

Journal of the Bark *John Dawson* in the North
Saturday Sept 16th 1865.

Commenced with light
breeze from the S.W. heading W by N at
4 P.M. saw the Island of Carbo bearing S by
W distant 50 miles saw Pinbacks Middle &
latter part calm, sent down the fore topsail to
repair. Carbo bearing S.W. distant 40 miles

Lat 40° 40' N

Sunday 17th

Commenced with light air from
the Eastward steering S.W. lowered for Blackfish
without success, finished and bent the fore topsail
latter part light breeze from the S.E.
steering S.W. at 4 P.M. Frank Pearce
raised a large school of sperm whales large
ones lowered and at 10 P.M. starboard
& starboard boat struck two large whales
and they run so we had hard work to
get them.

Monday 18th

Commenced with light breezes
from the S.W. at 5 P.M. got them both
along side and made well fast and got
cutting gear ready & C and set the watch
for the night, broke out for water, mid-part
breeze on. latter part thick rising cloudy weather
and very rugged at 3 P.M. all hands commenced cutting
at 11 P.M. wind hauling to the S.W. and moderating
and clearing off

Lat 41° 27' North
Long 30° 30' West

Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master

Tuesday 19th

Commenced with fine breeze from the
S.W. heading N.W. all hands engaged cutting
at sundown had the two bds in and one head
made, the other well fast along side and set the
watch. mid-part watch engaged clearing away
the case and pulling up the jinn & latter part
fine weather all hands engaged cutting in the
other head & C

Lat 40° 33' North
Long 30° 23' West

Wednesday 20th

Commenced with fine weather &
light breeze from the Westward heading S.W.
all hands engaged hauling case and clearing up
decks & C at 3 P.M. started the works. latter
part weather continues fine wind hauled to the
Eastward steering to the S.W. all hands engaged
cutting up jinn and Blubber and Boiling & C
saw Blackfish

Lat 41° 25' North
Long 30° 23' West

Thursday 21st

Commenced with fine weather and light
breeze from the Eastward heading to the Southward
all hands engaged clearing up decks & cutting up
Blubber, and Boiling & C wind hauled to the
Southward. middle & latter part light variable
winds, and fine weather all hands engaged cutting
up Blubber and Boiling.

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