

1892 Journal of the Whaling Bark William Gayles

Tues Aug 9

This day begins with a strong breeze and cloudy from the NW heading along by the sun toward the Diamies Coast Cape in sight and the Brig Perry Edwards. George Powell is still off duty. Middle port shortened sail. Latter part strong breeze stopped at the Island of Diamies and left the 3 natives that was with us last season and one that belonged there. Got one native from there and one from west here.

Saw the Brig Perry Edwards

Wed Aug 10 Lat 67.00 Long 162.54 West

This day begins with a moderate breeze and cloudy from the NW heading along by the wind. About 1 PM we got through the Diamies from the bearing sea into the Arctic Ocean. Middle port wind light steering N. with all sail set. Latter part wind the same. Watch busy sending down the old sails and bending new ones.

Thurs Aug 11

This day begins with a light breeze and a thick fog from the NW heading N. by E with all sail set. Watch bent a new lower main top sail and a new main top gallant sail and new fly and new fore top mast staysail. Middle port foggy. Latter part very light. Saw the land and about 1 PM we anchored at Cape Thomson in 5 fathoms of water for wood. Watch bent the new fly jib and new gaff top sail and getting off word George Powell is on duty again.

Fri Aug 12

This day begins with quite a strong breeze with a thick fog from the NW. Got off 10 boat loads of wood and about sun down here we anchored up and left heading along by the wind. Middle port wore ship. Latter part wind light wore ship heading along by the wind with all sail set. Watch busy repairing the main stay sail and stowing the wood away.

1892 Benjamin D. Cleveland Master

Sat Aug 13

This day begins with a light breeze and clear weather from W. heading along by the wind. Point Hope and the Brig Perry Edwards in sight. Watch still repairing the main stay sail. Middle port wind hauled to the End with a thick fog steering N. by E. Latter part wind hauled to the End and the fog cleared up and we found our selves close to point Hope and steering for Cape Lisburn with a good breeze.

Sun Aug 14

This day begins with a moderate breeze and clear from the NW. About 3 PM we anchored to the N. of Lisburn in 7 fathoms of water and sent 2 boats on shore for wood. Came on board at sundown and hove our anchor up and made all sail steering N. by E. by E. the Brig in sight. Middle port wind very light. Latter part wind hauled to the End with a thick fog.

Mon Aug 15 Lat 69.53 Long 163.03 West

This day begins with a light breeze and foggy from the End heading along by the wind. Saw land and the Brig. Middle port wind very light. Latter part thick fog and the wind light. Watch busy roping the main stay sail and other ship duty.

Tues Aug 16

This day begins with a light breeze and pleasant from East. Watch finished the main stay sail and bent it at sun down. Wind hauled to the S. by E steering N. by E. point Hope and the Brig in sight also saw the cutter Bear steering to the West. Middle port wind light. Latter part made all sail and at day light we were off Cape Cape about 2 miles off. did not stop kept off steering N. by E.