

Journal of the Bark John Lawrence in the North

Saturday September 7th 1863.

Commenced light breeze from the North and Westward at 2 P.M. tacked ship heading S.S.W. mid-part wind veered to the Westward heading S.W. Latter part brisk breeze and a heavy head sea on. took in fore top gallant sail watch making serene to & fair weather

Lat 39° 40' North
Long 21° 36' West

Sunday 10th

Commenced with brisk breeze from the S.W. steering S.W. a brig in sight saw Gramscus at sundown took in light sails latter part strong breeze from the S.W. steering S.W. at 9 A.M. double reefed the topsails

Lat 40° 25' North
Long 23° 41' West

Monday 11th

Commenced with strong breeze from the S.W. steering S.W. by N. at 4 P.M. stating W.S.W. middle and latter part winds still continues strong. with hazy weather watch engaged reefing mizzen top mast & stay sail & steering W.S.W.

Lat 40° 41' North
Long 27° 12' West

Tuesday 12th

Commenced with strong breeze from the Southward steering N by S. at 3 P.M. took in jib & spanker. middle & latter part light variable winds and thick rainy weather. saw Gramscus at 11 A.M. cleared away

Lat 40° 33' North
Long 28° 38' West

Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master

Wednesday 13th

Commenced with light breezes from the S.S.W. heading West set all sail fine weather saw a vessel standing to the N.E. at sundown shortened sail mid-part wind veered to the Westward. at 2 A.M. tacked ship heading S.S.W. latter part set all sail and at 4 A.M. breeze on took in light sail at 10 A.M. double reefed the topsails, saw Killers

Lat 40° 28' North
Long 30° 00' West

Thursday 14th

Commenced with strong breeze and breeze on from the N.W. heading S.W. by S. at 1 P.M. took in all sail but a double reefed main top sail, main pence & fore top mast stay sail and took the boat up and secured things about decks, blowing moderate gales with thick rainy weather middle & latter part still blowing moderate gales. weather cleared off a little

Lat 41° 00' North
Long 30° 06' West

Friday 15th

Commenced moderate gales from the Westward heading S.W. by S. and moderating. at 4 P.M. set double reefed fore top sail and fore sail saw a vessel steering to the Eastward. latter part fine weather set all sail wind from N.W. heading West

Lat 40° 33' North
Long 30° 29' West