

Barge Midas of New Bedford Mass

Friday Aug 27th 1859 Remarks on board

This day fine pleasant weather sent two boats of whaling the remainder of the crew getting out sperm oil sent on shore. Mr. Gallon sold it to the Provision American Company at \$1.00 per gallon and received payment for the same in cash. Capt. Tallman thinks he is somewhat to day and so says the doctor so ends this day concludes to go to sea tomorrow being in readiness

Saturday August 28th 1859 Remarks on board

This day comes in fine calm sent two boats of whaling with the intention of going to sea soon as possible being no wind did not get under way at 5 pm the boats returned saw one whale at 5.30. A boat came on board from shore requesting me to come on shore for Capt. Tallman was sick and as the doctor believed was a dying I went immediately on shore and found him dead he died a few moments before I got on shore removed him to a proper place and set proper watches over him. The doctor has not yet given his opinion as to Capt. Tallman's disease. So ends this day

Sunday August 29th 1859 Remarks on board Midas

This day comes in fine pleasant weather at 8 a.m. set the coullars half mast fore and aft and no duty performed on board to day at 8 am went on shore set the carpenter to work at a coffin and making all necessary arrangements to get all things in readiness to bury Capt. Tallman tomorrow finished the coffin lined it inside with white outside with black silk and bordered the coffin with wide black silk ribbon made a shroud laid him out in the coffin and set proper watches over him with the intentions of burying him tomorrow at 10 a.m. so ends this day on board the midas

On a Whaling Cruise of R. Tallman master in S. 1859

Monday Aug 30th 1859 Remarks on board Midas

This day comes in strong breeze from the S.E. thick and rainy at 10 am went on shore all hands to attend the funeral of Capt. Tallman it being rainy did not bury him until 4 pm the pastor of the Russian streamer attended and performed the funeral service after which I read a suitable chapter from the bible so ends the solemn day on board the barge Midas of New Bedford Mass

Tuesday Aug 31st 1859 Remarks on board Midas

This day comes in rainy at 9 am fine crew employed in getting a raft of water and fire boat loads of wood making preparations to go to sea on the morrow so ends this day

Wednesday August 31st 1859 Remarks on board the Midas

This day comes in thick and rainy at 5 am took the anchor and started to sea ship heading to S.E. wind S.W. saw three sails ahead

Death of Capt. J. R. Tallman