

Ship *William Hamilton* Towards the Pacific September 1840

Saturday, Sept. the 22nd

Commenced with hard gale from the N.W. at 8 A.M. Set a double reefed fore & main top sails at 8 A.M. stood out the reefs at 2 P.M. set the main top gall sail at 4 P.M. set the main sail & fore top gall sail wind from the N.W.

Course S by E. Lat 44.31. Long 181.40

Sunday, Sept. the 23rd

Commenced with fresh breezes from the N.W. Middle & latter part squally at 10 A.M. took in the top gall sail & fore top sail & a double reefed the fore & main top sails at 6 P.M. turned one reef out of the main top sail at 12 Meridian furlled the main sail

Course East Lat 44.30. Long 181.40

Monday, Sept. the 24th

Commenced with hard gale from N by W at 3 A.M. took the 3rd reef in the main top sail at 4 A.M. took in the fore top sail fore sail & fore reefed the main top sail & hove the two heading N.W. hard gale at 7 A.M. wind from the N.W. kept the ship off east set a double reefed fore top sail & fore sail at 1 P.M. turned the reef out of the main top sail at 4 P.M. double reefed the main top sail hard gale

Course East Lat 45.14. Long 181.40

Tuesday, Sept. the 25th

Commenced with hard gale from N.W. by W Middle part the same with squalls of hard & rain at 5 P.M. turned 1 reef out of the main top sail & set the main top gall sail at 7 P.M. turned out the reef & set the fore top gall sail latter part more moderate wind N.W. by W

Course S by E Lat 44.32. Long 181.33

Ship *William Hamilton* from New Bedford towards the Pacific

Wednesday, Sept. the 26th

Commenced with moderate breeze from the N.W. by W Middle part the same latter part wind N.W. by W Course from S by E at 6 by S

Lat 45.14. Long 181.40

Thursday, Sept. the 27th

Commenced with strong breezes from the N.W. by W steering N by E with all sail set at 10 P.M. took in the top gall sail & fore sail at 4 P.M. set the same wind from the N.W.

Lat 43.57. Long 181.08

Friday, Sept. the 28th

Commenced with strong breezes from the N.W. at 2 A.M. took in the top gall sail & fore sail & double the top sails & 1 reefed fore sail at 6 A.M. lured the main sail & fore top sail at 9 A.M. turned out the reef & set the top gall sail at 11 A.M. set the fore & main sail Course N.W. Lat 42.37. Long 181.40

Saturday, Sept. the 29th

Commenced with moderate breezes from the N.W. steering N.W. with all sail set Middle part the same latter part wind from the N.W. at 11 P.M. saw a black whale lowered 2 boats the 1st boat struck killed & sank it took up the boat & kept the N.W. for New Zealand

Lat 41.18. Long 180.34

Sunday, Sept. the 30th

Commenced with fresh breezes from the N.W. pleasant steering N.W. with all sail set Middle & latter part the same

Lat 39.34. Long 180.34