

Bark Matilda Sears
Thursday Aug 25th

First part moderate breeze from the East with fog squalls ship steering different courses under easy sail spoke the Bark Three Brothers at sundown took in sail. Middle part wind from north latter part from the west ship steering different courses. Sailed three sails and the land at Meridian she was west 25 miles distant.

Friday Aug 26th First part light air and calm with pleasant weather. Middle and latter part the wind from Eastward ship heading to the north. Sailed three sails and land. Sent in the flying jib took one cloth out of the deck and bent it again.

Saturday Aug 27th First part light variable breeze with rainy weather. Ship steering different courses at sundown took in sail. Middle and latter part light gale from South with rainy squalls. Ship by the wind on opposite tack land in sight.

Sunday Aug 28th First part light gale from the South with squally weather. Ship steering different courses at sundown heeled to heading to the west under close reef main topsail. Middle and latter part strong breeze from South and rugged. Sailed three sails and land at Meridian the Pigeon house bore west 30 miles distant.

Monday Aug 29th First part strong breeze from South with pleasant weather. Ship by the wind heading to the west under short sail. Middle and latter part strong winds and squally. Ship on opposite tacks. Sailed three sails and land.

Cruising off Jarvis Bay 1870

Tuesday Aug 30th

First part strong winds from South with squally weather with heavy sea. Ship by the wind on opposite tacks under short sail. Middle and latter part the same. Sailed two sails and the land at Meridian Pigeon house bore west 25 miles distant.

Wednesday Aug 31st

Commenced with fresh breeze from South with squally weather. Ship by the wind under short sail. Middle and latter part strong breeze with clear weather. Ship by the wind on opposite tacks. Sailed four sails and land.

Thursday September 1st

First part fresh breeze from South with clear weather. Ship by the wind heading to the east at sundown took in sail. Middle and latter part wind from S. by S. Sailed one sail and the land at Meridian Pigeon house bore N. W. 40 miles distant.

Friday Sept 2nd

First part moderate breeze from East with pleasant weather. Ship steering to the South at sundown shortened sail and heeled to the wind. Middle and latter part wind from the north with cloudy weather at daylight steered off to the Southward. Sailed two sails and the land. Crew employed in cleaning the iron work to the windlass and painting it. Lat. 36° 39' S.