

Journal of the Bark John Dawson at St Catharines

Wednesday April 26th 1865

Commenced with thick rainy weather, all hands engaged washing ship & C. getting ready for sea. one man by the name of Frank Ross deserted & Edwin Brown off duty with a sore leg

Thursday 27th

Fine weather, all hands engaged painting boats and taking on board wood. Carpenter making a main royal yard sent down the one from the main & put it up foreward

Friday 28th

Fine clear weather all hands engaged getting ready for sea and took on board some more wood & C. A young gentleman by the name of George W. Eaton came on board to take passage

Saturday 29th

Fine weather with light breeze from the Southward at 11 A.M. got under weigh and commenced beating out to sea and the James Arnold also, so ends civil time

Sunday 30th

Commenced with light breeze from the Southward all hands engaged working ship seaward. at dark Smead Island bore S. by E. distant about 10 miles and the N.E. point of St Catharines bore E. by E. distant about 5 miles ship heads East at 8 P.M. passed forward, and took the anchors on the bows latter part fine breeze heading E by S

Lat 27° 15' South
Long 44° 20' West

James Catte Master

Monday May 1st

Commenced with moderate breeze from the N.W. heading E by N. fine weather saw a large steering ship. Five men that stowed away made their appearance, at sundown set the royal mid part wind veered around to the South and breeze on took in the royals. Latter part fresh breeze bent and set the studding sails steering E. by S. hazy weather

Lat 26° 32' South
Long 42° 42' West

Tuesday 2nd

Commenced with fresh breeze from the Southward steering E. by S. Latter engaged lashing anchors & C. Cloudy weather mid part wind moderated and veered to the Eastward took in studding sail & royals. Latter part squally weather, at 10 P.M. wind veered to the S. by E. steering E. by S. furled the front top gallant sail. Latter part 4 main top gallant staysail & C. the starboard martingale back reef parted put up a preventer and set it up. thick hazy weather

Wednesday 3rd

Commenced with fresh breeze from the S. by E. steering E. by S. thick hazy weather saw two large steering ships. Latter part wind moderating and weather more settled set all sail. wind veering to the E. by S. heading E. by S.

Lat 23° 42' South
Long 38° 05' West