (Edw.) Agreed to give CLANCY (John) 10/- a day to Work machine with one horse. MacGREGOR (Sam) came to tea and went home. Weather fine and cool with sea breeze.

- Tue 21 To School House and to MARGETTS (Edw.) to see Reaping and Thrashing machine start. CLANCY (John) commenced working machine. Picked some pears. Went to look for three bullocks away from flood paddock. Wthr. warm morning. Dull and windy a'noon
- Wed 22 Out all day looking for three bullocks out of mash paddock. Found two of them up near McGINNIS (Mr.), but could not find other. Too wet to work machine. W. cold with wind rain.
- Thu 23 To School House and out by Spring Flat to look for stray bullock. Put seven bullocks out of middle and back paddocks to clover at Purnim. Killed c. s. bullock for beef.
- Fri 24 Cut, salted beef. Went round cattle. Brought two bullocks from Purnim. Drove to Warrnambool.
- Sat 25 Went to Belfast to play a Cricket Match. Stayed all night. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) started up the country with James AITKIN (J. Wm. M. AITKIN). Weather very warm.
- Sun 26 Stayed in Belfast all day. Drove to Warrnambool in evening. Weather hot wind.
- Mon 27 Returned home. Mr. OAKES came out with me to look at Rosehill farm. Went up to see Reaping Machine at work. MARGETTS (Edw) came down. Weather Cool.
- Tue 28 Went round cattle. DREW (Cornelius) carting posts and rails over to piece of fence next to A. JENKIN's (Allan ?). Drove Mrs. MARGETTS into Warrnambool. Weather fine.
- Wed 29 Saw Mrs. HOWIE about plums. Mrs. MARGETTS remained in town. Went over to a meeting at School House. Mr. & Mrs. TOZER (Francis) and Mrs. HARRINGTON came out and got some fruit. DREW (Cornelius) finished putting up one side of fence. W. fine.
- Thu 30 Went to Warrnambool with plums for Mrs. HOWIE Drove Mrs. MARGETTS home. DREW (Cornelius) hoeing thistles. Paid Accounts owing by School House. Weather dull like rain. MARGETTS (Edward) could only run machine half a day.
- Fri 31 Cleaning up the garden in front and side of the house. Picking plums for BUCKNAL One of the men that was clearing Spring Creek Road for us, called looking for work.

So ends another month in the life of many different people in this wide region of the Western District. I am sure the boys all had some marvellous conversations with the coming of the New Reaping Machine.

From Grasmere run

FEBRUARY 1862

- Sat 1 Drove to Warrnambool. Play match at Cricket English against natives. Stayed all night.
- Sun 2 Stayed in Warrnambool all day. Drove to Ernest's (BOSTOCK) new house (Lipook) in the evening. W. warm. ("Lipook" is at CLANCEY Court, restored some years ago (c. 1990) by Bill & Dawn CLANCEY. It is quite a beautiful home, which was originally on over 2 acres. Now, modern housing covers most of the land around the original home "Lipook" ... Thel.)
- Mon 3 Drove home. Brought out Mrs PATERSON (Mary Jane AITKIN), Mrs. McDOWALL and Alice AITKIN (who m. 1875 his brother James.) to get fruit. Put up fence at lane for watering place at JENKINs Bridge. Picked fruit to send to town. Mrs. PARKER (Mrs. Sam PARKER), Miss. ALLAN and three young ALLANs came, but returned in afternoon. MARGETTS (Edward) working reaping machine. Carting first of his wheat. W. Very Warm, looks like rain.
- Tue 4 Drove to Warrnambool, taking in three ladies and DREW (Cornelius). Took dray with fruit to Mrs HOWIE and Mrs HELPMAN. Returned home in evening. Weather cloudy.
- Wed 5 Picking fruit for Mrs HOWIE. Drove over with fruit. Went to a tea meeting. Tom and Jane were down. (BOSTOCK). Mr. & Mrs. MACKERSEY (John and Ann) came by steamer.
- Thu 6 Stayed in town. Went out to see Ernest (BOSTOCK) new home (Lipook). Mrs. ALLAN and family went out to Grasmere for fruit. Mrs. WARE (Annie Young McROBIE) McROBIE (William) and Jimmy (McROBIE BOSTOCK ?) came down. Weather. Dull.

- Fri 7 Drove home and McROBIE (Wm.) came with me. Tom and Jane (BOSTOCK) and Mr. & Mrs. MACKERSEY (John and Ann) called on way to Boortkoi (Hexham). Alice AITKIN Miss. McDOWALL and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came. All returned to Warrnambool. Weather. Fine.
- Sat 8 Stayed in town all day. Went to see the shooting match Volunteers against Civilians.
- Sun 9 Stayed in town. (Wm.) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out. Picking plums to send to Warrnambool. Jimmy and McROBIE went out Quail shooting. Mrs. MARGETTS called about going to town. Weather Went out to see Ernest's (BOSTOCK) house (Lipook). W. south easterly.
- Mon 10 Drove home. McROBIE
- Tue 11 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) drove Mrs. MARGETTS and McROBIE Warrnambool. Took in some fruit. DREW (Cornelius) took things for MARGETTS (Edw), brought home spars for slip panels. Went round all the cattle. MARGETTS (E.) commenced work with reaping machine in 20 acre paddock. Very Hot.
- Wed 12 Went over to see BUCKNAL Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned from Warrnambool. Went and had a game at cricket in the front Paddock. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and Mr. ARMSTRONG drove out.
- Thu 13 Went round cattle. Went quail shooting in afternoon. Mr. STUBBS? came to tea. Warm.
- Fri 14 DREW (C.) cutting thistles in log fence. Went to see how MARGETTS (Edw) was getting on. To LATTAs (Wm.) about Thrashing Machine for MARGETTS (E.). DREW (C.) went to Rosehill to get sheep.
- Sat 15 Went into Warrnambool. Played a game at cricket. Stayed in town all night. W. Fine.
- Sun 16 Drove home. Ernest (BOSTOCK) AITKIN (J. Wm. M.) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came. Went to Tom's (BOSTOCK, Boortkoi) in afternoon. AITKIN and Jimmy returned to town. W. Fine.
- Mon 17 Went ovet to Mortlake to play Match at Cricket. Weather very warm.
- Tue 18 Stayed Boortkoi (Hexham). Tom (BOSTOCK) drove us to see house at Hopkins Hill.
- Wed 19 Went with Mr. & Mrs. MACKERSEY [John & Ann] to meet the mail. Drove over to Mr. ARMSTRONGs afterward. Weather fine. (James and Eliza nee LETHAM, parents of John MACKERSEY, were lifelong friends of Gussy. Eliza & James MACKERSEY 'Greenhill" V. D. L. visited family in 1862. return U. K. 1864.)
- Thu 20 Returned home. Went to Warrnambool with Ernest (BOSTOCK). Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) came by the steamer. Stayed in town all night. Weather. Fine.
- Fri 21 Stayed in town. Went down to see the new steamer "Western". Weather Cool.
- Sat 22 Returned home before breakfast. Putting some of the doors. . ? rights about the place.
- Sun 23 Mr. and Mrs. BROMFIELD (James Astley B. was first resident chemist in Warrnambool in 1852 –Town Councillor) and Mr & Mrs McKIERNIN (W. H. Road contractor 1852+) drove out.
- Mon 24 MARGETTS (Edward) commenced thrashing. KEILLAR (Wm.)came and took some bees. Went round cattle on Grasmere. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thos.) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) drove out. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) Stayed all night. Weather Fine and cool.
- Tue 25 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to town. Went to Purnim and walked round the place with MANIFOLD. (Thomas) MANIFOLD walked to town. Went and agreed with KEILLAR (Wm) for carpenter's work at 85/- per week. Went over to see HILL about Masonry work.
- Wed 26 Drove into Warrnambool. Sent the dray in with fruit and to bring out wire etc. for fence. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) came out with us. Weather Very warm but windy.
- Thu 27 Went round cattle at Purnim. Turned out the strange horse. Killed Strawberry cow's calf. Commenced putting house in repair. MARGETTS (E.) commenced carting wheat into town.
- Fri 28 MANIFOLD (Tom was partner with late George BOSTOCK MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK). Boring post of fence round house paddock for wire so as to keep sheep in. Moved dry cow and two bullocks from house paddock to MARGETTS (E.) cultivation paddocks. Sent dray to REIDY's (John. W'bool 1850) to bring home timber. HILL (mason) commenced getting stone for verandah.

Augustus BOSTOCK b. 1833 Epping Forest, VDL to Rachael RAFFERTY born 1800 Sydney to Elizabeth RAFFERTY, shopkeeper and Captain Robert RHODES RN, Master of shaling vessel "Alexander". Robert travelled between V. D. L. Norfolk Island and Old Sydney Town 1799-1806. Rachael m. 1816 Robert BOSTOCK RN, Merchant, of Old Sydney Town. Sadly Rachael d. 1837 shortly after the birth of James BOSTOCK. This shows that Augustus' mother died when he was 4 like so many at that time in history.

MARCH 1862

- Sat 1 Working at Verandah. Putting wire in fence running from small garden. Brought rails for fence in front of house. MARGETTS (Edward) called down. DOY burning stubble. HILL quarrying stone.
- Sun 2 Stayed at home all day. MARGETTS (Edw.) came down in the evening. W. very warm
- Mon 3 Carting stone for foundation of verandah. Also carting rails for fence in front to keep sheep. MANIFOLD works at verandah. [Thos owned Grasmere Gussy leased]. HILL start laying foundation.
- Tue 4 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came from town. GREEN came for fruit for the diggings. Went to Rosehill with man from the diggings about fruit. Went round cattle at Grasmere and Purnim. Went to MATHERSONs (Geo) about bull. GREEN got apples and pears for diggings. HILL not at work and obliged to go to Warrnambool. Finished laying new pieces of joists in front verandah. MARGETTS (Edw.) called with dray on his way from and brought floor boards for verandah.
- Wed 5 Putting rails in fence at front to keep in the sheep. Working at verandah. Tom (BOSTOCK) drove two Mr. MANIFOLDs (? from Purrumbete) into town. Finished fitting boards into verandah. The men with fruit left for the diggings. Clearing away rubbish in front. Weather warm.
- Fri 7 Mr. MANIFOLD (Thos) remained in town to land sale. Working at fence in front to keep sheep. The two Mr. WARE's (George??) and Mr. HOOD (Robert of "Merrang") called.
- Sat. 8 Went into Warrnambool to play a match at Cricket. Stayed in town all night. W. close.
- Sun 9 Remained in town. Dined with PATERSON (Robert Brand). W. very close. Rain at night.
- Mon 10 Returned home before breakfast. Mr. PARKER (Samuel) called about road to IDEN's Bridge. John MACKERSEY and his father (James MACKERSEY) called on their way to Boortkoi (John's sister 'Jane' MACKERSEY was w/of Tom BOSTOCK, managing Boortkoi for MANIFOLDs). Mr. MANIFOLD came out in the evening (Peter Thomas?). Putting slate under greenhouse. Repair small fence in front. Clearing rubbish.
- Tue 11 William KEILLAR commenced work. MANIFOLD (Thomas) and myself commenced shingling main portion of house. MARGETTS (Edw.) called. William COOPER called from Rosehill about potatoes. Weather windy from south west showers
- Wed 12 Shingling roof of house (Grasmere). Wm. KEILLAR putting rail to verandah. MACKAY came with Jimmy (BOSTOCK) Weather showery.
- Thu 13 Putting last of palings we had on verandah roof. KEILLAR (Wm.) finished rails and put first coat of paint. MANIFOLD (Thomas) put weatherboards on house. Went round cattle. MARGETTS (Edw.)brought spotted bullock home from TOZERs (Francis). Went about clearing off road. To DOYs & JENKINS (Allan) about getting more palings. Weather showery.
- Fri 14 Went to DELANEYs about getting palings. Wm. KEILLAR painting. Shot cow for HILL (stonemason). Sent to DELANEY's and brought home palings. JENKINS (Alan) called with palings. Finished shingling the end of verandah. Two men called about apples. W. showery.
- Sat 15 Went into Warrnambool to get some nails and to Tender for grubbing and clearing. Finished the roof of front verandah. Mr. BARKER arrived from Purrumbete.
- Sun 16 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and John MATSON of Purrumbete came out from town. (John is s/o Henry MATSON & Alice MANIFOLD) MARGETTS (Edw.) called. Walk to Purnim in afternoon.
- Mon 17 Putting up spouting in front. Commenced repairing kitchen roof. William (KEILLAR) didn't come till midday. DREW (Cornelius) put garden about front in order. W. fine, frost at night.

- Tue 18 Shingle kitchen roof. Finish verandah. DREW (C.) working in garden. Put front parlour in order.
- Wed 19 Finished shingling roof of kitchen. To Warrnambool with MANIFOLD (Thomas) and BARKER to attend AITKINS wedding. Weather fine. (James' bride was Annie YOUNG 'nee McROBIE'. WARE died 1867. J. W. M. AITKIN on Warrnambool City Council. First Mayor of Municipal Cncl).
- Thu 20 James AITKIN was married and they drove out to Grasmere. Went to a party at Mrs. AITKINs (Mary nee MANIFOLD.) in evening. (Seems Gussy gave up his Grasmere home for the couple)
- Fri 21 Remained in Warrnambool all day. Spent the evening with Mrs AITKIN (Mary M.) Weather warm. (This was the home of Gussy's future bride Margaret AITKIN, so I guess he did not mind.)
- Sat 22 Remained in Warrnambool. Drove out with Ernest and Tom (BOSTOCK) to see Ernest's new house (Lipook). Went on board steamer "Queen" and saw Mr. & Mrs MACKERSEY off to Melbourne. (Jas MACKERSEY & Eliza LETHAM) on their way to England by "Dover Castle".
- Sun 23 Drove Mr. MANIFOLD (Peter Tom ?) to Purrumbete (Camperdown.). BARKER rode up with us.
- Mon 24 Remained at Purrumbete all day. MATSON (John ?) went out and shot me a couple of turkeys. Drove ladies down the road for a drive. Weather rather warm.
- Tue 25 Drove down to Warrnambool by myself. Bought some ducks at Terang. W. v. warm.
- Wed 26 Returned home before breakfast. Agreed with two men to grub and cut up . ? on the road according to my contract. Mr. McROBIE (Wm.) and George WARE came. Weather. fine.
- Thu 27 Called to STUBBS about surveying HOY's (A) farm. Agreed to give DOY £3 per week for drawing off timber on road. Agreed with John KEILLAR to grub roots and fill holes at 30/- per wk. AITKIN (J. W. M.) and Mrs AITKIN (? Mary Annie) went to Warrnambool. I rode with them. Stayed in town all night. Went to HALL in the evening. Men commenced Grubbing.
- Fri 28 Instructed BUSH (? Robert BUSHE) to sue SNOW (Henry, Butcher) for his accounts. Dined with PATERSON (Robert B. PATERSON, h/of Mary Jane AITKIN). Return home in afternoon. McKIERNIN (W. H.) came. We went to roadwork. Wm. KEILLAR commenced putting glass in greenhouse 'right'.
- Sat 29 At road all day. KEILLAR (Wm.) working at greenhouse. Drove to Warrnambool in the evening. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and TRIPP (W.) rode out. Weather fine.
- Sun 30 Stay W'bool. Call at BATEMANS (Jas Wm.). Walked as far as Ernest's (BOSTOCK) new house.
- Mon 31 Returned home. DREW (Cornelius) went to Rosehill to bring Leicesters. Man from diggings got pears from Rosehill and came for apples. Went to see how men were getting on with grubbing road. Saw STUBBS about surveying HOY's (A.) farm. Weather dull.

APRIL 1862.

- Tue 1 Went to hut to see PARTRIDGE who was ill. MARGETTS (Edward) came. Man from diggings, also from town got apples. Went to see how grubbing was going. Felled a large tree on Blacksmiths. Gathered walnuts. DREW (Cornelius) securing fence to keep Leicester sheep in. KEILLAR (John William) painting. . ? of greenhouse. Weather fine but dull.
- Wed 2 William KEILLAR putting ridge boards on the kitchen. Went to see how they were getting on with the roadwork. John KEILLAR commenced cutting up timber. Surveyed piece of HOY's (A) Farm and ran line across middle. MARGETTS (Edw.) came and helped me. Killed cow for beef in evening.
- Thu 3 Went over to the road. Drove into Warrnambool in the evening. Weather fine.
- Fri 4 Stayed in town all day.
- Sat 5 Returned home before breakfast. Went up to play a cricket match. Stayed at Boortkoi.
- Sun 6 Returned home. Weather close.

- Mon 7 Drawing cattle for Ballarat and getting ready to start. James McROBIE came out (b/o Annie Young McROBIE WARE, w/o J. W. M. AITKIN). Mr. McROBIE and other young ladies drove out.
- Tue 8 Started with the cattle. It rained all day.
- Wed 9 Went as far as Mortlake. W. cold.
- Thu 10 Got within two miles of the Elephant. (Mount Elephant near Darlington).
- Fri 11 Drove the cattle as far as the Water Holes and stayed there all night.
- Sat 12 Got to Pitfield (Grenville Shire) Met SWEENEY? (SWEENEY Brothers). He made an offer for cattle.
- Sun 13 Drove as far as Smythesdale. Sold cattle to SWEENEY @ £4/5/- all round. W. cold.
- Mon 14 Delivered the cattle and drove into Ballarat. Weather rather close.
- Tue 15 Went out to cattle yards and went down to Melbourne by railway. Weather cool.
- Wed 16 Stayed in Melbourne. Went out to MANIFOLDS (Tom) in afternoon. W. wet/cold.
- Thu 17 Stayed in Melbourne. Went out to BAYLES (Wm. M. L. A.) in evening. W. wet/cold (Gussy takes up lease at Coomete, with Wm. BAYLES very soon)
- Fri 18 Returned to Ballarat. Stayed all night. Weather rather cold and showery.
- Sat 19 Got as far as the Water Holes (? Brown's Water Holes?) on the way home. W. cold.
- Sun 20 Got home. Weather fine.
- Mon 21 Went over to see how clearing of road was going. Ernest (BOSTOCK) came from Boortkoi.
- Tue 22 Burning off timber on the road. Finished grubbing as far as IDEN's W. fine, first frost.
- Wed 23 Went round cattle. Start with intention to go to Mr. Corney's? Sale, but went straight to town.
- Thu 24 Walked out with Ernest (BOSTOCK) to see his new home (LIPOOK -they must have been delighted. Now restored by CLANCEYs and is very beautiful.) Stayed in town all day. Weather fine.
- Fri 25 Settled up accounts with AITKIN (J. W. M. AITKIN) about rents. Stayed in town all night.
- Sat 26 Went to see how stock sold at MacGREGOR's sale yards (Samuel)W. dull/fine.
- Sun 27 Returned home. Jimmy (BOSTOCK), SMITH & WILLIAMS came out with me. W. fine.
- Mon 28 SMITH and WILLIAMS left. Went over road all day. Tom (BOSTOCK) came, stayed all night.
- Tue 29 Drove with Tom (BOSTOCK) to BATEMAN's sale (James/Wm.). Went from there to town and got my horse and returned home. Weather fine.
- Wed 30 Over at road all day. Tom came. HAMILTON (Mr.) brought sheep to get their feet pared. Fine.

MAY 1862.

- Thu 1 Commenced cutting logs for fence across middle paddock. William commenced again at greenhouse. Mr. McROBIE (Wm. or James) drove Mrs. AITKIN and Alice (AITKIN) out to go with Tom (BOSTOCK) to Boortkoi, but Tom drove them to town again. To W'bool in afternoon, returned late.
- Fri 2 MARGETTS (Edw) called on his way to Warrnambool. Cleared logs at bridge and made fire on two old ones. ARNEL (Fred) and DREW (Cornelius) cutting timber for making log fence. Finished grubbing roots and filling holes on road. DOY's Team finished drawing off. WILLIAMS (David/Harry) glazing windows of greenhouse and giving them another coat of paint. W. fine.
- Sat 3 Fastened wire in fence in front. SWEENEY arrived and went round to see fat cattle, but too dark to see all. ARNEL (Frederick) and DREW (Cornelius) cutting logs in the forenoon.
- Sun 4 Went round cattle with SWEENEY (Bros ?). Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came out. MARGETTS (Edw.) called.
- Mon 5 SWEENEY (Bros ?) went over to GOODS (John) to see his cattle. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) stayed to help muster the cattle for SWEENEY (Bros?). Sold him 59 head of cattle and he left for EDDINGTON's (Henry)
- Tue 6 Took the cattle up to EDDINGTON's (Henry) and stayed there all night. W. showery.
- Wed 7 Helped them away with the cattle and returned home. John KEILLAR splitting posts and rails to repair fencing. ARNEL (Fred) & DREW (Cornelius) sawing logs. W. fine, hard frost.

- Thu 8 To W'bool to pay SWEENEY Bros cheque to bank. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thos?) came out with me. Sold 20 pigs to WILSON (John) for £35. DREW (C.) and ARNEL (Fred.) cutting logs. DOY's team carting posts and rails to mend fences broken by grubbing the road. William KEILLAR not at work.
- Fri 9 Mr. MANIFOLD (Thos ?) went to Warrnambool. DREW (Cornelius) carting wood. Went to see how John KEILLAR was getting on repairing fence. Saw DOY about team next week to draw logs.
- Sat 10 ARNEL (Frederick) getting place ready for culvert. Sent dray to Warrnambool with Jimmy's (BOSTOCK) things. DREW (Cornelius) went to Warrnambool. Went to Warrnambool with MARGETTS (Edw.) Settled with AITKINS for MANIFOLD's (Thos) back rent. Saw MacGREGOR (Samuel) about sheep. Moved cattle in flat and middle paddock. Weather fine.
- Sun 11 MARGETTS (Edward) called in the evening called about cattle.
- Mon 12 That man left for GOODS (John). Went to Caramut to see WARE's (?George) sheep. From there to Townsend Stayed all night. Commenced log fence in back paddock. W. fine.
- Tue 13 Returned home. Working log fence. TURNBULL? and ROBINSON? came. Stayed all night.
- Wed 14 TURNBULL and ROBINSON? left for Boortkoi. Working at log fence. Went to Yangery sale of sheep. Sheep did not come. Went to Warrnambool calling at Farnham to see MacGREGOR (Samuel) and at Ernest's (BOSTOCK) where I had tea. To W'bool and stayed the night.
- Thu 15 Stay after dinner. Mr. & Mrs. ?NIELY? came with me, return in evening. Working at log fence.
- Fri 16 See Mr. STUBBS re receipt for money received from Denominational Board. Working log fence.
- Sat 17 Went round cattle at Grasmere and Purnim. Called at MARGETTS (Edw.) but he was at Connewarre to change cows. HILL? called about beast to kill. Agreed to put him one on Monday afternoon. Working at log fence. PATERSON (Robert B.) and Mrs. PATERSON (Mary Jane) and Miss CREAR rode out in evening.
- Sun 18 Stayed at home all day. Weather fine.
- Mon 19 Working at the fence all day. Went up to MARGETTS (Edw) to get him to fix bloack and tackle to kill a beast for HILL but he did not come for it. W. fine except for 2- 3 showers.
- Tue 20 Working at log fence in the back paddock. SHELDRIK (Walter) came and went round all the cattle, but did not trade. To Warrnambool and stayed all night at Ernest's (Lipook).
- Wed 21 Went into Warrnambool. Posted letters for English Mail. Paid WILLIAMS and Co. account for timber. Returned home. Finished the log fence. Commenced drawing light wood tops to top dead wood fence next to road. Weather Very fine in morning. Raining hard at night.
- Thu 22 Topping dead wood fence next to lane. Went to Boortkoi (Hexham) in afternoon to go next day to see JAMIESON's (Robert) sheep.
- Fri 23 Tom (BOSTOCK) has not returned from Hamilton. Went to Mr. JAMIESONS (Robert) and got offer from him for 800 wethers.
- Sat 24 Stayed at Boortkoi all day. Tom (BOSTOCK) returned from Hamilton.
- Sun 25 Stayed at Boortkoi (Hexham) and went for a ride. Weather fine.
- Mon 26 Tom (BOSTOCK) and myself drove JAMIESONS (Rob.) to look at wethers. Bought 800 from him.
- Tue 27 Returned home. DREW (Cornelius) spreading stone at the small bridge. John KEILLAR putting up fencing broken by grubbing the road. MARGETTS (Edw) called down. Rained all day.
- Wed 28 Putting up fence broken by grubbing the road. Drawing tops to put on the outside fence. Went into Warrnambool. Stayed in town all night. Paid assessment. Stayed out at Ernest's (BOSTOCK).
- Thu 29 Boring fence for wire. Returned home. Bullocks not at work. Topping fence. ARNEL (Frederick) and John KEILLAR absent. Weather was fine.
- Fri 30 MARGETTS (Edw) called on way to Warrnambool. Drawing logs to two rail fence to make it sheep proof. Ploughing furrows around fences. Boring posts for wire and put in some wire.

- DREW (Cornelius) brought down dray for Purnim, also the wire. Ploughing and other things were brought from town. John KEILLAR not at work. W. Rained nearly all day.
- Sat 31 Went to Rosehill to see how William KEILLAR was getting on with step off verandah and to see if Tom (BOSTOCK) had come. Finish topping fence next to road. Finish putting up fence running over to LATTAs (Wm) fence. DREW (C.) brought cow with young calf. Hung gate where there was slip panel, to make a fresh entrance. ARNEL (Fred) and John KEILLAR put up fence taken down to grub the road.

Augustus born 1833 died at his home "Vaucluse" (formerly 'Gladiswood') Hopetoun St. Warrnambool. The current years of the diary were written while he was on 'Grasmere' property of Thomas MANIFOLD.

JUNE 1862.

- Sun 1 Stayed home all day. MARGETTS (Edward) called. Went for a walk around paddock.
- Mon 2 Planted willow cuttings brought down from Purrumbete. Put wire under two rail fence next to LATTAs (William). Went to Rosehill with Tom (BOSTOCK). Bought sheep from him. Fred MARGETTS took a letter to Warrnambool for me. Saw MARGETTS (Edward) about sheep from Rosehill tomorrow. Tom (BOSTOCK) returned to Warrnambool. William KEILLAR repairing the old tilt cart for Ernest (BOSTOCK). ROSS called about renting the piece of grass next to school house.
- Tue 3 Finished logging fences. Putting logs in for a crossing in back paddock. James McROBIE (s/o William bro/of Annie Young McROBIE w/o J. G. WARE & secondly to J. W. M. AITKIN) came on way to LATTAs (William) for a horse. Tom (BOSTOCK) drove out. I went with him to Boortkoi. MARGETTS (Edward) brought old sheep down from Rosehill. Weather. fine light showers.
- Wed 4 Tom (BOSTOCK) and myself drove to Mr. JAMIESONS (Robert) and took delivery of sheep I bought from him. Returned to Boortkoi (Hexham). Weather fine.
- Thu 5 Rode around the run. To Hexham in the afternoon and met sheep from Mr. JAMIESONS (Robert).
- Fri 6 Started sheep for home. Saw them clear of Mr. HOODS (Robert of Merrang) and returned home. William KEILLAR mending cart for Ernest (BOSTOCK). DREW (Cornelius) digging potatoes in small garden. McKIERNAN's (W. H.) men carting stone out of back paddock.
- Sat 7 Making sheep yard. KEILLAR (Wm.) mending dray for Ernest (BOSTOCK 'Lipook'). Went out to meet the sheep. Saw them as far as ARNEL's (Fred.) paddock. MARGETTS (Edw.) called.
- Sun 8 The sheep from JAMIESON's (Robert) got home. TRIPP (W.) came out. MARGETTS (Edw.) called.
- Mon 9 Drawing sheep to paddocks. Mr. BATEMAN (Jas Wm. ?) called. Two HELPMANs (Charles & Phillip ?) called. Topping middle deadwood fence. Ploughing out drain in back paddock. William (KEILLAR) working at the cart. Cleared some logs out of the entrance road. Weather fine

The end of the first diary and THE start of the second diary (book.)

- Tue 10 Putting up the side fence on the old bridge. Quarry stone for road leading to the bridge. Putting wire in fences next to LATTAs (William). Went round cattle at Purnim. MARGETTS (Edw) called. Settled account with him. Got two pigs down for bacon and salted them. W. v. wet.
- Wed 11 Commenced putting stone on the road leading to the bridge. Went to Warrnambool and stayed all night. Settled with WILSON (John) for pigs. (John had a bacon factory) Saw butchers about fat stock, but could not sell any. Attended to Opening of William ADAMS will. Stayed in town all day. Went to Ernest's (BOSTOCK) in evening. Stayed there all night. Men carting stone on to the road.
- Thu 12 Stayed in town all day. Saw about ADAM's (William) will. Stayed all night at Ernests.

- Fri 13 Returned home. Saw NICOL (Gilbert) about settlement with Tom (BOSTOCK) for Rosehill. LYALL (James) came to see fat wethers. WILSON (John) called about pigs. I sold him more. Got stone for the road. Repaired gates at the yards. Muster pigs ready to send to Warrnambool.
- Sat 14 Started pigs for WILSON (John). Sent dray into Warrnambool. Logging portion of side fence next to LATTA's (William). Went into Warrnambool. Weather fine.
- Sun 15 Returned home. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came with me. MARGETTS (Edward) called in afternoon.
- Mon 16 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for town. Got in, drafted sheep which had joined from back paddock. Counted remainder. Making the road to the bridge. Went to MARGETTS [Edw.] to see about drawing ewes.
- Tue 17 William KEILLAR finished cart for Ernest (BOSTOCK). Quarrying stone for road. Went to Rosehill to meet KERR (Andrew) and SMITH to arbitrate between NICOL (Gilbert) and Tom (BOSTOCK). Moved cattle in back paddock. Drew ewes from MARGETTS (Edw.) and got them home. Commenced putting lime on back of house. Weather fine.
- Wed 18 DREW (Cornelius) footrotted ewes for MARGETTS (Edw.) (First time Gussy used the term footrotted) and put them in middle paddock. Carted stone to road. Wm. KEILLAR away.
- Thu 19 Putting lime on back of house. Quarrying stone for the road. Moved cattle bought from MARGETTS (E) to grass paddock at Purnim. Went round sheep and cattle on Grasmere.
- Fri 20 Commenced drain in mash in back paddock. Put on lime. Put wethers from far paddock to DOY's paddock to feed of rubbish before ploughing. James JELLIE called to see fat cattle. Got in pigs to send to WILSON (John). Carted stone on to the road. Weather fine.
- Sat 21 ARNEL (Frederick) and John KEILLAR working at the drain in the back paddock. William (KEILLAR) putting on lime. Sent four pigs in dray to Warrnambool for WILSON (John). To Warrnambool. Tom (BOSTOCK) came out with me in afternoon.
- Sun 22 Tom (BOSTOCK) started for home. Went with him as far as JENKINS (A.) paddock. Call to see ROSS.
- Mon 23 William [KEILLAR] putting on Lime. Sent John (? KEILLAR) to Rosehill to put thrashing machine in order. ARNEL (Frederick) took up posts in back paddock and they commenced boring posts next to mash ready for wire. Went to Forest to see Peter about split stuff. ROSS and Peter called. Tried to get two pigs for WILSON (John), but could not succeed. Weather fine.
- Tue 24 Went up to Rosehill to meet Mr. KERR (Andrew architect) but he did not come out. Commenced morticing posts for dividing the mash. Went into Warrnambool. Weather fine.
- Wed 25 Stayed in Warrnambool. Sold SHELDRIK (Walter) 30 head of cattle and to take 40 if I have them at £5 per head cow and bullocks. Weather wet in afternoon.
- Thu 26 Returned home putting wire in fence next to flat. To Rosehill to meet Mr. KERR (Andrew) & SMITH to value improvements. Finished putting lime on main portion of house.
- Fri 27 Putting lime on back room. Commenced putting sheep fence to river. Finished putting on lime.
- Sat 28 Putting fence in mash. Killed white bullock for dogs. Man called about place as gardener. MARGETTS (Edw) called. Weather showery.
- Sun 29 Went to Ernest's (BOSTOCK). Walked into Warrnambool in the evening. Weather fine.
- Mon 30 Stayed in Warrnambool. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) came out by "Lady Bird" (steamer). Walked to Ernest's (BOSTOCK) in afternoon. Rode to see Mr. MUSGROVE (A. W. - Collector of Customs 1859-1877). Stayed at Ernest's (BOSTOCK) all night. Weather fine.

JULY 1862

- Tue 1 Finished putting wire in the fence next to the mash. Finished small three rail fence and put up some posts for the short piece of wire fence. A small flood in river.
- Wed 2 Putting up posts for the small wire fence. DREW (Cornelius) carted home some posts and rails collected on the bank of the river. MATSON (Henry ?) and Mr. PENDLEBURY came.

- Thu 3 Finish shingling side of back rooms. Digging drain in back paddock. Went to W'bool. Got Telegram from Tom (BOSTOCK) about wethers he got for me. Stay W'bool to tea meeting in Scotch Church. Had a small impromptu dance at PATERSONs (Robert B.). Weather fine.
- Fri 4 Returned home. Commenced making place to put bees in. Went to Boortkoi (Tom's place at Hexham). ARNEL (Fred) went with me to bring sheep. Got there rather late in evening. Country very wet.
- Sat 5 Started ARNEL (Fred) with sheep. Went down to Mr. HOOD's (Robert Merrang) to give him notice. Called at Mr. ARMSTRONG's on my way back. Stayed at Boortkoi (Hexham) all night.
- Sun 6 Returned home. Passed the sheep in ARNEL's (Frederick) paddock. Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) came. MARGETTS (Edw) came in evening. Weather fine.
- Mon 7 Delivered eight bullocks to SHELDRIK (Walter). Attended meetings for election of new Road Board. Went to Warrnambool in evening and stayed all night. W. fine. Rain at night.
- Tue 8 Returned home. ARNEL (Fred) and KEILLAR (John) digging drain in back paddock. William (KEILLAR) put up place for bees. Went round sheep at DOYs DREW (C.) put soils up under fences.
- Wed 9 John KEILLAR and ARNEL (Fred) commenced getting up trees ready for moving out. Wm. KEILLAR finished bee house and got spar for killing house. Made trough to run sheep through arsenic water for their feet. Mr. SAVIDGE (?SAVAGE) came and I sold him 200 wethers and he took away 26 of them. Kept some to pare their feet. Weather fine day. Rained in evening.
- Thu 10 Foottrotted some wethers. Commenced putting flower garden in order. Wm. KEILLAR working at greenhouse and commenced at slaughter house. Sent dray to town.
- Fri 11 Working at garden. Carting loam for front walks and manure for grass plot. William (KEILLAR) working at slaughter house. Run all wethers through arsenic water for their feet. Two men called wanting to buy pigs. Weather a beautiful day a little rain at night.
- Sat 12 John KEILLAR and ARNEL (Frederick) working at front garden. William (KEILLAR) working at slaughter house. I went to W'bool to First Meeting of the Road Board. Stayed in town all night.
- Sun 13 Stayed in town all day. Went out to Ernest's (BOSTOCK) in evening. Weather fine.
- Mon 14 Returned home. PALMER (O. F. W.) came. (O. F. W. PALMER was hus/o Rachael Emily d/o Lieut. Francis DOVETON and Margaret BOSTOCK sister of Augustus.) Working at front garden. Sowing grass seeds over plot in front. The river is over the flats. Finished slaughter house. Noticed that sheep in front paddock were short of feed. One ewe dead in middle paddock, one of wethers DOY's (A) paddock.
- Tue 15 ARNEL (Fred) and KEILLAR (John) work at raspberries. Took cattle to Warrnambool for SHELDRIK (Walter). Stayed in town all night. Weather wet.
- Wed 16 Return home. PALMER (O. F. W.) came with me. Commence pruning some gooseberry trees in the paddock. River still over the flat.
- Thu 17 PALMER (O. F. W.) and myself went to Warrnambool to a ball given by ladies. DREW (Cornelius) planted trees out in the paddock. Weather fine.
- Fri 18 SAVIDGE (SAVAGE ?) got some sheep. Called at Falla Park with James BATEMAN. Stayed in Warrnambool all night. Went to a party given to children. Very wet. The river rises higher.
- Sat 19 Punch got away. I went home. Arranged with EVERITT (Charles) and WRIGHT contractors to hold their wheat for another month from 21st. Arranged with MANIFOLD (Tom) to pay rent in a month.
- Sun 20 Walked out to Ernest's (BOSTOCK) before breakfast. Stayed there all day. W. very wet.
- Mon 21 Return home to breakfast. ARNEL (Fred) and KEILLAR (John) digging in raspberry beds.
- Tue 22 Took cattle to Warrnambool for SHELDRIK (Walter). River rising very fast. Finished digging in raspberry beds. Stayed in town all night. Saw SAVIDGE (SAVAGE?) about sheep.
- Wed 23 Stayed in town all day. Arranged about Mrs. ADAMS (wife of his late friend Wm. ADAMS.)

- Thu 24 Returned home by Woodford as NICOL's Bridge was not crossable. Called at BATEMAN's (James or William) with PALMER (O. F. W.) to see Falla Park. Lost some wethers by the bad weather. Had to move ewes into the back paddock. Weather very wet.
- Fri 25 Commenced pruning apple trees and black currant trees. DREW (Cornelius) carted some wood. Another lamb died. Weather fine but dull.
- Sat 26 River is falling but still over the flats. Went to Warrnambool to meeting of Road Board. Stayed in town all night. Opening drains to let off surface water. W. wind with rain.
- Sun 27 Stayed in Warrnambool. Went to church with the AITKINS (Mary, Margaret and Alice.)
- Mon 28 Returned home. The river rising fast. Pruning trees in the garden. Weather. Heavy storms.
- Tue 29 River rising again. NICOL's Bridge not crossable. Delivered cattle to SHELDRIK (Walter). Saw Mrs. SNOW (w/o Hny SNOW butcher) about sheep and she sent boy out. Finish pruning trees in garden. Stayed in town all night. Weather showers.
- Wed 30 Returned home. Delivered sheep to Mrs. SNOW's boy and DREW (C.) went as far as Woodford with him. ARNEL (Fred) and KEILLAR (John) away at JACKSON's funeral. River still over the flats. Finished pruning one bed of gooseberry trees. Went to DOY's and called at School House on way back. Called at McLAREN's to see him about sending for balance of his accounts.
- Thu 31 Cleaning paths to garden. DREW (C) looking for sheep lost by Mrs. SNOW's boy. Pruning some gooseberry trees. Weather was fine in the morning and wet in evening.

So ends this month of diary written about 140 years ago by Augustus BOSTOCK who was almost aged 30.

AUGUST 1862

- Fri 1 Pruned gooseberry trees. Run bullets and made ramrod for Jimmy's (BOSTOCK) rifle. Took cattle from Grasmere to Purnim by NICOL's Bridge. Has sheep killed by dogs and DREW (C.) shot one.
- Sat 2 Pruned gooseberry trees. John (KEILLAR) working in garden. Had 14 sheep killed and a lot injured by dogs. Went to Warrnambool in the evening. Met riding party on my way. Found sheep in PHIN's (Thomas) Paddock. Brought them to their paddock again. Weather, mild with light showers.
- Sun 3 Stayed in Warrnambool and went to English Church. DREW (Cornelius) came in to let me know the sheep were killed. Stayed in town all night. Weather fine.
- Mon 4 Got a summons for HAMILTON (Alexander ?) and PATTEN . Arranged to start to Boortkoi (Hexham) tomorrow. Returned home and watched for dogs in the evening.
- Tue 5 Went to see HAMILTON and PATTEN about their dogs. Called at DOY's about his dogs on my way home. PALMER [O. F. W.] and ladies did not come. John (KEILLAR) and ARNEL (Frederick) working at the flower garden at the side of the house. DREW (Cornelius) went round to see if he could identify dogs that killed sheep. Weather very wet.
- Wed 6 Putting fence in flat, moved by floods. Went to see DELANEY about his paying for sheep killed by his dogs. PALMER (O. F. W.). Alice AITKIN and Miss McDOWELL called on their way to Boortkoi (Hexham). Went with them as far as the first creek, to put them on the right track. Called at IDENS? as I returned to tell him to look after his dogs. John KEILLAR working in the garden. ARNEL (Frederick) helping DREW (Cornelius) with fence. Paid DOY balance of his account. Put bells on some sheep. Weather sharp showers and sunshine.
- Thu 7 KEILLAR (John) and ARNEL (Fred) commenced digging the outside border of garden. Went to Warrnambool to attend as Juror at County Court. Stayed in town all night.
- Fri 8 Returned home. Went up to Boortkoi in the afternoon. Weather showery.
- Sat 9 Stayed Boortkoi. Tom (BOSTOCK) drove PALMER (O. F. W.) and myself as far as ARMSTRONGS.
- Sun 10 Remained at Boortkoi. Weather fine through the day but dull and rainy at night.
- Mon 11 Return home. PALMER (O. F. W.) & Alice AITKIN rode down with me. Tom (Thomas Edw. BOSTOCK) drove two DOVETON's down (Annie & Rachael Emily DOVETON daus/of Francis DOVETON & Margaret BOSTOCK who d. 1853) and Miss McDOWALL?.

They all went on to town. Killed eight more sheep injured by dogs. Weather fine, dull day, rain at night.

- Tue 12 KEILLAR (John) and ARNEL (Frederick) working in the garden. DREW (Cornelius) and myself went to Warrnambool to attend the Court about summons, about killing of sheep. SPENCE's (BASIL) case came off but was dismissed. I was one of witnesses. Stayed in town all night. Weather cold with showers.
- Wed 13 Remained in town. Attended sale at Mrs. ADAMS (w/o Wm ADAMS). Went on board steamer to see Tom (BOSTOCK), Emily and Annie DOVETON off to Melbourne. Stayed in town all night.
- Thu 14 Return to help TRIPP (W) with cattle. Allan JENKINS called and I paid him rent for Purnim.
- Fri 15 DREW (Cornelius) went to Purnim to see about cattle and to see that fences are alright. Deliver sheep to Mrs. SNOW (w/of Henry SNOW in financial trouble). Pruned some gooseberry trees.
- Sat 16 The river rose again. The bank is high. DREW (Cornelius) working at drains. Finished pruning gooseberry trees. John KEILLAR and ARNEL (Fred) at work in the garden. HILL called to get a bullock to kill. One Leicester sheep lambled. Weather cold and showery.
- Sun 17 Home all day. Weather mild with light showers.
- Mon 18 KEILLAR (John) and ARNEL (Fred) digging in the garden. Went to Purnim. Killed a bullock for Mr. HILL To Warrnambool and stayed all night. Weather changeable.
- Tue 19 DREW (Cornelius) took dray to town to get things and to take calf for SHELDRIK (Walter). Sent trees for Mr. MUSGROVE (A. W.). Tom (BOSTOCK) came down from Melbourne by steamer. Went to Jetty with Tom to get his things. Stayed in town all night. W. fine/windy.
- Wed 20 Went up to land office to see plans of land. Went out to Ernest's (BOSTOCK of Lipook) in the afternoon. Stayed in town all night. Weather fine in the day, little rain in evening.
- Thu 21 Tom (BOSTOCK) started for home. Returned home. DREW (Cornelius) carting wood. KEILLAR (John) and ARNEL (Fred) digging in the garden. Putting in some seeds RAINGILL (T. W.) gave me. (It must have been a great garden). Small bridge is crossable. Weather changeable.
- Fri 22 Counted all sheep in three outside paddocks. Cutting tails off ewe lambs. Went to sale at JONES (? John) Saw little Harry about going to Boortkoi. Sent chesnut colt and got him shod. Agreed with DOY to plough two acres of tobacco ground and also to harrow same for thirty shillings.
- Sat 23 Went to Warrnambool for meeting of the Road Board. Went down to MacGREGOR's Saleyards (Samuel). Stayed in Warrnambool all night. W. windy, very warm.
- Sun 24 Stayed in town. Went to English Church in the morning and to hear Mr. JAMES in the evening.
- Mon 25 Paid rent to T. MANIFOLD (Thomas). Arranged account at bank. Returned home. H. EDDINGTON (Henry) rode part of way with me. Measured ground for tobacco. KEILLAR (John) and ARNEL (Fred) commenced digging last bed in the garden. MARGETTS (Edw.) called. Another Leicester lamb lost.
- Tue 26 All hands commenced footrotting the sheep. Started for Hamilton. Went as far as Mr. MacARTHURS (Gilbert MacARTHUR). Stayed there all night. Weather. Sharp showers all day.
- Wed 27 To Hamilton. Rather late to see much of Show (Hamilton Agricultural Show). Mr. GILL came to Hamilton by mail. Weather sharp showers.
- Thu 28 Left Hamilton. Go to Mr. Frank HENTY's. Got as far as Coleraine. PALMER (O. F. W.) was with me.
- Fri 29 Called at "Tahara" Mr. Frank HENTY's where we had to swim the horses across the river to get to where we stayed all night. Weather fine.
- Sat 30 Went to see the and went on to John MACKERSEY's. Weather fine hot wind.
- Sun 31 Stayed at MACKERSEY's (John MACKERSEY h/o Ann Harriet HEADLAM both originally from Tasmania. John & Ann moved to New Zealand some years later where family still live on sheep properties. I have many letters between John & Augustus who remained friends throughout their life.)

SEPTEMBER 1862

- Mon 1 Rode to Tom's (BOSTOCK). Mr. GILL started for Hamilton. Got to Boortkoi late.
- Tue 2 Returned home. Met Jimmy (BOSTOCK) on his way up to Boortkoi. PALMER (O. F. W.) went to Warrnambool. SHELDRIK (Walter the butcher) got seven head of cattle. Finished footrotting sheep.
- Wed 3 Went into Warrnambool. Tried to get Mrs. ADAM's (w/o William) affairs wound up, but the accounts were not correct. Stayed in Warrnambool all night. Weather fine.
- Thu 4 Stayed in town and saw some parties about land. Had another meeting with Mrs. ADAM's and settled up. Went out to Ernest's (BOSTOCK) and stayed all night. V. Warm
- Fri 5 Stayed in town all day. Saw the butchers about sheep. Mrs. SNOW and DWYER got some sheep. Went to Ernest's (BOSTOCK). Called to see Mr. WALSH
- Sat 6 Went to Warrnambool to attend meeting of the Road Board. Returned PALMER (O. F. W.) and Mr. MUSGROVE (A. W.) came with me. ARNEL (Fred) and KEILLAR (John) finished digging in the garden. MARGETTS (Edward) brought me flowers.
- Sun 7 Mr. McKIERNIN (W. H.) and SPENCE (Basil) called on way to MARGETTS (Edw.).
- Mon 8 Mr. MUSGROVE (A. W.) and PALMER (O. F. W.) left for Warrnambool. Planted the flowers MARGETTS (Edw.) brought out to me. ARNEL (Fred) and KEILLAR (John) absent. Put in Leicesters to pare their feet. Went up to Boortkoi (Hexham) in afternoon. W. Storms.
- Tue 9 Tom (BOSTOCK) John MACKERSEY, Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself, went to Hamilton Sale of Land.
- Wed 10 Remained in Hamilton. A great rush to take up land. Weather fine.
- Thu 11 Stayed in Hamilton. Weather fine.
- Fri 12 Stayed in Hamilton. Weather fine.
- Sat 13 Went up to Kenilworth with MACKERSEY (John). Weather sharp showers all day. (John & Ann (nee HEADLAM) MACKERSEY lived on "Kenilworth North" until migrating to N. Z. in 1871)
- Sun 14 Stayed at Kenilworth. Mr. McGILL? left for home. Weather fine, some light showers.
- Mon 15 Return to Hamilton. MACKERSEY (John) rode in with me. Put in Applications for land.
- Tue 16 Stayed in Hamilton to get the land we applied for. Weather fine.
- Wed 17 Stayed in Hamilton. Weather rather wet.
- Thu 18 Stayed in Hamilton to try and trade with Land. W. Thunder Storms in evening.
- Fri 19 Stayed in Hamilton. Weather wet.
- Sat 20 Left Hamilton and got as far as MacARTHUR's (Gilbert) on my way home. Tom (BOSTOCK) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) started for Mr. HARDINGS. W. fine in the day wet at night.
- Sun 21 Returned home. Came down by Spring Creek Road- very bad. W. fine, some showers.
- Mon 22 Went to Warrnambool. Gave MANIFOLD & Co. an acceptance of five months for the balance of their account. (formerly MANIFOLD & BOSTOCK partner George BOSTOCK deceased 1858). Saw SHELDRIK (Walter) about cattle and sheep. Stayed in town all night. Spent the evening at Mrs. AITKIN's (Mary Meacock nee MANIFOLD) Weather cold storms of wind and rain.
- Tue 23 Returned home before breakfast. Delivered sheep to SHELDRIK (Walter) and took him in seven head of cattle. Stayed in town all night. Weather cold and showery.
- Wed 24 Called at MacGREGOR's (Sam) office about store cattle. Walked to James BATEMAN. Stayed in town all night. First performance of Amateur Theatrical Club took place.
- Thu 25 Returned home before breakfast. Putting the flower garden in order. DREW (Cornelius) carting wood. Delivered sheep to Mrs. SNOW. River still over small bridge. Weather very warm.
- Fri 26 Brought 3 cows from Purnim. MARGETTS (Ed.) called. To W'bool to party at PALMER'S (O. F. W.).
- Sat 27 Stayed in town to Special Meeting of Road Board. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came from Tom's (BOSTOCK). Tom drove down and had a smash on the way. Weather very close and warm.

- Sun 28 Returned home. Johnny MATSON (s/o Henry MATSON and Alice MANIFOLD.) and MacKAY came with me. Walked to Purnim to see the horses in the afternoon. Weather fine.
- Mon 29 HILL? came to put in Colonial oven. Took the eight head of cattle for SHELDRIK (Walter). On coming home, met two EDDINGTONs and went back to town with them and stayed all night. Got dray home for Mr. MARGETTS (Edw.) Weather fine, a few light showers.
- Tue 30 Returned home. Two EDDINGTONs came with me and stayed all night. (EDDINGTONs were from nearby Ballangeigh run. Retired ship's captain Capt. John, Campbell and Henry among others.) HILL commenced putting up oven. Weather stormy.

OCTOBER 1862

- Wed 1 EDDINGTONs left for home. HILL put up oven.
- Thu 2 Fred ARNEL commenced shearing Leicesters. Drew wethers from middle paddock and put in front paddock. Took two cows and calves and young steer from front paddock to Purnim. James BATEMAN called on way to ICKELTON's with cattle. Sold him three beasts in back paddock for £2/5/-. Killed one cow from back paddock for dogs. Got Tim shod on forefeet. Fine except showers wet sheep.
- Fri 3 Hoeing in the garden. Finished shearing Leicesters. MARGETTS (Edw) called. Went to Ernest's. Stayed all night. Alice AITKIN, Miss HOWARD and Charley HELPMAN came out.
- Sat 4 Went to see Dennington Bridge to report to the Road Board whether it is in a fit state to stand the summer traffic. Attend Road Board Meeting. To meeting of Mr. BLACK (Neil ?) supporters. Saw TOZER (Francis) and MacGREGOR (Samuel) about store cattle. Spent evening at Mr. BATEMAN's.
- Sun 5 Walked to Ernest's (BOSTOCK) before breakfast and stayed until after dinner. Returned home in the afternoon. Weather warm. (That is a long way from Grasmere to Ernest at Lipook.)
- Mon 6 ARNEL (Frederick) hoeing in the garden. DREW (Cornelius) took JELLIE's dog (James JELLIE) home. SHELDRIK (Walter) got sheep. Went up to Mr. HOOD (Robert) to see about store cattle but he had sold them. Jas BATEMAN went with me. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came from Boortkoi.
- Tue 7 Went into Warrnambool. Got Telegram from POWERE and RUTHERFORD about cattle. Stayed in town.
- Wed 8 Got Telegram POWER and RUTHERFORD giving us offer of cattle. Stayed in town all night.
- Thu 9 BATEMAN (James) and myself went up and looked at Mr. HOOD's (Robert) cattle. Went on to Hexham and Telegraphed that we would take them. Stayed at Boortkoi all night.
- Fri 10 Returned home. Finished ploughing tobacco ground the second time. BATEMAN (Jas) went home. Drove M. AITKIN (Margaret) from Tom's (BOSTOCK) to Batchelor's Ball.
- Sat 11 Stayed in Warrnambool. Played Married vs Singles match at cricket. W. warm.
- Sun 12 Drove up to Boortkoi. MacKENZIE (Anthony ?) went up part of the way with us.
- Mon 13 Took delivery of Mr. HOOD's (Rob) cattle and brought as far as Mr. EDDINGTONs. Stayed all night.
- Tue 14 Got home with the cattle. Tim (horse) fell on my leg and lamed me. Weather very warm.
- Wed 15 Commenced dividing cattle with BATEMAN (James). BAYLES (Wm) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came and stayed all night. Weather very warm. Sharp thunder storms.
- Thu 16 BAYLES (Wm) and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for Warrnambool. Helped BATEMAN (James) with his cattle. Went into Warrnambool and stayed all night. Weather cool.
- Fri 17 Settled with BATEMAN (James) for the wethers. Saw BAYLES (Wm.) about land in HOOD's Run (Robert Merrang, Hopkin's River). James AITKIN and family (Jas. Wm. Manifold AITKIN) and BAYLES (Wm.) left on steamer. Returned home. W. showery.
- Sat 18 To Warrnambool to meeting of Road Board. DREW (C.) and ARNEL (Fred.) put up a fence against the cattle crossing the river. Planted some French beans in the garden. Weather fine.
- Sun 19 Had to go over to Purnim to look after the cattle brought home. One bullock from MATHERSON (George). Jimmy (BOSTOCK), PALMER (O. Fred. Wm.), TRIPP (W.)

- MACKAY and DAVIS came out. TOZER (Francis) and MacGREGOR (Sam) drove out in afternoon. Saw horses and sheep.
- Mon 20 Commenced sowing tobacco. Drew 13 cows for MARGETTS (Edw) and put them in his paddock. Took the rest of the cows over to Purnim paddock. COCKLAN COUGHLAN came to see the two colts. Went round all cattle in the evening. Weather fine.
- Tue 21 Hoeing in the garden. FRAZER called on his way to Boortkoi to see sheep. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came to meet FRAZER To Boortkoi after dinner with them. Finish sowing tobacco.
- Wed 22 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and FRAZER went to look at sheep. DREW (Cornelius) and ARNEL (Frederick) putting up wire fence around tobacco paddock. Stayed at Boortkoi all night as FRAZER returned too late to get home. Weather close, thunder storms.
- Thu 23 Returned home. Went to Mr. ARMSTRONGS to an early breakfast. FRAZER came as far as GOOD's (John) gate with me. Finished wire fence around tobacco and mended other fence broken. Set outside paddock gate. Took the first swarm of bees. MARGETTS (E.) cattle down. Weather very close.
- Fri 24 Teddy MARGETTS came over and got the dray. Put all the sheep through arsenic for their feet. Pared the feet of Leicesters. Drew the old ewes to shear. Working in the garden in the evening.
- Sat 25 Shearing sheep. Went into Warrnambool. Weather fine.
- Sun 26 Went to Ernest's (BOSTOCK of Lipook) to dinner. Returned home in the afternoon. J. MATSON (John) came with me and took in chesnut colt. Weather fine.
- Mon 27 Shearing sheep. Went round cattle. Mr. ALLAN called. Stayed all night. MARGETTS (E.) called down. Weather fine in morning but rained hard at night.
- Tue 28 Too wet to shear. DREW (Cornelius) and ARNEL (Frederick) take two colts to Mr. TOZERS (Francis). Went to MARGETTS (Edw) and found him just commencing to plant potatoes. PALMER (Octavius Frederick William) escorted eight ladies and went to Warrnambool with them in evening. Went to a small party at PATERSONS (Robert B. P. & Mary Jane AITKIN.)
- Wed 29 Telegraph to Tom (BOSTOCK) when sheep would start. Returned home. Shearing sheep. Saw SHELDRIK (Walter) and Mrs. SNOW about cattle and sheep. W. nice cool wind.
- Thu 30 Shearing sheep. Went to Purnim to put out MARGETTS (Edw.) cattle that got through the fence. Brought home a heifer that calved. PALMER (O. F. W.) drove out Mrs. PALMER and family for afternoon. (Mrs. PALMER was Rachael Emily DOVETON, d/o Francis Crossman DOVETON and Margaret BOSTOCK. Margaret was a sis/of Augustus, George, James, Ernest and Thomas). Went to Purnim with PALMER (O. F. W.) to see cattle. Went round sheep in back paddock. Weather fine.
- Fri 31 Too wet to shear sheep. Packed wool already shorn. Got potatoes from JENKINS (Allan). Went into Warrnambool and stayed all night at James AITKIN's. W. Sharp showers all day.

NOVEMBER 1862

- Sat 1 Took the grey mare to Dr. HARRINGTON's (R. H.) horse. Sold Bay colt and filly in yards. Bought four cows and DREW (C.) brought them home. Returned home. PALMER [O. F. W] and RAINGILL (T. W.) (Thomas W. an Actuary with Warrnambool Savings Bank.) came with me. Weather fine.
- Sun 2 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came down from Tom's (BOSTOCK). TRIPP (W. Clerk of Parliament in Debating Club), MACKAY and some others came out. Weather fine but cool.
- Mon 3 Repairing wire broken in fence next to LATTAS (W.) Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself went into Warrnambool to see about BAYLES (William) land and to see James BATEMAN to settle about the bill for cattle, but he was not in town. Weather fine, a light shower or two.
- Tue 4 Started sheep for Boortkoi. saw them clear of farms and went to Boortkoi myself.
- Wed 5 Sheep on Road. Went to meet them. Could not get them any farther than large swamp.
- Thu 6 Got sheep as far as MUSTON's Creek. Weather warm.
- Fri 7 Got sheep mixed with a flock of Mr. ARMSTRONG's Had to go down and draft them.

- Sat 8 ARNEL (Frederick) and KEILLAR (John Wm.) returned. Washed some sheep. PATERSON (R. B.), MUSGROVE (A. W), Lucy Hannah (AITKIN) and Alice (AITKIN) came late at night.
- Sun 9 All stayed at Boortkoi and went out for a drive in the morning. Weather warm.
- Mon 10 Finished washing the sheep. Went out snipe shooting with PATERSON (R. B).
- Tue 11 PATERSON (R. B.) and party left. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and myself went to SHAWs and stayed all night.
- Wed 12 Returned to Boortkoi (Hexham) early in the morning. My sheep crossed the river on to Mr. MOFFAT and mixed with some of his sheep. Ernest (BOSTOCK) out snipe shooting.
- Thu 13 Tom (BOSTOCK) commenced shearing my sheep. Ernest (BOSTOCK) left for home.
- Fri 14 Shearing sheep. Weather close in the morning and sharp storms in the afternoon.
- Sat 15 Finished shearing sheep about breakfast time. Returned home and started William (KEILLAR) and Fred (ARNEL) to bring down sheep. Went into Warrnambool in the afternoon. Stayed all night.
- Sun 16 Went to Ernest's (BOSTOCK) with James AITKIN (Jas. Wm. Manifold AITKIN h/o Annie Young McROBIE WARE the wid/o Jeremiah George WARE). Stayed in Warrnambool all night.
- Mon 17 Returned home before breakfast. Fixed dip for sheep. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came and went to meet the sheep. ARNEL (Frederick) came down with the cart to leave the wool etc. Put up a fresh yard at the drafting yard. Sold five cows to DOY Weather warm. . some thunder. .
- Tue 18 ARNEL (Frederick) started with dray up to meet sheep again. Deliver cows to DOY Sold SMITH 'spot' and he took her. Commenced shearing lambs left Grasmere. Sent gooseberries to Tom (T. E. BOSTOCK). Got a message from DAVIS about Special Meeting of Road Board tomorrow.
- Wed 19 Went into Warrnambool to attend the Meeting of the Road Board. Received a letter from BAYLES (William) respecting land at HOODs (Robert HOOD). Got home a portion of the sheep. Saw Duncan McRAE about sheep.
- Thu 20 Drew ewes and fat wethers. Cutting off sheep that came home. To Warrnambool to send answer to BAYLES (Wm) about land. Remaining sheep came home. Shearing remaining lambs.
- Fri 21 Dipped sheep shorn at Grasmere. To Warrnambool and then to Melbourne by steamer to see BAYLES (Wm) about the land on Muston's Creek. Weather cool.
- Sat 22 Agreed with BAYLES to take the land. Weather warm. (Coomete)
- Sun 23 Dined with BAYLES. Spent the afternoon there. Weather close and warm.
- Mon 24 Saw about getting money in Foster's Flat. Saw Solicitor with BAYLES (William) about Agreement for Land [Coomete] Went out with MANIFOLD (Thos) in the afternoon and went to Cremorne Gardens in the evening. Lucy (BOSTOCK) went out to get some fruit.
- Tue 25 Signed Agreement for Land (Coomete ?). Called at Francis McPHERSON & Co. about money on land. Went on board the steamer to return to Warrnambool.
- Wed 26 Arrived at Warrnambool about 9. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) drove cattle from HAMMONDs Returned home. Boy bought home the mare from Dr. HARRINGTON (R. H.).
- Thu 27 Mustered calves. Branded them. Kept back oldest from cows. Ladies making jam.
- Fri 28 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went round cattle and went to town to see Mrs. SNOWs (w/of Henry SNOW, the butcher) cattle. Started for Tom's (BOSTOCK) to see wethers.
- Sat 29 Tom (BOSTOCK) finished shearing. Went out to see the wethers. Bought 4,700 youngs @ 8/- (Eight shillings) and his own breeding at 7/- Went out to show stockmen old ewes. W. fine
- Sun 30 Went through land rented from BAYLES (Wm.). Met Campbell EDDINGTON and returned home. MacKENZIE (Anthony), Stewart (Mr.) and MARGETTS (Edward) were down. Weather fine and cool.

Gussy outlived all his siblings, as he continued to write until his decease in 1920.

DECEMBER 1862

- Mon 1 Two young ladies went to Warrnambool. Ernest (BOSTOCK) came again in the evening. Went to JONES (John) about cow. Hoeing in the garden. Went over to Purnim to see the cattle.
- Tue 2 Ernest and Lucy (BOSTOCK) left for Warrnambool. Mrs. SEMPLE and children went in the dray. Hill about Purnim looking burnt up. Mended gate broken by bullocks. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) cutting some thistles on Purnim. Got soda and sulphur out by ANDREWS (Joseph.). Warm.
- Wed 3 Dipping wethers in the middle paddock. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went into Warrnambool and returned at dinner time. Mrs SNOW (w/o Henry) sent for sheep and lambs. Jimmy went to Warrnambool to get permit for sheep. Weather warm.
- Thu 4 Dipped the ewes and lambs. SHELDRIK (Walter) sent out and got some sheep. Fine & cool.
- Fri 5 DREW (Cornelius) and John KEILLAR commenced sawing logs to make pig yard. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself started for Boortkoi (Hexham). Weather cool.
- Sat 6 Went to see Land. Tom (BOSTOCK) went with us.
- Sun 7 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned home.
- Mon 8 Went to CRAIGs (J. H.) to see his old ewes.
- Tue 9 To Boortkoi and stayed all night.
- Wed 10 Returned home. Showed William KEILLAR where to build the hut. Saw HOOD (Robert) about land. Showed ARMSTRONG where he was to run his sheep on.
- Thu 11 Mrs. SNOW got 20 wethers. James BATEMAN sent and got his rams. John MACKERSEY and Tom (BOSTOCK) drove down. We went to town with them. Thinning some of the tobacco.
- Fri 12 Went to Amateur Races and to ball in evening. . Weather beautiful (Change for Gussy. He must have had a good evening !!!!)
- Sat 13 Attended the settling. Tom (BOSTOCK), John (MACKERSEY) and ourselves stayed in town.
- Sun 14 Tom (BOSTOCK) drove to Belfast (Port Fairy) with Miss WILSON. We went to Ernest's (BOSTOCK) to dinner. Tom picked us up at Ernest's and we returned to Grasmere. John KEILLAR hoeing in the garden.
- Mon 15 Tom (BOSTOCK), Alice AITKIN and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to Boortkoi early in the morning as Jane (nee MACKERSEY) was not well. Cutting young lambs. SHELDRIK (Walter) got sheep. DOY helped with lambs. Weather cloudy. Looks like rain. . Went to Warrnambool.
- Tue 16 Stayed in Warrnambool all day. Paid sheep money into bank. MARGETTS (Edward) took in some of his wool. Returned home after tea. Brought home INKERMAN from the doctors. Called at James AITKIN (J. W. M. AITKIN) on the way out.
- Wed 17 Hoeing and thinning the tobacco. The two Mrs. AITKIN, Mrs PATERSON, Margaret (AITKIN future bride) and Miss WHITING came out and got some fruit. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned from Boortkoi. MARGETTS (E) called in evening. We settled accounts.
- Thu 18 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to Warrnambool. Went round cattle. DREW (Cornelius) and KIELLAR (John) working at tobacco. Mrs. SNOW (w/o Henry) came and got 20 sheep.
- Fri 19 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to Boortkoi. Drew largest lambs from front paddock. Put with SHELDRIK's (W) sheep. Logged front fence from garden to river to keep in pigs. Mrs. DREW went to W'bool. Heard of Mr. McKIERNIN's death. (W. H. McKIERNIN died aged 31 from a fall off horse)
- Sat 20 Finished putting logs to fence to make it pig proof. Went to W'bool and stayed all night.
- Sun 21 Stayed in town to Mr. McKEIRNIN's funeral, but missed as we understood it would not take place.
- Mon 22 Returned home. DREW (Mr.) and John KEILLAR hoeing tobacco. Cutting thistles in back paddock and along road. Got waggon ready to go into town tomorrow.

- Tue 23 Drove to Warrnambool to see about starting for Boortkoi. Stayed in town all night. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) drove from Boortkoi to meet John (MACKERSEY) and Tom (BOSTOCK). DREW (C.) and John (KEILLAR) footrotting sheep. Weather very warm.
- Wed 24 John MACKERSEY and Tom (BOSTOCK) came by steamer. Stayed in town all night. Ernest (BOSTOCK) left for Boortkoi. James McROBIE came down. (James s/o of Wm. McROBIE. Brother of Annie Young McROBIE who is now wife of James Wm. Manifold AITKIN who m. 19. 3. 1862)
- (This is Christmas Day)
- Thu 25 We all start for Boortkoi. John (MACKERSEY) Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself dined at Grasmere and went in afternoon. Weather cool and cloudy.
- Fri 26 DREW (C) went into Warrnambool. Stayed at Boortkoi. Went for a drive up to Salt Ck.
- Sat 27 John (MACKERSEY) and Mrs MACKERSEY (nee Ann Harriet HEADLAM) started for home). Tom (BOSTOCK) and Ernest (BOSTOCK) drove to Mrs. ROBERTSON. Went to see how sheep were getting on. Went to see HOOD (Robert) about selling Jimmy went to CRAIGs (? John Hollins).
- Sun 28 Returned home and came down by the hut with some rations for shepherd W. warm.
- Mon 29 Commenced footrotting ewes and lambs. Went to Warrnambool and stayed all night. Ernest (BOSTOCK) drove down from Boortkoi. Weather warm.
- Tue 30 Finished footrotting ewes. Mrs. SNOW got sheep. Ernest and Lucy (BOSTOCK) came. Dogs got among sheep in paddock next to road. Weather warm.
- Wed 31 Sent dray to Warrnambool to get things. Went with Ernest (BOSTOCK) in dogcart. The three AITKINS came with us. Weather fearfully warm. .

That ends the year 1862. . .

The next year seems to highlight a few more people that move into region or get work with Augustus, while those of his old friends and workers still remain. George BOSTOCK 1826/1858 & Ann COX 1826/1865. This diary commences at start of year 1863. while Augustus is pastoralist on Grasmere still.

JANUARY 1863

- Thu 1 Tom (BOSTOCK) drove to Warrnambool. Had a party in the evening. Went to Coomete to see a flock of sheep that went down last and to see where fire was burning. W. cool, a little rain.
- Fri 2 Went to Warrnambool with and settled with him for sheep. Returned home at night with Ernest (BOSTOCK), but Tom (BOSTOCK) stayed in town. SHELDRICK (Walter) got forty sheep. Squaring up everything after the party. Weather a cool sea breeze.
- Sat 3 Dogs among the sheep again. Put all the sheep through the yard and counted all the old sheep. Tom (BOSTOCK) came out from Warrnambool on his way home. Weather very warm.
- Sun 4 Tom (BOSTOCK) started early in the morning for home. MARGETTS (Edward) came down.
- Mon 5 Ernest and Lucy (BOSTOCK) left for Warrnambool. Sent the dray to Ernest (BOSTOCK) with things borrowed. Cutting all the thistles on Grasmere. Weather warm.
- Tue 6 Went through tobacco and pulled off seed. DREW (Cornelius) cutting thistles on Purnim. Allan JENKINS called and got ALISON & KNIGHTS rent. MARGETTS (Edw.) went to Tower Hill to see farmers about thrashing. Weather cool wind.
- Wed 7 Went to Purnim to see if cattle were alright. Found fences down and some cattle in MATHERSON's (Geo) paddock. Mrs. SNOW (w/o Henry) sent out and got twenty sheep. MARGETTS (E.) called returning from Tower Hill. DREW (Cornelius) cutting thistles at Purnim.
- Thu 8 DREW [C] cutting thistles Purnim. To W'arrnambool re letters and stayed in town all night.
- Fri 9 DREW (C.) finished cutting thistles. Returned home calling at Ernest's (BOSTOCK). Commenced at house for Coomete. (First mention of what will be his new home) Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came down.
- Sat 10 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself went to Warrnambool and attended Road Board Meeting. Stayed in town all night. Weather southerly wind.

- Sun 11 Returned home. MARGETTS (E) came down to see about taking sheep to Boortkoi.
- Mon 12 Wm. KEILLAR commenced place for Coomete. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for Boortkoi (Tom's place). Went round cattle at Purnim. Moved cattle in back paddock to the paddock next to the road. Counted young sheep out for Tom (BOSTOCK) and MARGETTS (Edward) started with them. Sent the dray into town with the piano, (his father Robert had four pianos for sale at one time.) and to bring out some timber. Dr. HARRINGTON (R. H.) called as he was attending one of the MacLARENS ARNEL's (Fred.) boy called about loading for Coomete.
- Tue 13 William KEILLAR working at building for Coomete. Mended bench in workshop. Made a latch for a gate. DREW [C.] carting wood as old horse is likely to be away.
- Wed 14 William working at house (Coomete). Drew the sheep for Mrs. SNOW. DREW (Cornelius) thinning the tobacco. Went to Warrnambool. Stayed at Ernest's (BOSTOCK) all night.
- Thu 15 Called at Warrnambool on my way home. MARGETTS (Edward) returned from taking young sheep up to Boortkoi (Hexham). William (?KEILLAR) finished. ARNEL (Frederick) got load of stuff on for Coomete. SHELDRIK (Walter) and Mrs. SNOW got sheep. W. Showers.
- Fri 16 Brought calves from Purnim to wean. Branded a few of my own and MARGETTS (Edw). Went to DOY's to see about sheep and to tell him to get a calf. Weather cloudy with little rain.
- Sat 17 Went into Warrnambool. Put latch on the gate for Mrs. AITKIN (Mary 'nee MANIFOLD' AITKIN). Settled old sheep account. Some of the cows and calves were taken from and got back.
- Sun 18 Returned home. MARGETTS (Edward) called down. W. close morning, cool afternoon.
- Mon 19 Went to see William KEILLAR about going up the country and to see Mr. STUBBS about taking away filly. Tried to get the pigs, but only succeeded in getting in a few. Drew sheep for SHELDRIK (Walter) and Mrs. SNOW. Moved two of the bullocks from back paddock to Rhygrass flat.
- Tue 20 DREW (Cornelius) went to Purnim to see about the two fillies who strayed. Went to Warrnambool to see about selling some of the plums. Called at SHELDRIKs (Walter) about sheep, but he was not at home. KEILLAR (Wm) started dray for Coomete. W. cloudy, wind.
- Wed 21 Went to Coomete to see how Wm. (KEILLAR) was getting on with hut. From there to Boortkoi.
- Thu 22 Helping to put up the hut. Returned to Boortkoi. Mrs. SNOW got sheep. W. warm.
- Fri 23 Went to Coomete. William (KEILLAR) putting chimney to shepherd's hut. Had to draw sheep mixed with Mr. HOOD's (Robert at Merrang on Hopkins River). Went to Warrnambool to a party at Ernest's (BOSTOCK). Weather warm.
- Sat 24 Went out to Allensford to try and get some fish. Heavy thunderstorm.
- Sun 25 Stayed in town as it rained all day.
- Mon 26 Returned from Warrnambool. Jimmy (BOSTOCK), Miss WHITING and Alice AITKIN (m. 1875 James BOSTOCK) called on their way to Boortkoi (Tom's). SHELDRIK (Walter) got some sheep. Went to Boortkoi in the evening. Called at the hut on the way. Mrs. DREW came out from town with Jimmy (BOSTOCK). Weather cool.
- Tue 27 Went to the hut and found the place upset. Young BOSWELL? drunk, also Mrs. BOSWELL. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to police and gave BOSWELL in charge. MacGILLVRAY gave notice of leaving. Saw Mr. HOOD (Robert) about changing land. Weather cool.
- Wed 28 Went to Bolac to meet Tom (BOSTOCK) with dog cart and to see about MITCHELL as shepherd. MacGILLVRAY? left. BOSWELL's boy shepherding his flock. W. close. Cool later.
- Thu 29 Agreed with MITCHELL to take MacGILLVRAY's flock @ £40 per an. also with GILCHRIST's wife and boy @ £70 per an. his wife to mind house. Tom (BOSTOCK) settled with me for MARGETTS (Edward) lambs, and rode down to Coomete with me. We did not find Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and returned home. We found ARNEL's (Frederick) teams waiting. Sent word to him to start tomorrow. Weather cool. Light showers.

- Fri 30 Started dray with Jimmy's (BOSTOCK) Furniture. (First time I realised he lived with Gussy). HILL from town got some plums. Went to Warrnambool. Paid money for MARGETTS (Edw) lambs to bank. Went to Ernest's (BOSTOCK) and stayed all night. Weather fine.
- Sat 31 Went into town with Ernest (BOSTOCK). Bought four bullocks and dray at MacGREGOR's Sale Yards. Ernest and myself went out to Allansford herring fishing. Returned home, but did not get home until 12 o'clock at night. Weather fine.
(So the wheels are turning slowly, as Gussy prepares to move to Coomete, where he spends many years of his life and is married to Margaret AITKIN. . (wait for it) in 1865. James and Alice marry in 1875 !)

FEBRUARY 1863

- Sun 1 MACKAY came out and spent the day. MARGETTS (E) called down. Weather hot wind thermometer 100 degrees.
- Mon 2 DREW (C.) went to Purnim and cutting thistles missed in first cut. Also cutting some on Grasmere. Went to DOYs about oats and sold him a heifer. Went to Forest and bought 30 hurdles. Brought back paddock cattle that got on to road, by fence being broken by falling tree. Saw Mr. STUBBS about filly. He is coming in morning to see about her. Went round cattle on Purnim and Grasmere. Deliver heifer DOY? Called ARNEL's (Fred) to see if he could go for hurdles tomorrow.
- Tue 3 Drafted all the sheep ready for Mrs. SNOW and SHELDRIK (Walter, a butcher), but they did not send for them. Sent to the forest for the hurdles.
- Wed 4 Mrs. SNOW (wife of Harry) got 20 sheep, but SHELDRIK (Walter) could not trade. Showed SHELDRIK (W) MARGETT's (Edw) cattle and went into Warrnambool. Stayed at Ernest's (BOSTOCK) all night. Made a yard in the river to soak sheep for their feet.
- Thu 5 Went into Warrnambool. Settled with Ernest (BOSTOCK) for MARGETTS (E) wool and a portion of our own. Went out to Mrs. W. H. McKIERNIN's sale. Returned home after sale. W. cool.
- Fri 6 Footrotting the sheep in middle paddock. Tom (BOSTOCK), Jane (nee MACKERSEY) BOSTOCK and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) called on their way into Warrnambool. I went in with them and stayed all night.
- Sat 7 Returned home before breakfast. Went to Caramut as witness in case of BOSWELL called at and returned home at night. DREW (C) Footrotting sheep. W. fine, cool.
- Sun 8 Went into Warrnambool. Went out to Ernest (BOSTOCK). Weather cloudy a little rain.
- Mon 9 Stayed in town all day. Saw Mrs. SNOW about WRENCH's? bill. Stayed in town all night.
- Tue 10 Returned before breakfast. Got sheep and drew sheep for Tom (BOSTOCK) to see. Tom and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned to Boortkoi (Hexham). Footrotting sheep in afternoon. W. cool.
- Wed 11 Footrotting some of the sheep. MARGETTS (Edw) called on his way home. Putting some sheep in water to Footrot tomorrow. Mrs. SNOW (Butcher) sent out for 20 sheep.
- Thu 12 Footrotting some of the sheep. Went into Warrnambool to party at Mr. STEPHENS
- Fri 13 Stayed in Warrnambool all day. Saw Mrs. SNOW about WRENCH's acceptance. DREW (C) finished footrotting last of the sheep. Tom's (BOSTOCK) man came down for fat sheep.
- Sat 14 Saw MacGREGOR (Sam) about my land in Bilpah Tom's man came about the sheep. Returned home. Drew the sheep ready for Tom (BOSTOCK) to start tomorrow morning. W. warm.
- Sun 15 Stayed home all day. MARGETTS (Edw.) called down. DREW (Cornelius) away all day.
- Mon 16 Harry WILLIAMS called about fencing. DREW (C) cutting thistles. To W'nambool in afternoon to see about things to go to Coomete by dray. Stayed at Ernest's (BOSTOCK) all night.
- Tue 17 Saw Mrs. SNOW about WRENCH's affair. Started timber, out by dray. returned home.
- Wed 18 Got in wood as Prince is obliged to go to Coomete. Went to see Wm KEILLAR about going. Called at DOYs about oats. Sent dray for them. W. light rain most of day
- Thu 19 Drafted sheep. CASSIDY came to see ewes and wethers. Went into Warrnambool in the evening. Weather light rain most of day.

- Fri 20 Stayed in town. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and myself went in to BATEMAN (Jas or Wm.) to see him about taking cattle to Geelong. Stayed in town all night. Weather fine.
- Sat 21 Decided to start with cattle. Telegraphed, SYNNOT and GUTHRIE (George SYNNOT and Thomas GUTHRIE). Stayed in town all night. Weather fine.
- Sun 22 Mustered cattle to start tomorrow. BATEMAN (Jas or Wm.) brought his cattle as far as Purnim.
- Mon 23 Started for Geelong with the cattle. Cassidy? got the wethers. Got cattle as far as Capt. EDDINGTONs (John EDDINGTON, Ballangeich, neighbour to Augustus, who were close friend for many years).
- Tue 24 Went with cattle as far as Mt. Shadwell (at Mortlake).
- Wed 25 Took the cattle as far as the Elephant Plains. Weather fine.
- Thu 26 Went as far as Water Holes. W. fine. (Brown's Water Holes Lismore, Victoria.)
- Fri 27 Went as far as Frenchman's. (Wardy Yallock, Cressy, Victoria.)
- Sat 28 Went as far as Warrumbine Creek. Lost cattle all night. Stayed at Larrys? Weather fine. That was the last day in February that year. . However, I must tell you if he found the sheep !!!!!

MARCH 1863

- Sun 1 Found the cattle and went as far as by sundown and travelled all night. Weather very fine. Sold cattle. Stayed Geelong all night -1863 For the interest of new readers. Augustus is growing tobacco which he uses it in wash to footrot the sheep. Tobacco contains arsenic.
- Sun 1 Found the cattle and went as far as by sundown and travelled all night. W. very fine.
- Mon 2 Sold the cattle and stayed all night in Geelong.
- Tue 3 Settled with SYNNOT & GUTHRIE for the cattle and went down to Melbourne.
- Wed 4 Stayed in Melbourne. Weather warm.
- Thu 5 Stayed in Melbourne. Went out to see the MANIFOLDS (Thomas & Jane 'SYNNOT'), but had left home for Purrumbete (Camperdown.) Weather very warm.
- Fri 6 Intended to start for home but missed the train.
- Sat 7 Went to Geelong. Left there in the afternoon for Mr. HOPKIN's. Stayed there all night.
- Sun 8 Started for home. Travelled all night, calling at Camperdown and Terang. W. fine
- Mon 9 Got into Warrnambool about 6 o'clock in the morning. Went out to see James BATEMAN. Saw McGREGOR (Sam) about sheep. Returned home in the evening. W. very fine.
- Tue 10 Put tobacco in order in barn. Went with BRENNAN to see working bullock. Went to School House to meeting about new proposed regulations respecting school and pay of masters.
- Wed 11 Cutting timber for pig fence across paddock. Settled in full with William KEILLAR for work done. James AITKIN (J. W. M.) came. Paid him balance of MARGETTS (Edw.) rent and money on account of MANIFOLD & Co. Went to Boortkoi. Called and saw Jimmy (BOSTOCK) on the way up. DREW (Cornelius) and ARNEL (Frederick) carting in some of the Tobacco. MARGETTS (Edw.) called down. ARNEL (Fred) called about cash for work of bullocks. W. fine.
- Thu 12 Returned home. Called at Coomete. DREW (Cornelius) and ARNEL (Fred.) hanging up some of the tobacco. Mrs. SNOW (w/o Henry SNOW) and SAVIDGE (? SAVAGE) got some sheep. MARGETTS (Edward) called down. Weather fine.
- Fri 13 Hanging tobacco. Cutting two loads, but too wet to get anymore. Commenced thatching roof of the barn with straw. Gathered fallen fruit and last plums. James McNAMARA came. Sent to DOYs to get a coil of wire. Weather raining.
- Sat 14 DREW (C) and ARNEL (Fred) thatching ridge of barn and hanging some tobacco. Went into Warrnambool and stayed in town all night. Went down to saleyards.
- Sun 15 Went to Ernest's (BOSTOCK) and stayed all day. Went to Church in the evening to hear Mr. RUPP preach. Ernest had an addition to his family in the shape of a daughter.
- Mon 16 Returned home, calling at Warrnambool to see AITKIN (J. W. M. AITKIN) about FOSTER's Flat. JONES (John) called and I drew a memorial for him to get agreed to present to Road Board respecting road down NICOL's Lane. Hung rest of the tobacco in barn and put up wires ready to hang tobacco in shed. Went to MARGETTS (E.)

- Tue 17 Finished putting tobacco right. Cutting stuff for the pig proof fence. Went over to the sheep in the back paddock. Weather rained all day.
- Wed 18 Putting up rails and wire ready to hang up the tobacco as soon as we get a fine day to get it cut. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came down. SAVIDGE (?SAVAGE) came out for sheep. MARGETTS (Edw.) and STUBBS came over and spent the evening. Weather rained all day.
- Thu 19 Mrs. SNOW's man came and got sheep. Went to Purnim to see cattle. Splitting and carting stuff for pig fence. James BATEMAN called about taking cattle.
- Fri 20 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for Coomete. Splitting and carting for pig fence. Cutting and carting tobacco. MARGETTS (Edward) called. Weather beautiful
- Sat 21 Finished splitting the logs ready cut for fence. Too wet to cut the tobacco. Putting up some of the pig fence. Weather light showers and sunshine.
- Sun 22 DREW (C) went to Warrnambool. Charlie HELPMAN and Teddy MARGETTS called.
- Mon 23 Carting tobacco. Mrs. AITKIN (Mary Meacock nee MANIFOLD AITKIN), Alice AITKIN, and Miss WHITING came down and stayed all day. Bullock dray came down from Coomete.
- Tue 24 Finished carting in the tobacco. ARNEL (Fred) went with the bullocks to get a new pole for the dray. Wm. KEILLAR came over and put it in. Carted some posts for the pig proof fence. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came down late in the evening Coomete. Weather. Very warm.
- Wed 25 James BATEMAN called before breakfast about the waggon. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) went to Warrnambool. Sent in stove by the bullock dray. Went over to Mr. TOZER's (Francis) sale at The Lake (Woolongoon). Killed a beast so that part of it could go up by the dray.
- Thu 26 Started the dray for Coomete. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for home. Hanging some tobacco. ARNEL (Fred) working at the fence. Weather cool.
- Fri 27 Hanging up the tobacco. ARNEL (Fred) digging the drain for the fence. Tom and Ernest (BOSTOCK) came out. I went into Warrnambool with them and stayed all night. W. fine.
- Sat 28 Came home with Tom and (C. Jane BOSTOCK nee MACKERSEY) to breakfast. Went to BATEMAN's (Jas ?) to help him draw cattle for Ballarat. Walked from Warrnambool and from there to see sheep sold at MCGREGOR's yard. Stayed at BATEMAN's all night. W. warm.
- Sun 29 Returned home. Weather very fine.
- Mon 30 Went to Mr. TOZER's (Francis) to get three cows bought at his sale. I could not find them. BRENNAN called to get steer to yoke, but one I offered did not suit him. White Poley steer got over fences. I went as far as JENKINS (Allan) fence but could see nothing of him. DREW (Cornelius) hanging up tobacco. MARGETTS (Edw.) called in evening. Gathered last apples.
- Tue 31 Went to John JONES to look at cattle for sale. Had a look at HELPMAN's thrashing machine (Charles HELPMAN). TOZER (Francis) called and I got tilt belonging to waggon. Went as far as Eagle Tavern to see BATEMAN's (James) cattle as they passed on way to Ballarat. Also to see MCGREGOR (Samuel) about land up country. Mrs. SNOW's man came and got 20 ewes. (Henry SNOW the butcher). Went as far as DOY's about sheep but he was not home. DREW (Cornelius) hanging tobacco. Weather warm and a little rain.

APRIL 1863

- Wed 1 DREW (Cornelius) and boy took lambs as far as EDDINGTON's dam for Tom (BOSTOCK). To Warrnambool in the afternoon. Weather sharp showers.
- Thu 2 Stayed in Warrnambool to Show. Paid bill due to AITKIN & BOSTOCK (J. W. M. AITKIN & Ernest BOSTOCK, after death of George BOSTOCK 1858). Stayed in town all night.
- Fri 3 Came home to breakfast. MacKENZIE (Anthony) and two EDDINGTONs (Campbell & ?) came with me and left for home after. Went to Lake (Woolongoon and brought home three cows bought at TOZER's Sale (Francis TOZER). Weather fine and cloudy.
- Sat 4 Went into Warrnambool to attend a meeting of the Road Board, but got in too late returned home late. MARGETTS (Edward) came out part of the way with me. Weather fine.
- Sun 5 PALMER (Octavius Frederick Wm.) came out and spent the day with me. (Octavius m. 1867 to Rachael Emily, d/o Margaret & Francis DOVETON. Margaret was sis/of Augustus BOSTOCK).

- Mon 6 PALMER (O. F. W.) and myself went down to STAINES' sale (John STAINES). Stayed at Woodford and saw the races. Weather very fine.
- Tue 7 Dr. HARRINGTON (R. H.) came down from Boortkoi (Hexham) before breakfast. Returned Punch. Went round cattle and went to Foster's Flat to see EVERITT (Charles) & WRIGHT about their rent. Agreed to give them some timber to repair their hut. DREW (Cornelius) working at the drain for the fence. Weather very fine.
- Wed 8 Went to Spring Creek and brought home two white poley bullocks. Brought cows with calves from Purnim. DREW (Cornelius) working at the drain. Went to DOYs in the evening to see about heifers. Counted all cattle on Purnim. Weather very fine, frost in morning.
- Thu 9 Delivered heifer sold to DOY DREW (Cornelius) finished digging drain as far as log. Commenced putting up fence. Went to see blacksmith to order brand and to see KEILLAR (William) about coming. Weather very fine.
- Fri 10 Finished putting stuff already split. Took a cow up to PHINNS (Thomas) to kill. Went round cattle at Purnim. Commenced splitting again for fence. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came down.
- Sat 11 Went to Warrnambool to see about bank account, but could not get anything done. Went over to Ernest's (BOSTOCK). Stayed all night. MANIFOLD (Tom) came down by the steamer.
- Sun 12 Went for a ride to Mr. RUTLEDGES (Wm) and from there to MacGREGORS (Samuel). Stayed at Ernests (BOSTOCK) all night. Weather rather warm.
- Mon 13 Got my business settled. Ernest (BOSTOCK) came down from Purrumbete (MANIFOLDs at Camperdown). The bullock dray came down from Coomete (at Hexham Gussy is to move there soon). Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself returned home late in the evening.
- Tue 14 Went to JONES (John) to look at cattle he had for sale. Killed a bullock to go to Coomete by the dray. Went into Warrnambool to see the circus. Stayed all night.
- Wed 15 Returned home. Dray started for Coomete and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left. Mr. PARKER (Samuel) came to breakfast. Went with PARKER (Sam) to lay road from IDEN's Bridge toward Hexham. Mrs. SNOW (w/o Henry SNOW the butcher)got sheep.
- Thu 16 Went over to see the KEILLARS (Wm.) about rent of allotments. DREW (Cornelius) sawing logs ready to split for the division fence. MARGETTS (Edward) called down. W. warm.
- Fri 17 Splitting fence posts. Mr. & Mrs. MacARTHUR? and Mr. (R. B.) & Mrs. (M. J.) PATERSON came. MANIFOLD (Tom) came before breakfast. Went round farm with him and went into Warrnambool in the evening. Found Tom (BOSTOCK) and wife Jane (C. J. MACKERSEY) in town and stayed in town all night.
- Sat 18 Attended meeting of the Road Board. DREW (Cornelius) splitting posts and putting up some fence. Tom (BOSTOCK) and Mr. MANIFOLD (Thomas) came out with me. Weather fine.
- Sun 19 Went up to Boortkoi (Hexham) with Tom (BOSTOCK) and MANIFOLD (Thomas). Mr. BUSH (?BUSHE) overtook us on the road. Weather fine.
- Mon 20 Stayed Tom's (BOSTOCK) all day. Went to see some sheep. DREW (C.) putting up the fence.
- Tue 21 Returned home. Tom (BOSTOCK) and MANIFOLD (Thomas) came down with me. Called at Coomete (Hexham) on the way. DREW (C.) finished putting what stuff was already split.
- Wed 22 Went down to sale of cattle and sheep at COILS (Mickey). Went from there to Ernests (BOSTOCK) and stayed all night. DREW (C.) sawing more logs for the fence. Weather very warm.
- Thu 23 Branded all unbranded sheep. Tom (BOSTOCK) called on way home. Went to Campbell EDDINGTON's Ball and stayed all night. Weather fine.
- Fri 24 EDDINGTON (Campbell) left for Warrnambool before breakfast. Took one cow to Purnim. Had in horses as one had a bad eye. Went round farms belonging to DOVETON (late sister's family- in trust) to see about getting in the rents. Called at DOY's on way over. W. dull.
- Sat 25 Went to Warrnambool. Settled with WILSON (John) for sheep. DREW (C.) splitting stuff to keep in pigs. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came down. MARGETTS (Edward) rode out with me.
- Sun 26 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) and myself stayed home. Walked as far as MARGETTS (Edw) in the afternoon.

- Mon 27 Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for home. Putting some tobacco in a heap. DREW (C.) commenced securing the river to keep the pigs. Went into Warrnambool in the evening and stayed all night.
- Tue 28 Ernest (BOSTOCK), ATKINSON and myself went up to see MAILOR's farm (Robert MAILOR 'Merri Farm') and the GREENHILLS. Returned home in the evening. DREW (C.) finished the opposite side of the river. Weather very fine.
- Wed 29 Ernest (BOSTOCK) and ATKINSON left. Worked at the fence to secure pigs. PALMER (Octavius Fred Wm.) came in evening and stayed all night. Moved some of the tobacco.
- Thu 30 PALMER (O. F. W.) left. Went with him as far as Purnim to see if Creamy had come over and to see my cattle. Went over to see DOY about a heifer with a young calf. Marking fencing to pig proof. Finished the division fence. Weather fine.

MAY 1863

- Fri 1 Working at fence to keep pigs in. Went into Warrnambool in the evening. Tom and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came down. Stayed in town all night.
- Sat 2 Tom and Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for home. Attended a meeting of the Road Board and stayed in town all night. Settled with EVERITT & WRIGHT (Chas EVERITT) about the time their grain was to hold. Weather fine in forenoon but rained hard at night.
- Sun 3 Returned home. TRIPP (W) and SELLARS (Thos Wm) came out with me. W. cloudy.
- Mon 4 Carting timber to make four rail fence close to keep in the joeys. Went down to Woodford.
- Tue 5 Working at fence. Commenced repairing stockyard fence. Went to school house as Mrs. BEAMISH (w/o Rev. P. T. BEAMISH) was coming out to examine the boys. Weather showery.
- Wed 6 Finished closing the fence for the pigs and put some of the pigs in the paddock. Commenced repairing the stockyard fencing ready to draw cattle for Ballarat. Weather fine.
- Thu 7 Working at stockyard. Putting in some pigs. ATKINSON came from PALMERS (Octavius Frederick Wm.) and stayed all night. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) came. Tom (BOSTOCK). To W'bool without calling. MARGETTS (Edw.) called and brought down the three steers I bought from him.
- Fri 8 DREW (C.) working at stockyard. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) left for home and ATKINSON for PALMERS (O. F. W.). Went into Warrnambool and stayed all night. Weather fine.
- Sat 9 DREW (C) got in some more pigs. Tom (BOSTOCK) and myself came out and MARGETTS (Edward) brought out Inkerman for me. Weather fine.
- Sun 10 Went to see if cattle at Purnim were alright. Phil HELPMAN came to go with cattle to Ballarat. BATEMAN (James ?) came out to see about arranging for cattle. W. fine cloudy.
- Mon 11 Mustered 60 head of cattle ready to start to Ballarat tomorrow. Went to DOYs about oats. He paid the balance of his account. WALCHES came and paid their rent for farm belonging to the DOVETON Trust. HELPMAN went to Warrnambool and came home again. BATEMAN (James) brought his cattle ready to start tomorrow. Weather very fine.
- Tue 12 BATEMAN (James) and myself get as far as MCGINNIS with cattle. Ernest (BOSTOCK) and myself to Boortkoi. Called at Coomete. Weather fine.
- Wed 13 Tom (BOSTOCK) drove us to Kenilworth by Hamilton. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) started down to EDDINGTONs to meet cattle. Weather fine.
- Thu 14 MACKERSEY (J.) drove us over to Coleraine Steepelchase. Stayed there all night.
- Fri 15 Returned to Kenilworth. Weather fine.
- Sat 16 Went as far as Hamilton on our return home. Weather Light showers.
- Sun 17 Returned to Boortkoi. Weather fine.
- Mon 18 Returned home. Called at Coomete and drew the wethers for sale. Weather fine.
- Tue 19 Went to Warrnambool to see the sports in honour of the Prince of Wales marriage. Stayed all night and went to Ball.
- Wed 20 BATEMAN (James) and myself went as far as his station on the way to the sale of MOONEY's cattle. ARNEL (Frederick) and DREW (C.) working at yard for the pigs. W. showery.
- Thu 21 Got as far as the cattle sale and stayed there all night. Weather fine.

- Fri 22 Returned to Warrnambool. Got back rather late and stayed in town all night. W. wet.
- Sat 23 Stayed in town all day and returned home in evening. ARNEL (Frederick) and DREW (C.) busy making gate for pigyard. Weather fine.
- Sun 24 To Ernest (BOSTOCK). John MACKERSEY and Tom BOSTOCK in town. Stayed in town. Weather fine
- Mon 25 Stayed in town all day. DREW (C) and ARNEL (Frederick) working at pig yard.
- Tue 26 Went down to sale of cattle at COILS (Mickie). Bought 400 wethers from MacGREGOR (Sam). Went into Warrnambool to see fireworks. Weather light showers.
- Wed 27 Stayed in town all day. DREW (C) and ARNEL (Fred) working at getting stone to mend road at bridge. Tom (BOSTOCK) returned home.
- Thu 28 Returned home before breakfast. MARGETTS (Edward) and myself went to GREENHILLS sale of cattle. DREW (C) cart stone to road and bridge and ARNEL (Fred) making asparagus beds.
- Fri 29 Went to MacGREGORS (Sam) and took delivery of 400 wethers I bought from him. Returned home through Warrnambool. TRIPP (W) and SPENCE (Basil) came out with me.
- Sat 30 Went to Coomete. Went around fences. Went to WARE's (Minjah) and stayed all night. DREW (C) mending road at bridge. ARNEL (Frederick) working in the garden. Weather fine.
- Sun 31 SMITH (David) and myself dined at Stockman's (?Charles) and called at Coomete (Hexham) on way to Boortkoi. Jimmy (BOSTOCK) returned from Ballarat. Weather fine.

THIS IS THE END OF THE DIARIES TO 1863. I have more entries to edit as time permits.

Thelma Birrell at Maroochydore, Queensland.

“Do not follow where the path may lead.

Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail

The following refers to the years after Augustus had ventured into Central north Queensland to establish Sesbania at Winton, with MacKENZIE and MANIFOLD.

JANUARY 10th onwards c. 1885

- Thu 10 Went to Melbourne via Darlington. Miss PAR went at same time. Men cutting thistles.
- Fri 11 Did not meet MITCHELL until the evening. MANIFOLD and Sarah (WHITING) came down. Talked over S. Land (*Sesbania*) matters. Weather pleasant.
- Sat 12 Met MITCHELL re Queensland matters in the morning and went out to the races at Flemington in the afternoon. Weather very pleasant.
- Sun 13 Went to church with MANIFOLD. Had lunch with them. Went out to Lizzie DOVETON's (*Elizabeth DOVETON d/o Margaret BOSTOCK and Lieut Francis DOVETON*) after and on to Mrs. T. MANIFOLDs. (*Jane SYNNOT w/o Thomas MANIFOLD*). Weather very warm.
- Mon 14 Stayed in Melbourne. Settled with MITCHELL, MANIFOLD and ANDERSON to sell the Queensland Station and get Mr. BLAKE to draw up agreement with the agents about advertising.
- Tue 15 With Messrs FISKEN and GIBSON, drew up preliminary advertisement of Werna & Newmayer Valley. Left for home by the 4. 20. p. m. train to Camperdown. Weather warm.
- Wed 16 Got home about 8 o'clock a. m. after travelling all night. Men finished the second straddle for stack and some cutting thistles. Weather very cool. Found it very cold travelling last night.
- Thu 17 Went out with the boys and shot some 6 ½ brace of snipe. Mrs & Miss HOOD came, also Mrs ROBERTSON. Commenced to cart in the hay in the afternoon. Weather very pleasant being quite cold with a little spitting rain.
- Fri 18 Rode down to Ballangeich with Charley

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- Wed 1 Stayed at Crown Hotel until after lunch. Left by 1. 30. train for Bells Creek and got there by 4. p. m. Had tea and started by coach to Hughenden at 5. 25. p. m. Got to Warregal Creek at 7. 25. p. m. - 12 miles. Stayed until the morning. Got up, travelling all night.
- Thu 2 Stayed at a shanty and had two hours sleep and some breakfast. Got to Hughenden at 5. p. m. Stayed at the Great Western Hotel. Weather fine.
- Fri 3 Stayed at Hughenden waiting for Jack (John Edward BOSTOCK ?) for the horses from The Station. Wrote letters home. Robert ADAMS came in to see Willie MANIFOLD. Weather fine. (A William Anderson ADAMS *married Mary Rachel BOSTOCK in 1874*)
- Sat 4 Stayed in Hughenden. Jack and Lloyd got up from the railway and Mr. GLISSON brought the buggy and horses from Werna. Weather fine.
- Sun 5 Stayed in Hughenden to rest the horses. Weather fine.
- Mon 6 Drove to Les. . . or Teleman and stayed all night. J. L. CURRIE's station, SIMPSON managed. Saw Charley FERGUSON there. Weather fine.
- Tue 7 Lunched at Marathon 12 miles to ROBERTSON & Co's Station CHISHOLM manager and only BARTLAM at home. (John Edwin BOSTOCK of Winton married Edith Cleve BARTLAM the daughter of a Townsville merchant). After lunch went to Mozelle Downs 21 miles and stayed all night. Only one boundary rider and a Chinese cook there. Weather fine.
- Wed 8 Got to Sesbania 45 miles at 5. p. m. Some of the country I passed through was in a very bad state for want of both grass and water. Weather fine.
- Thu 9 Stayed at Sesbania and wrote home as mailman was just starting. There is a very good house here, new, and good outbuildings all being new and the situation is a pretty one
- Fri 10 We all went over to Manuka and saw Jack's (John Edwin BOSTOCK) dam and overspill dam at the sheepyards. The former being 10,000 yards and drawing the water back 2 miles. Called at STACK's where the bore is being put down 12 miles from Sesbania. The bore is down 467 feet. They got 5,000 gallons of water per day at about 150', but no more since. They are boring through a very fine grained blue sandstone. They intend going 1,000'. Got to Manuka 12 miles on, by sundown. Weather fine
- Sat 11 Went to see the steam scoop but unfortunately it was not at work. The tank was nearly finished and the man in charge estimated it to 26,000 gals. Went after to the shed they were shearing hoggetts. Very fair sheep. Returned to Sesbania by sundown. Went to see bore at STACKs again. It is being put down by one of WRIGHT and EDWARDS new machines and is worked by a man named BARTLAM who comes from near Donald Victoria. The machine works very well, only Mr. BAILEY and Mr. DONALD were at home at Manuka. Weather fine.
- Sun 12 Jack, self, Willie MANIFOLD and Lloyd went to Werna. Jack (J. E. BOSTOCK) showed me some of his improvements. Called and saw the shed. Got to Werna a little before sundown. It is 40 miles. (John Edwin BOSTOCK son of Edward Robe BOSTOCK and Mary MACKERSEY. John is also first cousin to George, Thomas, Ernest Augustus and James BOSTOCK as Edward's parents were Charles BOSTOCK R. N. and Saran Ann ROBE of U. K. Charles was bro/of Robert of Vaocluse,TAS.)
- Mon 13 Jack (John Edwin BOSTOCK) and Willie (MANIFOLD) went to Ayrshire Downs and stayed all night. Went over to the shed and helped to put up the dumping press. W. warm.
- Tue 14 Jack and Willie returned. Working at the dumping press. STAPLETON and wife came on their way to Neumayer Valley. Went into sheep matters. George BOSTOCK came over from Cambridge Downs to see me. Mr. MORRISON & Mr. KENNEDY came and stayed all night. W. fine. (This George is George James BOSTOCK, son of George BOSTOCK and Ann COX of Warrnambool. G. J. BOSTOCK was born March, the year his father died in June and was only 7 years old when his mother Ann died. He has a complete story of his own in another document.)
- Wed 15 Jack (J. E. BOSTOCK) stayed. Went into sheep matters and accounts. W. fine.
- Thur 16 Jack (J. E. B) and Lloyd returned to Sesbania. Went with MITCHELL and Willie (MANIFOLD) to see the dams on BOSTOCK's Creek. Weather fine.
- Fri 17 Working with MITCHELL at accounts all day. Weather fine.

- Sat 18 Willie (MANIFOLD), MITCHELL and self went to see the well on Werna Creek. The well was down 170 feet and there was 100 feet of water. Saw the Whim start ?er and it worked very well. It took two days to get out of water working night and day. Weather fine.
- Sun 19 MITCHELL, Willie (MANIFOLD), George (G. J. BOSTOCK) and self (Augustus BOSTOCK) went up to the 20 mile to see some of the dams there and on the road up. Jack (John Edwin BOSTOCK) and ROSS met us and we camped together for the night.
- Mon 20 ROSS went on to Ayrshire Downs and we all went to inspect the boundary line in dispute with Sesbania. MITCHELL and self returned to Werna, but George (G. J. BOSTOCK) and Willie MANIFOLD went back with Jack (J. E. BOSTOCK). Weather. fine.
- Tue 21 Working at the Dumping Press. Wired to accept offers for wethers. W. warm.
- Wed 22 (Sandy HOOD died). Work at Dumping Press in morn and accounts in afternoon.
- Thu 23 Working at accounts all day. Mail went on to Winton. Mr. (Mrs) HOGGARD came over fom Kynuna to see me about Rams in dispute. W. fine.
- Fri 24 Went to the shed in the forenoon and at the accounts in the afternoon. Mr. McMILLAN, Stock and Station Agent came and stayed all night. Weather fine.
- Sat 25 RALSTON called on his way to Sesbania. MITCHELL and self started to meet the coach. Stayed all night at Ayrshire Downs Weather fine.
- Sun 26 Went into Winton 40 miles. Stayed all night. Weather fine.
- Mon 27 Started by coach for Melbourne. Stayed the night at Cobb & Co. Camp 55 miles. The government are putting down a bore here for water. Weather fine.
- Tue 28 Started at Darr Creek Camp at 8. 40. a. m. after passing Darr Downs and passed through "Green Hills" Station CROMBIE Brothers, very pretty country. Changed horses at the government bore and BRADLEY's Creek. This bore is down 344 feet and the one at Darr Creek is 230 feet. A shaft is sunk to the one at BRADLEY's Creek and a tunnel to the bore. The shaft is 140 feet deep and the water rises to within 90 feet of the surface. Got to Muttaborra 55 miles at 5 o'clock p. m.
- Wed 29 Started for Aramac 60 miles, at 6. a. m. Passed through Mt. Cornish, Bowen Downs and Slambourne Stations The two former Scottish Investment Co. and the latter LUGAR Bros, all very bare of grass. The home station Slambourne has a pretty situation. Got to Aramac at 5. p. m.

E. & O. E.

Errors and Omissions Excepted.... This was edited from the broken English of 150 years or so ago.

This is not meant to be written in perfect grammar, as it is part of a diary written by Augustus BOSTOCK, between the years 1854-1920 when he died. As I understand, Augustus had little formal education. There will be mistakes, even in the editing, but it is better to get the notes out, than to be perfect. This has been in the past and now again a huge task. I hope you enjoy reading about earlier years of the pioneers of Victoria. I am not a touch typist and use all of four fingers. This last part as follows was prepared for an author, writing about Winton where Augustus BOSTOCK and MANIFOLD took up some large lots for grazing. Winton today has many Warnambool names on all its streets, but the properties on those dry and dusty plains of that time, proved a failure for these pioneering men Brave men they were indeed.

Memorials to these pioneers remain on Sesbania Stn, which is about 100 kilometers from Winton Town.



This quarry is situated in Raglan Parade, Warrnambool between Henna and Ryot Streets. The quarry still exists and in the depths are some industries (panel beaters etc) and an artist's studio. Access can be made beside a pizza shop. Les says the house was still standing precariously in the 1930s, with a corner section hanging over the quarry.

Thanks to Elizabeth CALLAGHAN and Florence CHARLES of Mortlake.

Written by Richard ROLLE 600 years ago.

**The limbs that move; the eyes that see; these are not entirely me;
Dead men and women helped to shape the mold which I do not escape.
The words I speak, the written line, these are not uniquely mine.
For in my heart and in my will, old ancestors are warring still.
Celt, Roman, Saxon and all the dead, from whose rich blood my veins are fed,
In aspect, gesture, voices, tone, flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone.
In fields they tilled, I plow the sod, I walk the mountain paths they trod;
And round my daily steps arise the Good the Bad, those I comprise.**