

Journal of a Whaling Voyage in the Brig *Hopston*

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> Lat 32-58 N Long 97-51 W  
 All of this day blowing very fresh and in large sea running from the S.W. at 12 A.M. wind hauled to S.W. by prospect of better weather. Standing quarter Watched, heading to the Westward. Saw a vessel standing to the Northward, part of the day the lug under the main Tryptail reefed and Bonnet of the main stay-sail.

Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> Lat 32-58 N Long 97-51 W  
 This day more moderate with a heavy sea on wind from the Westward at 8 A.M. fore ship heading to the Southward at 12 A.M. finished trying-out, at 6 P.M. had the deck washed, saw 3 Grampales, and one Merchant vessel.

Tuesday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Lat 32-21 N Long 98-04 W  
 This day fresh breeze and pleasant from the S.W. heading to the Southward, employed in ship's duty. Saw Grampales, and two Merchant vessels.

Wednesday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Lat 32-14 N Long 97-38 W  
 This day fine breeze and pleasant from the S.W. heading to the Westward, employed in ship's duty. Set up the main Mast-ropes and main-ropes, and the Starboard main Rigging, saw Grampales carrying mainsail and one reef in the topsail, during the night.

Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> Lat 32-10 N Long 97-28 W  
 All of this day squally and blowing fresh from the S.W. heading to the Westward at 4 A.M. took in the fifth Main-sail and closed reefed the Fore-top-sail. Had no light the last half of the day, saw Grampales, at 6 P.M. took the sound of the main stay-sail, rose a new Harbor Fore-brace, and put a shackle to the fore

Friday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Lat 32-04 N Long 97-23 W  
 This day fresh breeze and pleasant from the S.W. heading to the Westward, one sail in sight. Steering to the S.W. latter part raining.

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Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> Lat 31-55 N Long 95-11 W  
 This day pleasant from the S.W. heading to the Westward, first part some hard breeze, one Merchant vessel standing to the S.W. so ends the day.

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> Lat 31-27 N Long 94-22 W  
 This day pleasant and fine breeze from the S.W. heading to the Westward at 8 P.M. took in the Gaff-top-sail.

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Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> Lat 31-27 N Long 94-22 W  
 First part of this day twenty-four hours fine breeze from the S.W. heading to the Westward, at 6 P.M. took in the Gaff-top-sail. At 7 A.M. set the Gaff-top-sail, at 10 set the Fore-top-sail. The wind from S.W. to S.W. very pleasant and smooth, employed in ship's duty.

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> Lat 31-38 N Long 95-05 W  
 First part of this day very pleasant and smooth a fine breeze from the S.W. heading to the Westward, employed in ship's duty, overhauling the Block and Block-Steep, at 4 P.M. took ship heading to the Southward, at 6 took in the Fore-top-sail and Gaff-top-sail, at 8 A.M. Squally with rain took in the fifth Main-sail, main-ropes, stay-sail, and mainsail. Clewed down the Fore-top-sail, set the Tryptail, at 8 made all sail a fine breeze from the Eastward, at 10 moderate baffling wind. The rest of the day saw one sail standing to the Eastward.

Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> Lat 31-15 N Long 96-02 W  
 First part of this day light baffling wind from the Westward standing to the Southward, at 4 P.M. the wind hauled to the S.W. took ship heading to the S.W. at 6 took in the Gaff-top-sail very pleasant at 10 moderate took in the Mainsail, at 3 A.M. set the Mainsail and Gaff-top-sail, light breeze from S.W. employed in ship's duty, set up the Harbor main Rigging, and rose two new langards for the main and main-ropes, squaring, rubbing, to the fore