

Diary of Martin L. McAllister; Forest Ranger- 1917

Monday Jan. 1, 1917

Holiday

Tuesday Jan 2, 1917

Worked on the Wagon Shed at the Forest Office grounds. Looks stormy

Wednesday Jan 3, 1917

Stormed last night and today. Rain and sleet. Made out Service report and other monthly reports and expense account. Spent the entire day in the office.

Thursday Jan. 4, 1917

Worked on the wagon shed framing & putting on roof.

Friday Jan. 5, 1917

Worked on the wagon shed. Got some lumber from my residence and finished up the roof of the shed and put on what patent roofing we had on hand.

Saturday Jan. 6, 1917

Made a trade with Dan Seegmiller for lumber for the wagon shed. In after noon finished up the roof and filed saw and cut lumber for the back & west end. Got a role of patent roofing from Chas. Cottam.

Sunday Jan 7, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday Jan. 8, 1917

Worked in Forest Office on Imp. estimates and talked over with Rangers & supervisor Improvement conditions.

Tuesday January 9, 1916 [1917]

Worked in the Forest Office on Imp. estimates and maps. Called on the following [following] members of the City Council of St. George - William Bentley, John Woodbury, Leo A. Snow and Woodruf Cannon and explained why we wanted to lease some water for the Cottonwood Ranger Station pasture. Met with the city council in the evening presented petition for the use of sufficient water to irrigate 3 to five acres of land at the Cottonwood Ranger Station. The matter was referred to the committee on cottonwood ditch.

Wednesday January 10, 1917

Worked in the Forest Office until 3 pm on Improvement estimates signs for trails & roads etc. Then worked on the Wagon Shed.

Thursday January 11, 1917

Worked on the wagon shed all day and finished it up except making and hanging the doors.

Friday January 12, 1917

Worked in the Forest Office on allotment estimates for forage & travel and a number of other matters brought up by the Supervisor. Read over the Grazing homestead Bill and made a number of notes in regard to it.

Saturday January 13, 1917

Worked on the estimate for forage allotments for Rangers for Fiscal year 1918. Also travel allotments and other miscellaneous [miscellaneous] matters which came up incident to the Supervisor leaving for Ogden. Spent the evening in the Office with the Supervisor.

Sunday January 14, 1917

Supervisor left for Ogden this morning.

Monday January 15, 1917

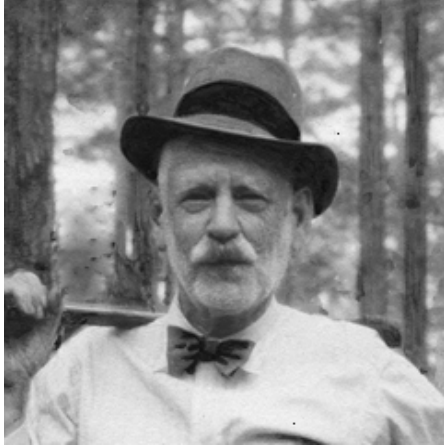
Met Mr. J. M. Moody and he stated that he & Sterling had been in the hills & got a wild cow of Joe Sterling's. That he saw 7 head of Price's & Cottam's. Notified Cottams and Prince. Will Carter called and stated he had rec'd an extension of time on his water filing until Dec. 31, 1917. Also enquired about the grazing homestead law. Gave him the information available. Ranger Benson called and enquired as to the statis [status] of sec 2 T38S R16W which was given him. Martin Gubler called and enquired about the sale of the Diamond Valley Ranger Station. Attended to routine work. Made free use for Amon Jolly & Bert Harris of Leeds. Worked on Ranger's forage allotment estimate for 1918. Saw Geo. Chadburn and referred him to Henderson Cox in regard to purchasing bulls. Talked with June Chadburn about the exchange of the Black Rock R.S. house for material. Former Supervisor C. G. J. Higgins called and chatted a few minutes.

Tuesday Jan. 16, 1917

Read over the current mail and attended to it. William Roundy called and enquired about the statis [status] of homestead entries on the forest and if the grazing homestead law applied to forest land. William Baker called and enquired about the sale of the D.V.R.S. Three men from northern part of the state called and enquired for work. Andrew Price informed me that would state for Cedar City to purchase blooded Bulls in the morning. Snowing this evening. Benson called and stated that to day was the coldest day he had ever seen in Enterprise.

Wednesday January 17, 1917

Finished up estimate for forage allowances and expenses for 1918 and sent them to Supervisor at Ogden. Attended to the general routine work of the day as it came up. Read some in the Manual of Northern Woodsman in connection with correspondence courses.



Influenced forest policy and practice through work with federal and state governments. First forester to work for a forest products industry. Lecturer at Bowdoin College, Yale and Harvard. Advisor to new School at the University of Florida. Author in Journal of Forestry and the Manual of Northern Woodsman, reprinted six times. Logging Engineer, USDA Forest Service, influenced the practical side of forestry in the lake states, Pacific Coast and inland forests; concluded career in the South, stationed in Florida; advocated managing forests as a crop with use of prescribed fire.

Austin Cary

Thursday Jan 18, 1916 [1917]

Corrected the grazing letter for the printer according to the secretary's allowance letter. Talked to Benson over the Phone. Looked up information for him. Henderson Cox called and talked over the bull question and made out application for grazing. Attended to the routine work.

Friday January 19, 1917

Worked in Supervisor's office. Answered letter of Jos. A. Neilson, received several grazing applications, made out free use permits. Mr. Hamaker called and borrowed some traps to use up in Spring Hollow. Attended to the general routine work. Had Ranger Macfarlane stamp and repair the tools and sort out the damaged beyond repair ones. Worked on Pasture user fees. Milton Graff called and added his brand to the grazing application.

Saturday Jan 20, 1917

Thomas Leavitt called and stated his had been informed that his grazing permit had been canceled [canceled] and wanted to know why. Could find nothing in regard to it. Answered county assessor's letter from Cedar City in regard to the grazers on the New Harmony division.

Answered District Forester's letter in regard to rental value of homes of Forest Officers. Rained all last night and forenoon and snowed the balance of the day. Worked on schedule for making charges for pastures on the Dixie the Gentlemen from the Land Office called again. Thomas Cottam Secy. Of D.V. I. Association & got the no. of she cattle applied for last & counted 1915. Assisted in getting the grazing notices out. Grazing letter went out to all permittees tonight.

Sunday Jan 21, 1917
Did no official work.

Monday January 22, 1917

Wrote letter to Robt P. McMullin, Leeds, Mr. Bower, Cedar city - Answered District Forester letter in regard to Forest Officer's renting & owning homes and attended to the general routine work. Called up John Stout, Hurricane and got information in regard to Saw Mill work. Tried to get Royal Gardner, Pine Valley and John Whipple & Bend Blake for same purpose. Thomas Smyth called to find out if Wild Cat R.S. was open to entry. Milton Burgess, Samuel B. Stucki and Wm. B. Baker called on grazing business. Very cold today. Snow still on the ground & trees.

Tuesday Jan. 23, 1917

Got Royal Gardner and secured the information desired in regard to the Saw Mill. Also got information from John Whipple at New Harmony and Ben Blake at St. George & answered Supervisor's letter in regard to the cost of handling sales. Roy Grant called the Office and enquired about being allowed to take out spring permits as the general letter stated they would not be allowed if received after Oct. 15, 1916. Answered him and sent statement and grazing application blank to all grazers in New Harmony. Made memo of John Stout conversation. Circular letter to the rangers in regard to 640 acre homesteads.

Monday, January 24, 1917

Went thru the correspondence on hand and tried to clean up the matters to be acted on. Wrote to Dist. Forester in answer to letter on preservation of bark on logs. Joe Sterling called and made grazing application for himself & Bro. Two Washington boys called and asked for grazing blanks. Ben Blake called & made application to have his permit divided with son. Said he would see son & call again. Electric light man called & enquired about homesteads on Forest and off. Sid Leavitt called and sold us a load of wood. Still cold & snow on the ground. Tried to get Ranger Benson in order to fix up permit for the Terry division cattlemens association permit for corral.

Tuesday Jan. 25, 1917

Called Ranger Benson and got some information in regard to the Terry Division Cattlemen's Association. Corrected the permits & prepared letter for the D. forester. S. A. Bunker & son came in and made grazing application for the cattle he had sold to Geo. Bunker. His son said he was not responsible. Read some inj correspondence course. Spent part of the after noon doctoring my horse for kidney trouble. Wrote to Geo. Prince, New Harmony.

Friday Jan 26, 1917

Received considerable mail. Read it over and acted on it. Read Mr. Potter's speech before the Wool Growers convention and the new Homestead law & comments in the Wool Growers. Wrote to Mr. Jos. D. Cox about his purchase of cattle. Ranger Macfarlane and I ground 11 axes. Signed up the correspondence.

Saturday January 27, 1917

Spent the day in the Forest Office. Looked up information for forms 774, attended to routine work. John Whipple came in and asked cooperation in building road to timber on the P. V.



Mountain. Asked him to look it over with the ranger and then we could take it up more intelligently. Edmond Gubler came in for waiver of grazing privilege on account of transfer of stock from his father. Ranger Macfarlane & I ground three axes and several grub hoes & mattocks. Weather moderating.

[Cutter & Pick Mattocks]

Sunday, January 28, 1917

Did no official work

Monday, January 29, 1917

Spent the day in the Forest Office. Read over and attended to the correspondence. Benson came in last night. Spent the balance of the day on general routine work and gathering data for forms 774 for the Ranger districts.

Tuesday Jan 30, 1917

Worked on the preparation of forms 774. Wrote D.F. in regard to high cost of living. Looked up the status of reports on "Timber Surveys." Had a number of callers Joseph Holt called in regard to the Rabies in the cattle at Enterprise. Frank Farnsworth called in regard to the purchase of the R.R.R.S house. Attended to general routine work.

Wednesday Jan. 31, 1917

Finished up the 774 cards as near as I could until I get information from card at Ogden. Wrote D. F. in regard to Pasture changes & filing scheme. Attended to correspondence. Rube Gardner, Bert Truman, Roy Cannon, Joe Holt & Abe Harris called on Forest Business.

February 1, 1917 Thursday

Made out monthly reports. Looked over the mail. Read the field program and Breeders Gazette. Roy Holt called from Central about timber sale. Alex Melne called & made application for grazing permit. James Chadburn came in and made application. John Seevey came in and made application and talked over the grazing conditions and his situation. Wrote to Emery Huntsman and Geo. F. Prince.

Friday February 2, 1917

Attended to correspondence. John L. Seevey called and stated what he wanted in the grazing line. Wrote Ira Hatch, Panguitch. Looked up information for map & report on the Stout and Blake sales areas. Several came in and made out grazing permits. Sent timber sale to Roy Holt which had just been approved. Weather clear and warmer.

Saturday Feb. 3, 1917

Attended to the general routine work of the day. Prepared the maps & letter to the Dist. Forester in regard to Timber surveys. Spent about three hours on the Main road running thru the city as it was good roads day. Returned & signed up the mail.

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GOOD STREETS DAY IS LOYALLY OBSERVED

The voluntary turn out of citizens to do improvement on the streets last Saturday was magnificent. Sixty three teams with plows, scrapers, and wagons were on the ground, besides upwards of one hundred men with picks, shovels, etc. The road grader was also at work with eight horses pulling it. The Mayor, storekeepers, business men, the stake president, pupils from the College and Woodward school, old men and boys, all worked together with a vim that was good to behold, and as a stranger remarked to the editor, "they could not have worked better had they been paid for it." The showing made us a cause for real pride. Bully for St. George.



**Old horse-drawn road grader
[picture 1912]**

Sunday Feb. 4, 1917
Did no official work

Monday Feb. 5, 1917
Received and attended to the mail. Made timber sale for Roy Holt at Central, Mr. Neilson from Washington and Mr. Haffen from Santa Clara called & made application for grazing permit. Called Macfarlane and asked for report on the New Castle Reclamation project. Prepared letter to D. F. in regard to the Terry Division Cattlemen's Association.

[Martin McAllister born this day February 5, 1871. He is now 46 years old.]

Tuesday February 6, 1917
Attended to the general routine work. Wrote Dist. Forester in regard to Terry Cattlemen's Association corral. Several called & made grazing application. Spent the balance of the time studying correspondence course & framing up front door side walk.

Wednesday February 7, 1917
Worked in the Forest Office. Supervisor came in this morning. Wrote letter in answer to Inquiries in regard to grazing permits. Purchased stove pipe for Leeds R. Station. Talked to Supervisor about several conditions which came up in his absence. Studied some in the Manual of Northern Woodsman. Prepared to go to Leeds R.S. in the morning.

Thursday Feb. 8, 1917
Loaded up and drove to Leeds R. S. and unpacked. Found the water had broken thru the levee and washed out quite a hole in the bank. Cleaned out the ditch as far as the rock work extended and repaired the bank.

Friday February 9, 1917
Cleaned out the sand & dirt that had blowed [blown] into the station. Supervisor called and requested that I see and talk with the Toquerville cattlemen in regard to their decision in regard to putting on the Forest Pedigred [Pedigreed] bulls. Later called and stated that Ranger Macfarlane had reported some cattle on the D.V. Division. Called up Macfarlane and talked with him. Talked with the advisory board of the Leeds Cattlemen's Association about bulls and salting. Called on Don Fuller and talked to him about the range and cattle as he had just come in. Every thing seemed to be O.K. Read some in the Correspondence course.

Saturday February 10, 1917
Spent the entire day on correspondence course in Improvements.

Sunday Feb. 11, 1917
Did no official work, except to drive to Toquerville.

Monday, February 12, 1917

Talked to the members of the Toquerville Cattlemen's Association Advisory board and discussed the bull question with them. They stated that it was understood in the meeting that all would be requested to get their portion of thoroughbred bulls and they expected all permittees of the division to get their share of bulls that would satisfy the state law. Also took up the salt question and other questions. Talked to several about their applications. In late after noon drove to Leeds.

Tuesday, February 13, 1917

Supervisor called and inquired when I was coming [coming] in. Wanted me to work up the allotment maps. Informed him I would be in this evening. The water had broken out again thru the Levee [Levee] and I fixed it again and straightened up for leaving. Packed up and drove to St. George.

Wednesday Feb. 14, 1917

Worked on allotment maps showing location of Ranger districts and stations. Made tracing showing routes traveled and look-out locations, etc. etc.

Thursday Feb. 15, 1917

Finished up duplicate tracing and worked on grazing application, Classified them them in alphabetical order and by division.

Friday February 16, 1917

Worked on grazing applications all day and talked over grazing condition with Supervisor. Changed my headquarters to St. George.

Saturday February 17, 1917

Worked in Supervisor's office on grazing. Attended to getting information for the Edmond Gubler application and Moroni McArthur (Thomas Pattain) permits.

Sunday, February 18, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday February 19, 1917

Worked in supervisor's office. Spent the entire day in grazing work.

Tuesday February 20, 1917

Worked with Supervisor in considering the approval of applications going over each intended case for District No. 3.

Wednesday Feb. 21, 1917

Continued working in grazing and approved the applications for the Leeds Division. Wrote to Frank Kelsey about his application. Called on Rowland Blake in regard to his application and land holdings.

Thursday February 22, 1917
Washington's Birthday - holiday

Friday February 23, 1917
Spent the day on grazing and preparing letters to the applicants as required.

Saturday Feb. 24, 1917
Worked on grazing preparing letters to applicants and figuring amount of grazing fees, etc.

Sunday Feb. 25, 1917
Did no official work.

Monday February 26, 1917
Spent the entire day in the Forest Office on grazing work. Assisting in the allotment and approval of applications.

Tuesday Feb. 27, 1917
Worked in the Supervisor's Office on grazing work. preparing letters, adjusting allotments and fixing up the cards.

Wednesday Feb. 28, 1917
Worked with Ranger Macfarlane on grazing cards. Making entries for 1916 & 1917. Made out Service reports, etc.

Thursday March 1, 1917
Spent the day in the Forest Office fixing up grazing cards to date.

Friday March 2, 1917
Continued work on grazing cards. Prepared some letters, made rough draft of yearly plan for District 3 and talked over the plans for the districts with the other Rangers and the Supervisor.

Saturday March 3, 1917
Took annual Leave

Sunday March 4, 1917
Did no official work.

Monday & Tuesday March 5 and 6, 1917
Took Annual Leave.

Wednesday March 7, 1917

Worked in Forest Office. Made map for the Ed Crawford homestead case. Assisted in getting letters off to the New Harmony permittees giving notice of stockmen's meeting. Looked up and made note of the L. H. Gray land in the Forest and the number of stock allowed to graze on the forest on account of private land. Studied some on correspondence course.

Thursday March 8, 1917

Worked in the Supervisor's Office preparing information in answer to O. Supervision, grazing data, (g-7) letter.

Friday March 9, 1917

Very windy and cold. Worked on grazing preparing data for answer to letter G-Supervision, grazing data (G-7).

Saturday March 10, 1917

Worked on the grazing cards getting data for letter mentioned previously.

Sunday March 11, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday March 12, 1917

Worked on the grazing cards preparing data requested in letters previously noted. Attended the funeral of R. G. McQuarrie's wife.

Tuesday March 13, 1917

Worked on grazing all day in Forest Office.

Wednesday March 14, 1917

Spent the entire day on grazing getting data from the cards and files from 1912 to 1916.

Thursday March 15, 1917

Continued preparing data for the report on grazing permits from 1912 to 1916 inclusive. Got some shoes & nail and shod my horses on the front feet.

Friday March 16, 1917

Continue work on the gathering data for grazing. In the after noon partly shod my horses and prepared to go to Leeds. Returned to the Office and work one hour on grazing.

Saturday March 17, 1917

Loaded up and drove to Leeds. In the afternoon finished shoeing my horses and cleaned up the house at the Ranger Station.

Sunday March 18, 1917

Phoned to the New Harmony cattle men who were bringing their cattle from the Kane beds. Tried to get them in the morning but did not get them until about 11 am. Then with the Supervisor prepared to go to Harmony. After dinner drove to New Harmony and put up at Mrs. L. A. Paces.

Monday March 19, 1917

Called up George Prince and he said he would meet us at the meeting house. Supervisor & I went up there and made arrangements for a meeting with the permittees at 4 p.m. Then saddled p and rode to the drift fence and looked it over. Found the fence down at the Comanche Creek.

Returned and after dinner rode up the Harmony Canyon and looked over the road which is badly washed out. Returned to town at 4 p.m. and met with the cattlemen and assisted in organizing a cattlemen's association. At the meeting the repair of the drift fence, salting the cattle, the Bull question and several other things were discussed.

Tuesday March 20, 1917

Tried to find some grain to plant at station but did not. Got some seed potatoes, made free use permit and listened to Gottlieb Schmutz's complaint about not getting a permit for all the cattle he applied for. Explained the situation to him and drove to Belleview [Bellevue] for noon. Then drove to Leeds and over took Mr. Mace who went on to St. George. Returned to the station and worked on the Reservoir.

Wednesday March 21, 1917

Got the water down and filled the reservoir in the street. Worked on the head ditch all day. Built wall under the bridge which had washed out & caved in. Built wall to hold the bank and filled in the washout as much as possible with what earth I had. Appears stormy tonight and windy.

Thursday March 22, 1917

Very cold wind all last night and today. Spent the whole day finishing up the correspondence course No. 5 division No. 1. In the evening went to St. George to get some clothes, etc.

Friday March 23, 1917

Returned from St. George. Worked on the head ditch hauling small rocks and plaster etc. to fill up the washout and keep the gophers from working in the bank.

Saturday March 24, 1917

Sowed the grain and harrowed the land cross ways.

Sunday March 25, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday March 26, 1917

Harrowed the land over good and marked about 3/4 of it off for irrigating and cleaned out part of the head ditch by plowing.

Tuesday March 27, 1917

Finished marking off the land and finished the head ditches.

Wednesday March 28, 1917

Worked on correspondence course all day. Prepared examination papers and returned all paper in unfinished courses to the District Office.

Thursday March 29, 1917

Harrowed the land in the garden piece trimmed the trees burnt the trash & weeds and plowed some turning the land all one way to level it.

Friday March 30, 1917

Worked on the station plowing and harrowing all day. Finished up in good shape.

Saturday March 31, 1917

Irrigated the land sown to grain.

Sunday April 1, 1917

Cleaned up around the house. Did no official work

Monday April 2, 1917

Made out the monthly reports and mailed them. Hitched up and drove to Belleview [Bellevue] for noon. Then drove to New Harmony and camped.

Tuesday April 3, 1917

Commenced counting at George Princes and continued down thru town. Counted all the cattle on hand and bushed them. Checked up on some of the salt and talked with the Advisory board about putting it out. Decided to put salt on lower range but hold the salt for the upper range until later.

Wednesday April 4, 1917

Rode up the New Harmony canyon to Goddards & Grant's ranch. Mr. Grant was away and they were not ready to put their cattle on the Forest. The cattle were in the pastures and Mr. Goddard requested that if they decided to put their cattle on before I returned that the secretary of the Stock Association be allowed to count the cattle. After dinner rode back to the Pace canyon creek and looked over the land Mr. Kirker is leasing to Mr. Frances Prince. Returned to New Harmony.

Thursday April 5, 1917

Went on the drift fence with William Chin and Frank Kelsey and repaired the wash out and breaks and returned at 1 p.m. After dinner hitched up and drove to Gottlieb Schmutz's and purchased three sacks of grain and then drove to Anderson's Ranch and camped.

Friday April 6, 1917

With Frank & Bert Anderson rode to the place where they desired to build a reservoir and run it off and tied it to a 1/4 corner on East side of section 21, T40S R13W. Then rode to the Drift fence and went over the section from the red rocks south of the Bourne Dugway road to the ledges west of Dry Sandy. Found it in quite good condition. Repaired it in Wet Sandy & at the Anderson gate.

Saturday April 7, 1917

Rode the fence from the gate west of Bellevue south to the gate west of Grape Vine Wash. Saw that all gates were closed and fence in repair. Found the gate open at Grape Vine Canyon road and west of Bellevue.

Sunday April 8, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday April 9, 1917

Took annual Leave.

Tuesday April 10, 1917

Cleaned out the station looked over all the correspondence and prepared to go to St. George. In the after noon drove to St. George. Took down the three sacks of grain.

Wednesday April 11, 1917

Made map in duplicate and report on the land leased by Frances Prince from Robert Kirker and for which grazing application is made for 2 head of cattle. Made part of report on the B. F. Anderson special use, wrote up diary, read over mail on hand. Worked on grazing cards.

Thursday April 12, 1917

Worked in Forest Office. Talked to Benson & Macfarlane over the phone. Made application for grazing for H.J. Burgess and took it to his Residence and had it signed in answer to Benson Phone. Talked to Supervisor about boundary line and eliminations. Talked to Oscar & Lynn McMullin about homestead & special use. Worked on grazing getting data for report.

Friday April 13, 1917

Continued work on the collecting data for report on grazing application for 1912 to 1916.

[McAllister's mother Cornella's birthday is today - April 13, 1844, she is 73]

Saturday April 14, 1917

Made out expense account from February to present time. Continued grazing work, gathering data.

Sunday April 15, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday April 16, 1917

Continued work on grazing data. With Supervisor went up to Will Fawcetts, Frank Bentleys and and other places to get men for the work on the Cove Mt. St. [State] line fence.

Tuesday April 17, 1917

Continued grazing work. Called at William Webb's residence and made several enquiries in regard to men for the State line Cove Mt. fence. Talked to Francis Bowler at Gunlock about the fence work.

Wednesday April 18, 1917

Worked in the Forest Office all day on grazing. Continued preparing data for the grazing information requested by the Forester.

Thursday April 18, 1917 [April 19, 1917]

Spent the day in Forest Office gathering data for grazing report for the Forester. Checked the report partially that is the data gathered.

Friday April 20, 1917

Finished checking data gathered and borrowed an adding machine and added a portion of the figures gathered.

Saturday April 21, 1917

Continued adding and checking data for grazing. Received word to gather data for service on account of war. Talked matters over with Supervisor and Ranger Macfarlane who came in today.

Sunday April 22, 1917

Did no Official work. Supervisor left for Bear Valley.

Monday April 23/17

Continued work on grazing.

Tuesday April 24, 1917

Worked on grazing all day. A continuation of gathering data as requested by Forester. Sent digging Bar to John Bowler for the fence. A party came to buy the little wagon and offered \$20.00 Too late.

Wednesday, April 25/17

Continued work arranging data for report on grazing from 1912 to 1916 inc. Rube Gardner called to see about Clarence Gardner's permit. Harry Jackson and Mark Lamb called to see about Bulls. A party called to see about the Nutter claims.

Thursday April 26/17

Spent the day in the Forest Office on grazing. Looked up the state of the shop permits and the authorizations from 1912 to 1916 inc. and prepared data for report. I. C. Mcfarlane came in and inquired for information for the W. A. Bracken homestead entry. Also talked about the procedure for surveys. Read over correspondence and attended to routine work.

Friday April 27, 1917

Read over the correspondence and ammendments [amendments] to the manual. Mr. Leary called to see Mr. Mace. Fixed up the data for the St. George part of the grazing data report I am getting out.

Saturday April 28, 1917

Rained nearly all day. Finished up the grazing data and checked it over. Made an estimate form the disapproved applications of how many additional cattle we would be requested to allow on the forest on account - War policy. Supervisor returned last night & was in the office all day.

Sunday April 29, 1917

Did no official work except to meet with the Diamond Valley Advisory Board in the Forest Office at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday April 30, 1917

Spent the fore noon in looking up the information called for in the D. Supervision, (D-7) letter of April 17, 1917. Visited David Guerly in charge of gathering Agricultural data and talked with him also visited county clerk, county treasurer and Leo A. Snow and gathered what information I could get. Met Mr. J. L. Seevey and talked with him about keeping his cattle off the New Harmony Division. Spent the balance of the day looking up information along lines mentioned above. Phoned to the Assessor at Santa Clara and requested the loan of his books which he granted. Made out my Service Report and other monthly reports.

[The month of May 1917 is missing from the collection.]

Friday, June 1, 1917

Commenced writing up report on military information. Spent the entire day in the office.

Saturday, June 2, 1917

Continued work on Military Report. Prepared counting sheets for the New Harmony division. Made out expense account, service report, etc.

Sunday, June 3, 1917

Worked all day on the report on military information.

Monday June 4, 1917

Continued working on the Military information report.

Tuesday June 5, 1917

Spent the entire day in assisting in the Registration day exercises and at the registration office.

Wednesday June 6, 1917

Continued working on the reports for the Military information report.

Thursday June 7, 1917

Finished up the reports and map and mailed them to the District Office. Supervisor left for the Cove Mt. State line Drift fence. Purchased a load of hay and had voucher prepared & signed.

Friday June 8, 1917

Read over the correspondence. Attended to odds & ends in the routine work. Cleaned up from the result of the getting out of the military report. Wrote up Diary. Assisted the Clerk in checking the diaries and form 26.

Saturday June 9, 1917

Spent the day in the Forest Office. Made out crossing permits for Wallace Bleak & Charles Sullivan. Tried to get Ranger Macfarlane on the Phone. Wrote to George Prince, New Harmony. Fixed up lists of the grazers (temporary permits) for all the divisions on the Districts No. 1 & 3. Mr. Banks, a national speaker on National Prohibition called.

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A Fine Lecture

The lecture given by Dr. Louis Albert Banks on “National Prohibition” in the tabernacle last Sunday was very fine. There was a strong attendance of very interested people, and the forcible argument made by the noted lecturer in favor of national prohibition was taken to heart by the audience. Dr. Banks called for a show of hands of those willing to help in the cause; everybody in the building responded, some with both hands. Most of those present jointed the Anti-Saloon League of America.

Sunday, June

10, 1917

Went to the Forest Office and ammended [amended] Wallace Blakes permit for crossing. Made out permit for Whiteheads (Heber Seegmiller). Tried to get Ranger Macfarlane on the phone. Could not locate him. Left a call for him for 9 am in the morning.

Monday June 11, 1917

Mr. Mace and Mr. Brown came in this morning. Made out a list of all the permittees on the divisions of District No. 3 and then made out counting sheets in triplicate for each division. Went to the County Clerks office and went through the record and made a list of those who had filed their certificates and pedigree papers for record. Looked over the application for Temporary permits for Dist. No. 3 with the Supervisor. Went home and greased my buggy & loaded up.

Tuesday June 12, 1917

Left St. George at 7 am and drove to Leeds, arrived 11 am. Spent the balance of the day watering the land at the station and furrowing the land for water and talking with Mr. Oscar McMullin and Mr. Edward McMullin about the cattle, salt, counting, etc.

Wednesday June 13, 1917

Watered all day from both reservoirs watering the garden patch, trees and wheat and oats at the same time. Worked in the station on files.

Thursday June 14, 1917

Hoed part of the garden and continued watering the grain land. land is very dry and gophers are very troublesome. Tried to get rid of some of the wasps around the Barn & House. Planned to ride up Water Canyon tomorrow but Toquer boys sent word that they were ready to count. Planned to go to Toquerville tomorrow after noon.

Friday June 15, 1917

Turned on the water again and plowed and planted part of the garden. After dinner rode to Toquerville and counted cattle for Harry Jackson. The tree Naegles and Mark Lamb. Returned to Leeds and counted some cattle for Tom, Joe and Dave Sterling. Issued Hunting & fishing licenses to Earl Jackson, Ray B. Naegle, Harvey Jackson, Lyman Seevey and Frank Hamilton.

Saturday June 16, 1917

Harrowed the land plowed yesterday and watered part of the garden & trees. Finished watering the grain. Made out grazing application for David Sterling and Oscar McMullin. Tried to get Harry Jackson and Thomas Sterling on the phone about their cattle. Checked the names of all who had paid their grazing fees and started to fix up the files of the station. Made out two licenses in the evening.

Sunday June 17, 1917

Drove to St. George. Went to the office and left Voucher for hay and grazing application.

Monday June 18, 1917

Left St. George at 6 am and drove to Washington Flat. Met the St. George boys on the road. Spent the day handling the cattle. Work until dark. Arranged for the salt.

Tuesday June 19, 1917

Left Washington Flat at 7 am and drove to Diamond Valley. Counted J. M. McQuarrie's cattle. Will Alger did not have a proper bull and therefore I did not count his cattle. Drove to the Gubler corral & counted Herman Gubler's, Dewin Gubler's, Martin Gubler's, Hyrum Gubler's, and a number of Blakes and some others. Drove to Carters & nooned & counted S. U. Carter's cattle. Then drove to Chadburn's Ranch and called up the Forest Office. Supervisor was away. Called up Royal Hunt and notified him of count tomorrow at Baker's. Drove to Baker's and camped. Arranged for the salt for the above cattle.

Wednesday June 20, 1917

Counted some of Hunt's cattle and arranged for his salt. Counted Baker's & Chadburn's cattle and arranged for the salt. Then rode up to the drift fence with the cattle. After they were put through went over the fence from the red mountain south to Maudsley's Ranch and repaired the fence where needed. Put in a new end piece in the gate. Returned to camp about 8-30 p.m. Put two shoes on my horse this morning.

Thursday June 21, 1917

Packed up and drove to Diamond Valley and drove to J. M. McQuarrie's and tallied two cattle then nooned. After dinner drove to Will Algers and they know nothing about his cattle. Alger was still at Enterprise. Then drove to the Blake & Gubler corral and found no one. Left a note for Gubler and drove to Washington Flat. Found Henderson Cox's boy in bed. Fixed the fence at the spring hollow wash.

Friday June 22, 1917

Counted 2 head of cattle for Cox and then followed the Drift fence east to the end and repaired it where needed. After dinner counted the Washington cattle and then repaired the fence from the Washington Flat to Diamond Valley.

Saturday June 23, 1917

Packed up and drove to St. George. Reset 4 shoes on my horse and repaired my buggy. Went to the office and got some information in regard to grazing permits. Henderson Cox, President of the Cattlemens Association for Diamond Valley came in and we talked over the grazing business. Supervisor and Clerk were away.

Sunday June 24, 1917

Drove over to Santa Clara to attend to some business. Mr. Forbes (clerk) called in evening & I told him I would come up to the office in the morning.

Monday June 25, 1917

Spent the fore noon in the Office with Mr. Forbes. Took up a number of miscellaneous [miscellaneous] things and got some information on grazing for my District.

Tuesday June 26, 1917

Went up to the drift fence and repaired it east of Quail Creek. Spent the after noon watering & hoeing at station.

Wednesday June 27, 1917

Got the water on the grain at 5 am and watered it as soon as possible as I had to leave for New Harmony. Tried to get the Forest Office but could not. Got the town water in connection with the reservoir. Drove to Toquerville.

Thursday June 28, 1917

Met with the President of the Association for Toquerville and talked over the grazing business. Then drove to Telephone office & called the Supervisor and talked to him. Then drove to Bellevue & nooned. After dinner drove to New Harmony.

Friday June 29, 1917

Reset 2 shoes on my horse and talked to George Price & James L. Price president & secretary of the association about the sick cattle and conditions in general. After dinner rode up Harmony Canyon to Goddard & Grants and met Roy Grant and checked up on the slat up there. Returned to Harmony at dark.

Saturday June 30, 1917

With James L. Prince rode up the right hand fork Paces Canyon & drove some cattle and looked over the range. Crossed over to middle & left hand fork and returned by way of the coal mine cabin. Saw one steer of Gardners (O.S.) That did not belong on the range. Cattle look well, feed is good. Sick cattle getting better. Think the cause of loss in cattle due to Oak leaves & buds. In the evening met with George & James L. Prince and talked over the salting, permits, etc. etc.

Sunday, July 1, 1917

Saw Harvey A. Pace about his sheep and James L. Prince about his cattle and both of them about the New Harmony Irrigation Co's ditch which is not yet completed. Then drove to Bellevue for noon. Drove to Anderson's Ranch and talked to Frank about putting cattle on the Forest. Then drove to Leeds and camped.

Monday July 2, 1917

Sent all duplicates of licenses to State Game commissioner and \$17.50 cash. Made out license for Will Hartman and talked to him about his homestead. Made out forage reports. Watered [Watered] and hoed weeds all after noon at the station.

Tuesday July 3, 1917

Prepared grazing report and wrote it out. Made out report on Seed crop and predatory [predatory] animals killed. Gathered free use material to take with me to St. George to make out report. In the evening drove to St. George.

Wednesday July 4, 1917

Independence day - holiday

Thursday July 5, 1917

Worked in forest Office and in gathering data for Free Use report. Checked all who had reported with the permits and made a list of those who did not report so as to take it up with them when they applied again.

Friday July 6, 1917

Finished up my report on free use. Made out a new form for Annual Free Use reports at the Supervisor's request. Made out my expense account to July 1. Made a statement of the statis [status] of the count of cattle on the Diamond Valley Division for the Office.

Saturday July 7, 1917

Worked in Forest Office all day on the special uses portion of the statistical report. Had quite a time checking out with last years report. Got every thing straight except the drift fences which showed a mistake for last year. Talked to Ranger Macfarlane and Royal Hunt twice on grazing business.

Sunday July 8, 1917

Went up to the Office and checked over the uses again and got some grazing information to take with me.

Monday July 9, 1917

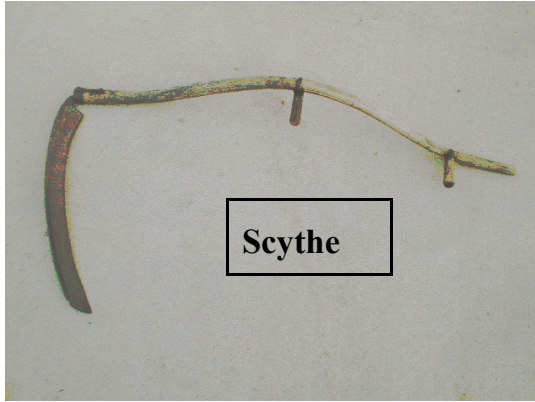
Drove to the Office and got a scythe and three chairs for the Leeds Ranger Station and loaded up and drove to Leeds. in the after noon saw Oscar McMullin and Edward McMullin of the Leeds Cattlemen's Association and checked up on the salt distributed, the cattle counted and the horses put on the mountain. Talked over the salting for the balance of the season.

Tuesday July 10, 1917

As I had been away continually and had not fixed up my manual I fixed up the amendments according to instructions and read them over and noted the changes. I also hoed about 2 hours in the station lot.

Wednesday July 11, 1917

Studied the filing [filing] scheme and commenced arranging my files accordingly. According to instructions the files last year were left to be fixed up during the winter. My work called me away so they were not attended to. Read over considerable of the correspondence while filing [filing]. Hoed about two hours.



Thursday July 12, 1917

Continued working on my files and scythed the weeds around the fences of the station lot.

Friday July 13, 1917

Hoed the weeds and grass from around the front portion of the house and continued fixing up the files as previously stated.

Saturday July 14, 1917

As the grain was ready to cut secured the reaper and had it cut. Mowed the weeds & sun flowers along the fence and head ditches and after the grain was cut shocked it up. The weather is awful hot.

Sunday July 15, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday July 16, 1917

Worked on the files and read the correspondence as I came to it. Looked up some points in the grazing manual in regard to transfers, Dividing permits, etc. Had a heavy electrical storm in the late afternoon and some rain.

Tuesday July 17, 1917

Dan fuller & Hyrum Leary called to see about statis [status] of count, etc. Ed McMullin called to see about numbers of cattle killed by predatory [predatory] animals since 1914. Went with one of the residents and looked up the law regarding one destroying graves or grave stones. Explained to some of the boys the plan for drafting for the army. Spent the balance of the time on the files, made folders, guides, etc. Talked to Supervisor about comming [coming] up to ride with me.

Wednesday July 18, 1917

Hoed weeds and mowing grass all day partly cloudy and some wind at times.

Thursday July 19, 1917

Watered the cane planted and the trees. Hunted up Joseph Sterling and got statement of the status [status] of the title to his land and mailed it to the Supervisor. Made free use permit for Joseph Sylvester. Attended a demonstration on drying and marketing fruit given by a county agent and a state & government man whose business is marketing produces. Gave quite a talk on the necessity of saving every product on account of the war. Spent the balance of the day on the files and reading over the correspondence.

Friday July 20, 1917

Went over my salt record and tally sheets and ten filled out as far as possible forms "Report of Stock using the Forest," for the Diamond Valley Leeds and part of the Toquerville Division. Went over the old forms & grazing records and noted the changes in the brands & marks and corrected some of the mistakes in brands & marks on the permits.

Saturday July 21, 1917

Called up the Forest Office and enquired about purchasing forage. Mr. Forbes informed me the allotment was made and it would be all right to make purchases. Saw Mr. Moody & Mr. Sterling and made arrangements for 2 loads of hay which I purchased of Mr. Sterling and put it in the barn. Cleaned up the house and repaired the screen door and then rode to Toquerville to see the Advisory board about grazing matters.

Sunday July 22, 1917

Called on the Secretary of the Toquerville Cattlemen's Association & with him checked up the salt distributed. Then took up with him the putting of the horses from the division on the mountain which I had written to him about. Mr. Jackson informed me that they had been so busy with their crops that they had had no time to take the horses on the mountain and as they were scattered now and the summer rains coming [coming] on that they would not put the horses on the mountain and desired on this account that the privilege should not be forfeited. Called on Mr. Mark Lamb and talked over the conditions on his range and the probably amount of salt required for that part. Also took up the temporary permit of Mrs. Lamb and the salt required. Requested Mr. Jackson to see Mr. Naegle, the president of the board and inform me in writing what they intended to do about the horses, etc. Rode to Leeds.

Monday July 23, 1917

As I intended to leave to ride on the Diamond Valley Division I tried to clean up the weeds & morning glories around the station. Worked all day but did not finish them.

Tuesday July 24, 1917

Continued mowing weed weeds around Station for three hours. Then packed up and drove to St. George. Cleaned up and went up to the Office but but found no one as it was late in the afternoon. Holiday - every body celebrating.

Wednesday July 25, 1917

Spent the fore noon at the Office talking with the Supervisor and accompanied him to the field to see Mr. A. N. Windsor about his cattle permit and a blooded bull. He had secured an interest in a bull for another district instead of the one in which his cattle grazed. Returned and made out a special use report on condition of the John A. Parker special use permit. Read circular letter in regard to cooperation with the State Game officials. In the after noon rode to Thomas Cottams and found him and talked about riding the Diamond Valley range to see what trespassing cattle were on the range. Said he could not go for a few days on account of a bad eye. Would see me again tonight. Rode to Henderson Co's residence and talked the matter over with him as he is president of the association. We both went to the Forest Office and talked with the Supervisor and decided to wait a few days and in the mean time the Supervisor and I would go over the Leeds & Toquerville Division. Rained this evening.

Thursday July 26, 1917

Rode to Leeds. Found I had left my keys and could not get in the station. Phoned to Supervisor. He said he would bring the keys and would be up in the morning in time to ride. Opened the barn and put my horses up and then spent the balance of the day watering potatoes, corn & trees & hoeing.

Friday July 27, 1917

Saddled up to ride the Leeds division with the Supervisor. Called Mr. Jackson at Toquerville to notify him that we would ride the Toquerville Division tomorrow. Did not get him so sent message to him to meet us at the Anderson Ranch tomorrow at 9 a.m. With Thomas Sterling and Supervisor rode up Sorenson Canyon, across the Danish Ranch, around the hill to Heath Wash and north to Poison Flat and down Quail Creek to Leeds. Met Oscar McMullin at the Danish Ranch and asked him to accompany [accompany] us but he could not. Met Will Hartman & boy near his homestead on his way to the Danish Ranch. He said his corn crop was doing well but his beans were a failure. Saw very few cattle as they were up high. Browse looked fine and cattle sleek & fat. Had a light shower.

Saturday July 28, 1917

With Supervisor rode to Anderson's Ranch. Found no one waiting for us. Then rode up the canyon road to Mill Creek and the corral, crossed over Harrison's Creek Canyon. Saw a few cattle, looked fine. Range looked good. Returned to Leeds. Had a heavy shower.

Sunday July 29, 1917

Did no official work. Had fine rain during the day and evening. Met James L. Prince, Secretary of the New Harmony Irrigation Co. He reported condition of special use.

Monday July 30, 1917

Read over the mail and the amendments to the manual received and entered them in the record in the manual and placed the sheets properly. Supervisor called me and said the boys would be ready to ride the D.V. Range tomorrow evening and that Mr. Nichols of the Office of Grazing would go with us as he wanted to inspect the range on the districts. Copied [copied] my diary partially so as to have copy on hand and made out my monthly reports as far as possible. Made out report on the condition of the New Harmony Irrigation Company's ditch with recommendation to close it. Rained during the night and every thing was wet this morning. Looked up the letters requiring information for reports this fall and reread them.

Tuesday July 31, 1917

Prepared to go to the Diamond Valley Division, shod my horses, wrote letter to Ray B. Naegle, President of the Toquerville Cattlemen's Association. Planted what corn I had on hand. In the afternoon drove to St. George and called at the Forest Office. Supervisor & Mr. Forbes had gone to Chadburn's Ranch and Mr. Nichols had gone to Pine Valley. In the evening saw Mr. Blake and arranged for our trip tomorrow.

Wednesday August 1, 1917

Went to store and got food for trip. Cox and Blake called and said they would ride the Spring Hollow country and continue on to the Gubler Ranch where they would meet me. Loaded up and drove to Blake's and got corn & potatoes. Then drove to Cox's and got supplies and drove to the water packets and nooned. Met Mr. Mace, Mr. Benson & Mr. Forbes on the way. After noon drove to the Blake & Gubler ranch & camped. Very hot today.

Thursday Aug. 2, 1917

with Henderson Cox, royal & Ben Blake rode to the Old Carter ranch. Then we divided and with Ben Blake rode the Big Hollow country and met the other boys and nooned at Goat Spring. Then with Royal Blake rode the canyon west of Goat and the other boys rode the Truman bench and we met at Lone Tree. There they continued on south and I rode the fence from the north end at the red bluffs to the Gulch near the carter road gate. Repaired the fence where needed and rode the country between the gate and the ranch. The other boys also covered this country. Made notes of all cattle met belonging on the range. The range looks fine and the cattle are in excellent condition. The lower range is especially good.

Friday Aug. 3, 1917

With Ben Blake and Henderson Cox rode the canyon north and east of the Blake Ranch and to the salt lick west of the ranch. After dinner with Cox rode the country south of the ranch around to the forks of the road and back to the ranch. Made note of all cattle not belonging. Cloudy and looks like storm. Went over my notes and wrote up diary.

Saturday Aug 4, 1917

With Henderson Cox rode south west thru Grassy Flat to the breaks of cotton wood & Spring hollow canyons. Picked our way down and went into Left Hand fork of Cottonwood. Found the salt gone. Then rode down to Right Hand Fork and up it to the second salt ground. Found plenty of salt. Returned and drove 2 of C4 cattle down spring hollow to the drift fence and turned them there and rode to the cottonwood corral to get a drink. Met the Neilson boys with their cattle and drove to the corral with them and counted and bushed them. Made arrangements for Neilsons to put out the salt in the salt house in Left Hand fork, Right Hand fork and on divide. Then rode the fence from the Washington Flat R.S. to the Carter road and help drove C4's cattle and picked up two of Blakes. Repaired the fence at the gulch where some one had opened it and then drove the cattle to the Blake ranch.

Sunday Aug. 5, 1917

Went over the Ben Blake's and sons tally and checked up on the salt. Then drove to the gate at the Drift fence on the carter road and repaired it. Then drove thru Diamond Valley to the Chadburn's Ranch. There I checked up on the Chadburn & Baker tally and made arrangement for the balance of the salt to be taken out. Met Ranger Macfarlane and family on their way to St. George. Drove to the Diamond Valley Ranger Station and got the heating stove and other things belong to the Service or myself and took them to St. George and unloaded at the Office 9 p.m. Met Mr. Mace & Mr. Forbes just leaving the office.

Monday Aug. 6, 1917

Repaired my wagon and tried to find some hay. In the after noon Mr. Forbes took up a number of questions with me in regard to forage and forage reports and accounts as well as other Forest and Office work. Endeavored to locate Mr. Nichols all day and evening but could not. Received word to meet Mr. Nichols, Grazing Inspector at Begelow ranch Wednesday night bring bed and bag.

Tuesday Aug. 7, 1917

Tried again to get Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Benson said he would not be back to the Enterprise station. Phoned to Begelow Ranch in regard to staying there Wednesday night. Made out my forage accounts according [according] to the decision arrived at yesterday. Brought the tally sheets for the D.V. Division for the Office up to date. Wrote to James Jacobson & Royal H. Hunt in regard to their cattle being on the Diamond Valley division and requested them to remove them. Made out property transfer of stove and read over and attended to what mail had accumulated for me.

Wednesday Aug. 8, 1917

Packed up and drove to Office and got Mr. Nichol's bed and bag and films for camera and drove to Diamond Valley & camped at McQuarrie's. After dinner saddled up and rode to the Begelow Ranch by way of Glen Cove and the Electric light plant. Left my other horse at Diamond Valley. Met Mr. Nichols at the Begelow Ranch.

Thursday Aug. 9, 1917

Rode to Glen Cove with Mr. Nichols & there put on a shoe on my horse. Then rode to the Blake & Gubler Ranch by way of horse peak, lone tree and the rock holes. After dinner with John M. McQuarrie and Nichols rode south over the range to spring hollow spring and looked it over as it needs repairing. Then rode over the bench to the drift fence and discovered a place where some one had tried to get thru by pulling a post up. Repaired it and rode to McQuarrie's and camped.

Friday Aug. 10, 1917

Put two shoes on my horse and then drove to St. George. Stopped at the Office and left Mr. Nichol's bed & bag. After dinner talked with the Supervisor about our trip and arrangements and then drove to Leeds.

Saturday Aug. 11, 1917

With Mr. Nichols and Lynn McMullin rode up Quail Creek, thru horse vall [valley], across Pearson Flat, down 3 pine creek and thru the Danish Ranch and back to Leeds. Had a very heavy rain storm all the way from Danish Ranch to Leeds. Found range and cattle in good condition.

Sunday Aug. 12, 1917

Raining this morning so we remained at the station.

Monday Aug. 13, 1917

As the Thrashing Machine had come I went down to the field to see about thrashing the grain at the station. Made arrangements to get wood for the engine and to haul the grain. Still cloudy & the grain too wet to stack so I decided to wait to thrash until I returned form my trip with Mr. Nichols. Called up supervisor and talked to him about the thrashing. Put up enough grain to do us on the trip & drove to Bellevue and camped.



[Steam Thrashing Machine on farm in 1910.]

Muskegon County Museum

Tuesday Aug. 14, 1917

With Mr. Nichols and some of the Bellevue boys rode up Leap Creek. Met Mr. George I. Batty on his homestead and he applied for a free use permit. A special use permit and took up the question of changing the drift fence which I told him I would attend to and requested him to send the surveyors notes on the ditch survey. Rode to the head of Leap Creek Canyon & nooned. Found salt at all the licks. Rode across to Harmons Creek. Mr. Nichols took two pictures of the salt ground in Harmons Creek. Then rode to the Hogs Back road & Mr. Nichols took pictures of the head of Dry Sandy and the horse shoe bend of south ash creek. Then returned to Bellevue.

Wednesday Aug. 15, 1917

Drove to New Harmony with Mr. Nichols. Left a blank at Will Roundys for him to make application for a pig permit. After dinner called up the president of the Association and asked if he had any one who would like to accompany [accompany] us on the ride to the places where the cattle were poisoned. He said they were all busy thrashing & could not leave. Rode the range south & west of Harmony where the most of the cattle were poisoned. Took pictures of the dense Oak cover on the Willard road. Found nothing to indicate poison with the exception of small loco.

Thursday Aug. 16, 1917

As Ranger Macfarlane came last night it was arranged for he and Mr. Nichols to cover as much as possible of the New Harmony range on their way to the Pinto division and I would return to see about the thrashing. Drove to Leeds and found the thrashing in operation and the thrashing nearly done. After machine left got an account of every thing. Took two borrowed wagons home and fixed up things around the place.

Friday Aug. 17, 1917

Spent the entire day watering the land where the grain was so as to produce some feed and watering the garden part of the station.

Saturday Aug. 18, 1917

As my chaps had become badly ripped and in need of repair I spent the day fixing and greasing them.

Sunday Aug. 19, 1917

Did no official work today. Met Mr. Forbes on his way home from Enterprise. He told me about the condition of the fish at the Enterprise Reservoir.

Monday Aug. 20, 1917

Repaired my saddle pockets which had busted from carying [carrying] staples, pliers, etc. Repaired the Chaps which the brush had worn thru and over hauled the saddle entirely and greased it. Hoed some weeds in the garden.

Tuesday Aug. 21, 1917

Rode to the Drift fence above Bellevue and followed it to the ledges at the Bourne Dug Way. Repaired the fence where needed and returned to the station. Noted the water was out of the Anderson ditch at the fence.

Wednesday Aug. 22, 1917

Rode to Anderson's Ranch and hunted up the boys and then rode to the site of the proposed reservoir and surveyed it carefully taking each course twice. Checked over the survey to see if it would connect up and then returned to the station.

Thursday Aug. 23, 1917

Rode the Blue Spring and Italian Spring country. Found no cattle in there. Went over the fence from the ledges east of blue spring to the west end. Repaired the fence where needed.

Friday Aug. 24, 1917

Hired a boy and plowed out the corn at the station in order to loosen the ground & retain the moisture. Repaired the fastenings on the barn door and grain house which were broken at thrashing time. Gave the station house a general cleaning up. Attended to my mail.

Saturday Aug. 25, 1917

Took Annual Leave.

Took some wheat to the mill for flour for my family use. Took some flour home and got some changes of clean clothes.

Sunday Aug. 26, 1917

Did no official work. Returned to the station.

Monday August 27

Repaired two of the sliding iron gates at the station. Stayed the posts to which they are hung with wire and reset & adjusted the post to which they fasten in order that they may be opened and closed with moderate ease and fastened.

Tuesday Aug. 28, 1917

Rode up Water Canyon and over to the Danish Ranch. Found several head of cattle in the pasture and the gate down as the fence will not keep the cattle out. Fixed the gate as best I could and turned the water away from the gate where a deep mud hole has been made. Rode to Will Hartman's homestead and looked over his crops. The entire area that has been cleared is a mass of sunflowers. Has about 7 acres of corn in and some beans, squash, etc. Corn has some good ears on, no one was at the place. Saw his family in town at there home. Team and wagon had been there within the past two or three days. Returned to Leeds by way of Mud Springs.

Wednesday Aug. 29, 1917

Took up the matter of trail work with the Advisory board and permittees of Leeds and we decided to get as many out as possible and repair the trails in Water Canyon and Horse Valley next Tuesday Sept. 4. Checked over the survey of the Anderson special use for reservoir and prepared the report to the Supervisor. Watered the garden portion of the station.

Thursday Aug. 30, 1917

As there are some cases of fever in town and quite a little complaint in regard to the unsanitary condition on the creek, I visited the health officer who said he had refused to act and did not care to do any thing. I next called on the bishop and talked the matter over with him and we visited a party on the head of the stream who had been complained of and looked over the conditions there. Found conditions exaggerated [exaggerated] and conditions there as good as they were thru town. Nearly every body is careless about keeping the water clean. One party thought the cattle ought not to be allowed on the stream in the Forest. Took occasion to talk up the water system proposed some time ago which seems to have died out.

Friday Aug. 31, 1917

Spent the day copying [copying] diary and making out miscellaneous [miscellaneous] reports and looking up information pertaining to them.

Saturday Sept. 1, 1917

Spent the day at headquarters. Made out my reports and mailed them to the Supervisor. Looked up instructions in handling forage, etc.

Sunday, Sept 2, 1917

Saw Ray Naegle of the Toquerville Advisory board and talked of the condition of the trails on his district and requested him to see the boys and try to get some of them to go up with me and repair the trails. Supervisor passed thru on his way to St. George.

Monday Sept 3, 1917

Labor Day - Did no official work - holiday

Tuesday Sept 4, 1917

With four of the Leeds boys rode up Quail Creek and worked on the trail to Quaking Aspen Grove & then from there to Horse Valley. Removed the rocks and cut out the limbs and made some new connections.

Wednesday Sept. 5, 1917

With three of the Leeds boys rode up Water Canyon and continued the trail up Quail Creek.

Thursday 9-6-17

Studied over the instructions for building, maintaining and repairing telephone lines by Roy H. Monson and then tried to fix and adjust the the generator and Wringer in the telephone at the station. Did not succeed. Mowed the weeds in the station garden and hoed some and cleaned out the head ditch.

Friday 9-7-17

Spent the day at the station making out free use permits, attending to notes I had make on grazing, filing correspondence on hand, reading over filing scheme, making folders, etc.

Saturday Sept 8, 1917

Met Mr. Commesford of the U.S. Land Office and had a talk with him in regard to the 640 acre homestead law and other land matters. He asked for information in regard to the Land Office corner in this vicinity and looked over the plats I had. Prepared to go to St. George. After dinner got some water mellon [melon] & fruit and drove to St. George.

Sunday 9-9-17

Did no official work

Monday 9-10-17 to Friday 9-14-17

Took annual Leave.

Saturday Sept 15, 1917

Reported at the forest Office by request and went over the late forage regulations and discussed the forms with Mr. Forbes. Also went over my expense acct.

Took Annual Leave balance of the day.

Sunday Sept. 16, 1917

Did no official work

Monday 9-17-17

Took Annual Leave.

Tuesday 9-18-17

Reported at Forest Office & with Supervisor attended a meeting to discuss ways & means to entertain the 40% contingent of drafted men. Spent the day and evening in preparing for the entertainment and in entertaining the Drafted men.

Wednesday 9-19-17

Helped return the tables, chairs etc. used last evening. Saw the boys off. Called at the Office and got paint brush and Diary book. Went to the store and got paint for flag pole at Leeds R.S. Loaded up and drove to Leeds R.S. Took up with the Advisory board the question brought up in the Supervisor's letter of July 2 - 1917 in regard to increase in grazing fees. They had no complaints and thought none of the different items mentioned affected the grazers here.

Thursday 9-20-17

Received the mail and called the Supervisor in regard to the Sterling boys putting their pigs on the forest earlier than their permit calls for. Mrs. Olsen informed me that our line was cut out because something was wrong with the bells. I over hauled the line and wringer & bells at Osens but could not find the trouble. Decided to put in new ground rod & wire for the Service bell as that had not been done. Attended to the mail & correspondence.

Friday 9-21-17

Rained on & off all day. Had a fine rain during the afternoon. Called the Supervisor and asked for telephone wire and ground rod. Made hunting license for George Angel & Thomas Sterling. Put in a proviso in the Sterling swine permit. Made out receipts for forage money paid out and had the parties interested sign them. Went over my diaries and forms 26 for this year and checked up on the Annual leave taken and wrote letter to Supervisor in regard to the Annual leave, filed correspondence and worked on files.

Saturday 9-22-17

Still stormy. Got a juniper post and cleaned the bark off and shaved it up for a support to the flag pole. Cut off ends and put pole and post on the porch to day so they may be painted. Supervisor called and said the telephone wire would come by next mail. Picked a box of peaches and sent to him. Spent balance of day studying filing scheme, making notes of things wanted and filing according [according] to new scheme. Rained hard during forenoon.

Sunday 9-23-17

Tried to get Toquerville boys on phone but could not. Did no official work.

Monday 9-24-17

Received the ground rod and telephone wire. Connected up the ground rod with the bell and soldered the joints, run the wire to the garden where the ground was damp and put down the ground wire to bed rock & then bent it over. Followed the line to the main line and untangled the wire in one place. Not having heard from Toquer about the trail work I went over and saw the secretary of the association, Mr. Jackson, and arranged for him to see the boys tonight and then let me know what that could do. Returned to Leeds. Jackson stated the boys wanted to ride tomorrow.

Tuesday Sept. 25, 1917

Received word that the Toquer boys would ride up Sandy today and would like me to meet them there and discuss the gathering of cattle now and trail work. With Lynn McMullin rode to Sandy and up Sandy Creek and met the Toquer boys. They had gathered about 20 head of cattle of Spillsbury's & Lamb's. They said Spillsbury had decided to gather some steers before they fell away as he intended to ship a car load. Ray Naegle, Vice President of the association, said they would send me word if they could meet me Friday morning at the boundary line on the old canyon road.

Wednesday Sept. 26, 1917

Made several free use permits. Read over the mail and the "Ranger Review." Shod my horses and drove to Bellevue.

Thursday 9-27-17

With Levi Old & Arch Batty rode up Leap Creek and worked on the trail all day and returned to Bellevue.

Friday 9-28-17

Rode up to Joe Sylvester's Ranch to see him about his salt, filling his permit & a special use. Could not find him. Rode to Levi Old's & checked up on his salt. Made free use permit for him, Tony Old & George Olds. Returned to Gregerson's and made free use permit for A. E. Gregerson and Harry Slack. Rode to Anderson's Ranch and made out Hunting License for Hyrum Jackson. Then returned to count Sterlings pigs and prepare to go to St. George. Also tried to fix the telephone at Gregerson's Ranch as the bell would not ring.

Saturday 9-29-17

With Lynn McMullin rode up Water Canyon and finished the trail up to the salt ground in the pines then rode across Pearson Flat and down 3 Pine Flat & thru the Danish Ranch and back to Leeds. Cattle looked fine but feed getting dry. Also examined Fuller & Leary use.

Sunday 9-30-17

Did no official work.

[The Supervisor approved Diary for the month of October 1917 is missing.]

[The following transcriptions are from McAllister's "note book" which he completes usually in the field, then transfers to the dairy diary - the notes are sparse, several days are skipped without entry.]

October 1, 1917

Put the water on the field which is very dry and watered all day. Copied [copied] my diary. washed some towels and other things.

October 2, 1917

Watered all day on and off. Made out monthly reports, mailed grazing applications to several parties, also free use permits. Supervisor called and requested that I come to St. George tomorrow to remain in the office for a short time.

October 3, 1917

got the mail, saw the boys off who were going to the Army. Gathered some fruit and got some squash from the station and loaded up and drove to St. George taking a heifer & calf along which my boy drove.

Thursday Oct. 4, 1917

Reported at Supervisor's Office & met Mr. Mace & Mr. Forbes who were preparing to go to Pine Valley. Spent the day in the office attending to routine business.

Saturday Oct. 6, 1917

Attended to mail. Wrote letters to Rangers asking for grazing reports. Fixed up timber sale for John Cottam.

Sunday Oct. 7, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday Oct. 8, 1917

Looked on the mail. Received telegram from Mr. Woods from Kanab to meet him on the 9 with auto. Tried to get Mr. Mace but could not. Went to Telephone office & staid [stayed] there until I located him at Pinto & gave him the message. At his request sent message to Woods that Mace would be in Kanab evening of Oct. 9. Wrote to George Price, New Harmony & mailed application blanks. Sent missent letter to Forest Supervisor Vernal, Utah. Looked over the official bulletin & Reclamation Record. Receted [Receipted] Dist Forester for Township platt [plat] record. Made out special use permit form for James Platt, John H. Harriman, Walter Knell, J. X. & Royal J. Gardner. Looked up the Parker special use & made note. Also looked over the Ranger Report on James Rencher special use & made note. Tried to see Mr. Mace in the evening but he did not get in until late.

Tuesday Oct. 9, 1917

Attended to the mail and general routine work. Supervisor came in with a broke spring. Assisted him in getting ready for trip to Kanab. Made copy of telegram. Wrote to George S. bunker & returned check he had sent. Made free use permit for Willard Neilson, Washington. Filled a requisition for myself. Pre labeled a number of guides in the files.

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1917

Spent the fore noon in visiting Henderson Cox's, Andrew Price and others in regard to grazing and loading up. After dinner drove to Leeds.

Thursday, Oct. 11, 1917

Cleaned up the stable & house. Mr. Woods of the Office of Lands came on the stage at 9 am and spent the day talking over conditions on the range & looking around the station & then the files. Mr. & Mrs. Mace came about 3.30 pm. All Painted the flag pole & post.

Friday Oct. 12, 1917

Put the water on the field and watered part of the weed & grain which was very dry. Had my corn cut & hauled [hulled]. Gathered some of the seed for next year.

Saturday Oct. 13, 1917

Finished watering, gathered up all the corn tips & put them under cover to dry for my feed. Made out free use permit & mailed it to Harmony.

Saturday, Oct. 13, 1917

[dated but no entry]

Sunday, Oct. 14, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday Oct. 15, 1917

Interview form Ranger Moody & several others & gathered what information I could to weigh with my observations in regard to Fish & Game on the District & then prepared my Fish & Game report & mailed it.

Tuesday Oct. 16, 1917

Had planned to go to New Harmony to day but after examining my out fit decided to repair it and see the grazers about when they would ride the Leeds Division. Secured a wagon axle & located the thimbles & took them off. Then made some broke block for my buggy and put them on. Repaired several keepers on my house & saw the permittees about the time when they would gather the range. After talking it over they decided about Nov. 1. Painted the flag pole & post.

Wednesday Oct. 17, 1917

Loaded up and prepared to go to New Harmony. Got the mail & read it over. There was such a heavy north wind blowing accompanied by clouds of dust & sand that I decided to remain & work in the office on my grazing report & other matters until it cleared up.

Thursday Oct. 18, 1917

Some of the boys decided to ride after cattle today. Two of the members of the Advisory board notified me and I saw the boys & talked to them and of the consequences of going contrary to the ruling of the Advisory board. They seemed to be some misunderstanding so I asked the secretary to call a Meeting which he did. After a 3 hour session they adjourned with the understanding that the cattle for sale may be gathered & the range cleared comming [coming] Nov. 8 which date I thought to be a little late. Made several free use permits and looked up some.

Friday Oct. 19, 1917

Repainted the flag pole & post third coat. Then grubbed cuckle burrs & pealed then to dry &

(burrs?). Watered the fruit trees, made out application for grazing for Frank Hartley and report on qualification of new application and looked over his land.

Saturday, Oct. 20, 1917

After dinner prepared to go to New Harmony on grazing free use & special use business. Also to meet Toquer grazing free use. Drove to Toquer and met the secretary of the association and arranged for a meeting tomorrow. Made out some free use permits.

Sunday Oct. 21, 1917

Sunday spent the day talking with the grazers, prospective beginners and held a meeting with the advisory board & talked over a number of things & the Laub case.

Saw Mr. Laub & talked with him.

Monday Oct. 22, 1917

Drove to New Harmony, nooned at Bellevue - Saw all of the grazers at Bellevue. Made out free use permit. Phoned to Roy Grant & stopped by & he was leaving town & talked to him.

Tuesday Oct. 23, 1917

Rode up Harmony Canyon & vicinity. Looked over the Frances Prince special use & the Range in general. Examined the Goddard & Grant special use and talked to them about the objection to some in grazing fees & other grazing matters. Returned to Harmony.

Wednesday Oct. 24, 1917

Spent the day in New Harmony on free use & grazing business. Tried to find Mr. Pace (Sheep). Interviewed nearly all the grazers & made a number of free use permits, and instructed prospective grazers what to do. Put shoe on my sorrel horse.

Thursday, Oct. 25, 1917

endeavored to see Mr. Pace again but he had not returned home. Drove to Bellevue & saw the Olds Boys then drove to Anderson's Ranch & made out a hunting license, then drove to Leeds R.S. & put up my outfit & shod my gray horse on two feet.

Friday Oct. 26, 1917

Got the mail that had accumulated and looked it over & attended to it. Rode up to the drift fence & found some cattle there. Rode up Water Canyon & over into Sorenson Canyon & around the sand knoles & back to the gate & returned to Leeds. Some [Saw] a number of cattle that had come down on the lower range. Made notes & gathered papers to take with me to St. George tomorrow to prepare my grazing report & improvement report. Also called on several in regard to grazing matters & non use of the Range. Supervisor called about Improvement report. Told him I would be in St. George tomorrow evening.

Saturday Oct. 27, 1917

Arranged the water to run on the field & put the flag pole & post under cover & loaded up

supplies & etc. to go the St. George. Left about 10 am & Drove to St. George. Met James Neilson of Washington on the road & talked to him about his grazer permit & had lunch. Stopped in Washington & tried to find some of the permittees but Willard Sorenson was in the field. The Neilsons were at Lund, so I came on to St. George & called at the Forest Office & talked to Supervisor about the improvement report to be made out and matters in general & then drove home & unloaded my buggy.

Sunday Oct. 28, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday Oct. 29, 1917

Prepared my improvement report & wrote it out in the Forest Office.

Tuesday Oct. 30, 1917

Commenced preparing my grazing report. Worked in Forest Office all day.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 1917

Worked on the tally sheets making duplicate copies & checking up the approved applications & totals for each district.

[End of daily notes for month of October.]

[November is from approved Diary]

Thursday November 1, 1917

Finished preparing outline of grazing report.

Friday, Nov. 2, 1917

Took up with Supervisor some requests of the permittees of New Harmony for permits to put sheep on the range. Also a special request from Goddard & Grant for a special privilege to fee cattle part way between their ranch and Pages. Was requested to prepare a letter in regard to the matter which I did. Wrote a portion of my grazing report.

Saturday Nov. 3, 1917

finished writing my grazing report, checked it over, corrected it and submitted it.

Sunday Nov. 4, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday Nov. 5, 1917

Made out my monthly reports and attended to other miscellaneous [miscellaneous] work.

Tuesday Nov. 6, 1917

endeavored to find a wagon I could hire to take with me to Pine Valley. Succeeded in getting a

poor one at about 11 am. Called at forest Office and talked to the Supervisor and then decided to go on horse back & bring the Forest Service wagon back. Got ready & left at 2 pm and rode to Chadburn's Ranch & camped.

Wednesday Nov. 7, 1917

Raining this morning. Rode to Pine Valley. Struck snow at Jacobson's Ranch. After dinner we, Macfarlane & I, repaired the board on the bolster and got the broken king bolt out and put in a borrowed one. As it began to clear up which indicated frost we backed the wagon under the Apple trees and picked the apples. Took us until after dark.

Thursday Nov. 8, 1917

Hitched up my team and drove to James Jacobsons & got his boy to help with the Potatoes. My Gray horse was very lame and appeared to have wrenched his ankle. Upon examination found a fence staple in his frog, pulled it out and put some cresoline in it and drove to the Spring Branch R.S. pasture and plowed potatoes until late noon. Then loaded the potatoes and drove to the station & unloaded & had dinner and returned and dug potatoes until after dark. Returned to the station and unloaded what potatoes we had.

Friday Nov. 9, 1917

With Alex sacked up potatoes, dug two sack of carrots, sacked two sacks of onions and loaded the wagon and prepared to leave for St. George. After dinner drove to Chadburn's Ranch & camped.

Saturday Nov. 10, 1917

Left Chadburn's Ranch at 7 am and drove to St. George. Stopped at the former D.V. Ranger Station to see J. M. McQuarrie about the property there. He was away. Stopped at John Mile's place and counted the telephone poles there, one was missing. Arrived at St. George at 2 pm. Was requested by Supervisor to be ready to leave for Toquerville at 4.30. Partly unloaded, had dinner & cleaned up and left for Toquerville at 4-30 pm. Arrived at Toquer after 6 pm and after supper at Savage's attended a meeting of the Advisory board of the Toquerville Cattlemen's Association.

Sunday Nov. 11, 1917

With Supervisor went up to see some cattle of Naegle's. Talked to Naegle & Jackson about the Mark Lamb case. Left for Leeds about 11 am. Had dinner at Leeds and then attended a meeting of the stockmen. Left for St. George about 3-30 & arrived about 5 pm.

Monday Nov. 12, 1917

Worked in forest Office on grazing maps.

Tuesday Nov. 13, 1917

Continued the preparation of grazing maps.

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1917

Looked up improvements that had been constructed on Forest by users and totaled the cost and prepared answer to letter G. Supervisor, Increase in Grazing Fees (G 18)

Thursday Nov. 15, 1917

Packed up and Drove to Cotton wood Ranger Station. Had late dinner and then went down to the corral to see what had been gathered. All of the boys riding were camped here.

Friday Nov. 16, 1917

With the St. George Boys rode up the east fork of Cotton wood creek and then with Ben Blake rode over the divide at the foot of the mountain and rode down west fork to the foot of the trail and waited for the Neilson boys to come up with what cattle they had. Then drove the cattle down to Spring Hollow. I rode up to the spring to see how the salt had held out and struck about 15 head of cattle just going out. They split on me and I took five of the wildest down to the drift fence & then drove then to the gate and to the corral.

Saturday Nov. 17, 1917

Rode up to the Gubler and Blake ranch by way of Spring Hollow and Coragen Knole. Saw no cattle. Looked over the special uses of Ben Blake & Herman Gubler and Will Carter then rode down to the gate on the Blake & Gubler road & followed the fence to the Washington Flat. Had a lunch. All of the boys had gone home. Packed up and drove to St. George. Passed Andrew Price and Thomas Cottam at the Black Knowles with cattle.

Sunday Nov. 18, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday Nov. 19, 1917

Took Annual Leave from November 19 to November 22 inclusive.

Annual leave 4 days.

Friday Nov. 23, 1917

Went thru all the special use cases and separated them with different classes, viz those that required payments, those that should be closed and those needing attention to bring them up to date. Looked over the cards and where every thing did not agree a note was made. Also looked over a number of the closed cases.

Saturday Nov. 24, 1917

Worked in Forest Office. Made out reports on Special Use cases, that is the condition of privilege, and attended to other incidental Office work as requested.

Sunday Nov. 25, 1917

In the afternoon Drove to Leeds R.S.

Monday Nov. 26, 1917

Spent the day watering and gathering up cuckle bean to burn. Got the mail and attended to it.

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1917

With J. M. Moody rode over the Forest to see the condition of the range and find any stock that may be on the forest. Rode the Horse Valley and Water Canyon country. Found a blind cow of Thomas Sterling across from peorean flat. Got 5 head in the sand hills east of the gate and put them out.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1917

Burned the Cuckle bean around the field and attended to the water as much as possible and left it running and made arrangements for Frank Hartley to turn it off. Loaded up and drove to St. George.

Thursday, Nov. 29, 1917

Thanksgiving day - holiday

Friday, Nov. 30, 1917

Worked in the Supervisor's Office and brought the Improvement inventory map up to date and mailed it to the District Forester.

[The Supervisor approved Diary for the month of December 1917 is missing.]

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Saturday, Dec. 1, 1917

Checked up data on the map showing surveyed land and topography. Made out reports on special use permit for Fuller & Leary, John A. Parker, et al., Goddard & Grant & Frances Prince.

Sunday, Dec. 2, 1917

Did no official work.

Monday Dec. 3, 1917

Made out my monthly report. Copped [copied] my Diary. Prepared letter to Gottlieb Schmutz in answer to question pertaining to grazing.

Tuesday Dec. 4, 1917

Supervisor left for Ogden this morning. Prepared my expense account. Made a number of free use permits. Wrote letter to Gottlieb Schmutz, Frank Moore called and asked for information in regard to leaving homestead. Fixed up a letter to the land office for him.

Wednesday Dec. 5, 1917

Attended to the mail. Talked to Benson about his claims report & other matters. Worked on special uses & preparing letter of transmittal. Used the Underwood Machine which was new to me. Made free use permits.

Thursday Dec. 6, 1917

Attended to the mail & correspondence. Worked on preparing letter of transmittal for special uses & mailed a number. Mailed circulars, etc. to the Rangers & advisory boards. Arthur Coats called left the scale book of the J. H. Stout sale. Tried to find the folder but could not. Totaled up no of feet in logs cut. Benson left this morning. Tried to get Macfarlane all day.

Friday Dec. 7, 1917

Attended to the mail. Saw Marshall about getting the supplies form Lund. Erin Duffen called & talked over the cougar business. He had just caught two and desired the association to put up some money & he would hunt around the mountain. Told him I would do what I could & signed with him for the bounty on the skins. Henderson Cox came in & we took the matter up with him. L. R. Hoffman came in for permit for the (???) people.

Dec. 8, 1917

Attended to mail. Made out grazing permits & mailed them. Fixed up the cards. Mailed Package to Olsen Ephinkr. W'm Baker called & got free use permit & talked over Cattle situation on his district. That Pine Valley cattle should be restricted. Made some free use permits.

Dec. 9, 1917

Sunday [did no official work]

Dec. 10, 1917

Got some lumber & hauled it to the F.S. shed & piled it & had the clerk receive it. Put the wagon under the shed & returned the cover. Did a few things in the office left from Saturday. In the after noon made a grub box, had the buggy wheels lightened & greased up. Got some horse shoes & put to [two] on.

Dec. 11, 1917

Prepared to go to Leeds. Drove to Leeds. In the after noon regulated the water & then took up the trail work & cougar business with the grazers. Did not get much encouragement [encouragement] & no decision.

Dec. 12, 1917

Made out a number of free use permits & mailed some. Regulated the water in the field to keep the gophers down. It appeared that some one had been in the barn at the station so I put Iron & bars across the doors & fixed them so nothing can be locked. Met a gentlemen looking for a chicken ranch & I gave him what information I could.

Thursday Dec. 13, 1917

Regulated the water. Got the mail & prepared to go to Toquer to see about trail work & cougar business & grazing. Called office & talked to clerk about lumber. Drove to Toquer & camped. Saw Erin Duffen about hunting cougars.

Friday Dec. 14, 1917

Made out a number of Free Use permits. Talked to the members of the Advisory board who were at home about the trail work and they promised to get together & let me know Sunday what they would do. Purchased a horse to replace one of mine that is pretty well crippled up. Drove to Bellevue & camped.

Saturday Dec. 15, 1917

With Joe Sylvester & two Olds boys rode up Leap Creek and worked trail all day & returned at dark.

Sunday, Dec. 16, 1917

Rode to Anderson's Ranch & enquired for word from Nagles was none. Rode to Leeds & received no word. (???) for the mail & had a bath & changed clothes & returned to camp. Got word the gates were all open.

[Clara Ann Savage, McAllister's wife was born today in 1875]

Monday Dec. 17, 1917

went over the Drift fence from Leap Creek to Dry Sandy, closed fence gates & found the cow but in one place. Went over the worse of the Canyon trail from the Sand flat to Bellevue & Horses have distemper.

Tuesday Dec. 18, 1917

With one of the Olds boys worked on the Leap Trail all day & returned at Dark.

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1917

Worked on the trail from Bellevue to the canyon road.

Thursday, Dec. 20, 1917

Worked on the trail from Bellevue to canyon road and made crossing over Ash Creek & cleaned out the trail up the hill out of the creek. In the after noon drove to Leeds. Working my colt.

Friday Dec. 21, 1917

Worked in the lot all day - cut up what tumble weeds & cuckle burr, etc. were left and burned them. Watered the fruit trees & cleaned up around the lot & barn.

Saturday Dec. 22, 1917

Filed papers, arranged things at the station, got in some wood and fixed up things in general for leaving. In the after noon drove to St. George.

Sunday, Dec. 23, 1917
[Did no official work]

Monday Dec. 24, 1917
Spent the day in the Office.

Tuesday, Dec. 25, 1917
Christmas Day.

Wednesday Dec. 26, 1917
Spent the day in the office assisting in the work.

Thursday Dec. 27, 1917
Spent the day in the Office made out free use permits. Went over the spring & winter permits and noted them who had not paid their fees. Also went over the special uses and filed those that were all right and went over the uses that needed fixing up. Looked up those that needed reporting on & closing. Hitched up my colt & drove him around awhile.

[Balance of days in 1917 are missing from field notes.]