

Bark Matilda Sears

Saturday August 7th

1869

First part fresh breeze from North with cloudy weather ship steering East under bare sail middle and latter part variable wind with heavy rain squalls ship steering to the Eastward. Had one sail no Obs.

Sunday Aug 8th

Commences with variable winds and rainy weather ship steering East under Topsails and courses middle and latter heavy rain and squally at meridian doubled reefed the Topsails no Obs.

Monday Aug 9th

Commences with the wind from S.W. with heavy rain and squally ship steering East under double reefed Topsails middle part heavy rain storm with squally from the South took in the main sail and fore Topsail latter part finer from north with clear weather at daylight made sail and steered East crew employed in ship duty no Obs.

Tuesday Aug 10th

First part fresh breeze from north with clear weather ship by the wind heading to the Eastward under all sail middle and latter part moderate breeze from N.E. with clear weather ship by the wind heading to the Eastward crew employed in ship duty Lat 41° 01' N

Wednesday Aug 11th

First part calm with clear weather middle and latter part moderate breeze from S.E. ship by the wind heading to the N.E. under all sail crew employed in working on the rigging at 6 P.M. lowered the topsails and crew Lat 41° 01' N Long 49° 45' W

Steering to the Eastward

Thursday August 12th

First part moderate breeze from Southward with hazy weather ship by the wind heading to the Eastward under all sail middle and latter part strong breeze from S.E. weather cloudy crew employed in ship duty no Obs.

Friday Aug 13th

Commences with strong breeze from S.E. with cloudy weather ship by the wind heading to the Eastward under all sail at 4 P.M. took in the light sails at 6 P.M. double reefed the Topsails and pulled the jib and sprit at 7 P.M. the wind hauled to the South with heavy rain took in the main sail and fore Topsail middle part moderate gale from West took in the fore sail and close reefed the main Topsail ship hove to heading to the South latter part more moderate kept off course S.E. and made sail no Obs.

Saturday Aug 14th

First part strong breeze from West with cloudy weather ship steering S.E. under main gallant and sail middle and latter part moderate breeze from north weather clear crew employed in ship duty Lat 43° 19' N Long 41° 40' W

Sunday Aug 15th

First part light breeze from N.E. with fine weather ship steering S.E. under all sail middle part strong breeze with drizzling weather latter part blowing fresh and squally wind from S.W. took in the light sails and double reefed the Topsails at 5 A.M. were ship to the Eastward Lat 42° 55' N Long 39° 55' W