

Ship Wm. West of New Bedford off the River

Friday March 7th A.D. 1856

All this day light breeze from N. by E. & pleasant warm weather the ship by the wind on both tacks at 3 P.M. ran a merchant ship at 10 A.M. saw 1 more so ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 45:35 S.
Long. by Chron 57:16 W

Saturday Mar. 8th

All this day light breeze from N. by E. & pleasant weather steering by the wind on both tacks saw nothing thus ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 45:19 S.
Long. by Chron 56:41 W

Sunday Mar. 9th

This day commences with light wind & pleasant weather at 11 P.M. the wind freshens & hauls to S. W. ward steers N. N. E. the light sail in at 2 P.M. saw a Brig steering S. E. so ends this day
Lat. by Chron 54:01 West
Lat. by Obs. 43:10 S.

Monday Mar. 10th

This day light from breeze from S. W. & pleasant weather steering S. E. & N. all sail out saw a fin back the watch employ in ships duties so ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 41:40 S.
Long. by Chron 52:09 W

Tuesday Mar. 11th

First part light air from S. W. ward & pleasant a heavy sea on at 1 1/2 P.M. raised a large Sperm Whale lower 2 boats at 3 P.M. the Capt. & lower the whale was feeding & the boats could get no run of him at sunset gave him up he worked to wind and came on board & took in sail to close by topsails two latter parts strong breeze & rain from N. N. E. ship on both tacks under S. N. main topsails & fore sail & stay sail the day ends with a moderate gale of wind from N. E. by E.
No Obs

Clark Gardner



de La Platte Home ward Bound March 1856

Wednesday Mar. 12th A.D. 1856

First part strong wind from S. E. by S. the ship on both tacks under S. N. main topsails & stay sails saw nothing Middle & latter parts moderate gale from E. N. E. & overcast weather ship on the stern tack so ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 40:40 South

Thursday Mar. 13th

All this day light breeze from N. N. E. & overcast weather steering by the wind on both tacks at 6 P.M. saw a bark to leeward Middle latter part wind hauls to E. S. E. a fresh breeze the bark in sight to N. ward steering S. N. E. with no so ends this day
No Obs

Friday Mar. 14th

First part strong breeze from S. E. & thick rainy weather steering N. E. by N. under short sail saw nothing Middle part light gale from S. E. the ship under close reefed topsails & stay sails latter part more moderate made some sail & steered N. E. so ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 38:10 S.
Long. by Chron 47:34 W

Saturday Mar. 15th

All this day light wind & pleasant weather steering by the wind to the S. E. by N. ward at 7 A.M. saw a ship to E. S. E. so ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 37:53 S.
Long. by Chron 46:11 W

Sunday Mar. 16th

This day strong wind from S. & pleasant steering E. by N. all sail out a ship in sight ahead at daylight nothing in sight so ends this day
Lat. 37:47 S.
Long. by Chron 42:26 W