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DIARY FOUR

Lonely Dell, A.Z. June, Wed., 25th, 1873. A litle after dark, My Daughter by Rachel Andorah, Nancy Emily & her litle Bro. Jno. Amasa, arrived with an Express from My Ranch at the Pools, stating that 2 Messengers Came in from Kanab. Reported that 600 Soldiers & 40 Baggage waggons Enrout for the Ferry at Lonely Dell, with orders to Errec[t] a fort & Military Post at that Point. On the 27th inst., they were to reach the place of their Destination.¹ The Messger Said that they Made loud threats about what they intended to do—that they would hang old Lee & every child that had a drop of his Blood runing in its veins & that they turned in their animals at Kanab on the [g]rowing crops. The advice was for Me to leave & get out of the way to Parts unknown.

Reader, ImmaJin my feelings to be fourced to leve My dearly bought home which I had Just reclaimed from a Sterile barron Desert of Sand Hills, through Much toil & incessant labour, worn down with cares & fatigue of Body, Made it like a garden filled with Fruit Trees & vines of the Most choice kinds & at a heavy expense. The prospect for the future began to loom up, that a better day was Just at hand! When loo, all of a Sudden I was fourced to leve My Dear Family of wives & children who clung around My neck with bitter Tears as we parted. My course was South East, which was Markd out in a Night vision a few Nights previous to My Starteing. A Road was opened up before Me S. E. & I was bid travel it, for in it there was deliverance. I obeyed & I was raised from the Earth & wafted in the air & went with the velocity of lightening. A large Personage persued but was unable or reach me & stoped. The Moment the News reached me I thought of the vision. Leveing my Family in the hands of god, by the aid of Bro. Evan Edward, Hyrum Page, & J. Brown, I swam My Horse over the foaming Colerado by a skift & bent My way for the Mowencroppa, there to take up My abode with the House of iseral—Mokies, orabias, Piutes, & NavaJoes. The day was oppressively hot, it being

Thurs., June 26th, 1873. As I raised the Bluffs on the opposite of the River I Cast a wishful glance at the Lonely Dell & as I thought of the loved ones behind, especially those that I had not even the pleasure of pressing to my Throbbing heart & bid them farewell for a season, The tears fell like rain! & was all most persuaded to return to them & abide the consequences; but the Spirit Said, In the Multitude of council there is Safety, So I obeyed [and left] the Scene with a heavy Heart.

Reached the NavaJo springs about 2 P.M. where I found a co. of 22 waggons of the Brethren returning from the A.Z. Mission.² Related the News & gave them the Mail containing News from their friends at home. Refreshed My self & animal & in co. with Bro. Becksted & Wood about Sun Set Started on for the Main camp at the Mowencroppa. At the distance of 12 miles came to the bitter springs. Nearby we turned out & took a nap. At day break started on & at the distance of 10 ms. watered out of some holes in the rocks. The water was well mixed with Pollywags & other insects. Then struck out for the camp. About noon the heat so overcome my Horse that he lay down & I was compelled to stop till the cool of the evening. The other two went on & left me. I traveled till about midnight. Being unacquainted with the county, I stoped till morning within 2 or 3 miles of water which I reached about sun rise, on

Frid., June 27th, 1873, where I found Bro. J. Hamblin & son & a young man by the Name of Burt returning to Kanab. I held a short consultation with him, & he advised Me to go to the Mowcroppa & stop with an old gentleman by the Name Winburn & assist in watering & taking care of his crop. There I would find seeds, tools & Provision & he would attend to My buisness & sell out if nessary & look after My Family & get Me word as soon as possible, that he would be back within a Month. This was also in accordance with My Mind when I left home. We then Parted, & about noon I reached My new home for a season, informed Mr. Winburn, who is now to become my old companion for a season, who seemed quite agreeable to the arrangement. After dinner I went to camp & visited with Prest. Haicht & the Brethren³ & bought some articles of them.

Sat., June 28th, 1873. I Eregated till noon; prepared some ground to plant Peas, Potatoes &c. Evening went back to camp & tradd some more.

Moencroppa. Sund., June 29th, 1873. This Morning friend Winbuirn went to camp to get Some tobacco. I guarded the crop till Eving, then went to camp. Bought a waggon, New cook stove & some 6 or 800 lls. of Bacon, Sugar, Flour, apples, Tea & coffee, also a Keg of Surup & one of Pickels, clothing, Tools, 50 lls. of Nails, the Same of Soap, chicking, Seeds, &c., &c., set of Harrow-teeth, a New congress arm cheer [chair], & Many things too tedious to Mention. Gave them in exchange 3 cows & yearlings, 25 bushels of wheat at Skutumpah & about \$40 cash. The waggon I bought to sleep in & keep our provisions dry as we have no shelter & not much Material to make one of. This morn I had to negoceate in behalf of the camp with the Natives as their stock had been on the Indians' corn. I interpreted for them & the Matter was setled by paying them the damage in Flour &c. Evening I attended meeting & spoke to the Brethren, cheered & comforted them & gave them some fatherly advice. Returned to our shanty & stood guard arround our crop to keep the animals from destroying it. I also guarded it the two previous Evings as Jacob had requestd. Bro. C. E. Boalton [Bolton]⁴ who through carelessness of himself & boy in letting their animals feed on the crops of the Natives rendered themselves disagreeable to them, whereupon Tuba, the principle of the settlement Politely give him to understand that they were not wanted there; that he was glad when they came & now he was glad to have them go away. On his return back, drove his litle waggon up to our litle shanty & turned his animals lose to run [over?] our crops. Returning from camp, I found a cow & yearling on the corn. Drove them off & asked them to tie up the animals. He replied that he & his Boy was tired, So I had to chase them all Night. Next Morning the only Satisfaction that I got was that he did not bleame them, as the feed was too poor to Satisfy them.

Moencroppa. Mon., June 30th, 1873. This [morning] the co. commenced roleing out in good season. 3 stoves were left for

the Natives & lots of other articles. About noon the last wagons roled out. Prest. H. Haicht in the rear. I had My waggon and goods drawn near our Shanty, where I commenced arrainging for a shelter, Storing away my goods. Mr. Winburn,⁵ who by the by is a verey industrious man, was Eregating the crop.

Moencropa. Teus., July 1st, 1873. To day I planted some Beets, oniuns, Radish, Lettice & Peas. About 10 Moring, Bro. Thos. Workman came back from the co. at the Springs 6 miles in search of a cow belonging to Jno. Hess, Jr., but did not find her. Stopped & talked an hour or more that time, condoleing me. Said that My remarks in Meeting Sund. Eving had great impression on that whole camp & turned them all in my favour &c. Said that testified that talk & spirit was that of a true Latterday Saint. Cool Nights & warm days.

Moencropa, Wed., July 2nd, 1873, A.Z. To day I plantd Some Potatoes, Peas & sweet corn. Had a visit from Tooby, A Walipie chief. He invited Me to accompany him to the Moquich villeages to one of their cocheenas [katchinas], a performance according to their Tradition a kind of worship. I declined for the want of time. He also welcomed me to setle with him & said that Jacob & I might have those 2 springs & Make us a home & bring our Familys. He dined with us, taught their Language. Evening I wrote Journal & Eregated some.

Moencropa, Thurs., July 3rd, 1873, A.Z. Mr. Windburn Eregating. I planted So[me] More Peas & by the help of a Piede [i.e., Piute] I Made a shade on the N.W. side of My wagon to keep the Sun of from us while Eatin[g] at least, as we spend but li[tt]le time else from work. Being quite unwell, I took a dose of Pills & write Journal in the Eving & attend to the cooking which falls to my Lot.

Moencropa. Fri., July 4th, 1873. This Morning Some better. About 9 we had a visit from one of the Principle men & his Lady of the oriva Tribe Named Tow-wow-we-win & his Squaw She-ma. They were courteous & the Lady quite fair. They dined

with us. This morning I eregated some lan[d] to plant more Peas.
Evening Planted Peas.

Moencropa. Sat., July 5th, 1873. About 10 M. we had a visit from Joseph Robinson,⁶ Mr. Winburn's for[mer] comerade. From him I bought 1 lb. of Tea, Some Soap &c. He dined with us & left Some groceries & prevision in My charge till he would [c]all for them. After noon I cleared off & replanted a Sedge Patch to Lucerne & Eregated it.

Moencropa. Sund., July 6th, 1873. This Morning Mr. Winburn finished watering over once since Jacob left, while I get Brakefast. He being weary, rested the remainder of the day. About 7 m. Ash-Ha-as-neh, A NavaJo [] & two others came Enrout for St. George on a Trading expedition. They stopt [&] refreshed while I wrote 3 Letters by them: to Emma B. at the Lonely Dell, 1 to Rachel Andora, Jacob's Pools, & 1 to Jacob Hamblin, Kanab. The balance of the day I Eregated, prepared ground & planted out onion sets & sowed Lucerne seed. Have not seen enough of this country to give a History of it, but as far as I have been I will here Make Mention off.⁷ From the Colerado Ferry to the NavaJo Springs is about 8 Miles, a small spring of excellent cold runing water; would sustain about 500 head of Stock, good grazing. To the Bitter Springs 11 Miles. Watter Bad & not Much of it, the Road over Rock & Sand—grass good for a barren country to the Lime stone cannon 10 Ms. where there is water in the Rocks Most of the year, then up a valy 10 miles & come to cedars. Gr[ass] good all the way, pass over a divide & follow down a long succession of cannons facing the litle Colerad[o] & San francisco Mountains & the Moencropa county, distance of 25 miles without water till we strike the first springs affording water enough to Eregate about 40 acre of land, a few cottonwoods & willows. Here we turn E. over Rocks & sand 6 [m.] to the 3rd springs; consider[able] land and grass, a few cotton woods, abundance of willow. Good water & soil enough to Eregate about 50 acres. At this Spring, J. Hamblin has commenced a litle farm. 1 Mile East is an other Spring & some small springs that would Eregate about 25 acres. Land not so good—not so good in quality

(E I) the soil. 8 m. further E. is the Main body of spring or water, the Place where Tuba resides. Their farm is situated in a low vally ½ mile w. Rich soil probably 20 miles in length with m[ore] smal springs braking out on the North side but too small to amount to Much for Ergating. To day Mr. Winburn quite feeble. Eve he took a dose of Pills.

Moencropa, Mond., July 7th, 1873, A.Z. This morning Mr. Winburn Some better. He Eregatd Beans & I hoeing. Early this m. we had a visit from a Piede & his squaw & 4 Pappoose, A Lame man by the name of Shew [] it seemed that Jacob [h]ad agreed with to help take care of the [c]rop during his absence & was to issue rations to him daily, but my coming broke into that arrangement; which I tried to Make the Native understand [i]t, but he said that he had nothing to Eat, & I Must divide with them &c. Having bought considerable Suplies of the co. myself, I concluded best to let them have a litle & so he went to work. Weather so hot corn & vegitation will twist up in spite of Eregation, yet the crop look fine. Corn in Silk & Tossel.

Moencropa, Teus., July 8th, 1873, A.Z. Moring sultry. Mr. Winburn & the Indian Eregating & I howing & Planting Peas, also cooking.

Moencropa, Wed., July 9th, 1873, A.Z. This moring lowery, a litle like Rain. The indian Shew has the water on his uper Patch of corn, he also had it Sund., 8th, also on June 30th. Mr. Winbu[rn] repairing ditch while [I] finished Plantin[g] Peas, then hilling Potatoes. Eregated a pa[rt] of last Night & hoeing the rest of the day. Eving I shot a fine Rabbit (Towoo). To day Shew, one of the Natives, info[rmed] Me that the whites at the agency did not wa[nt] the Mormons to Setle at the Moencrop[a]; that they had written to government t[o] prevent it, & that Jacob would not be ab[le] to tend the land at the Moencropa another year without Paying Horses, cat[tle], clothing &c. &c.; that th[e]y were putting the oribas & NavaJoes up to obJec[t] to our Setling among them &c.

Moencropa, Thurs., July 10th, 1873, A.Z. No rain yet, But still indications. This Morning I shot a Dove & we had quite a Rabbit stew for breakfast. Mr. Winburn watering & I weeding. Shew, our Indian, has gone to the Mount[ain] for Pitch Pine gum,^s to pitch Some water Botles or Jugs, wove of Stink finge[r] Brush in Shape of Botles. Makes an ex[cel]lent substitute. About 3 P.M. thunder in deferent directions & Rain on the San Francisco, Kiabab Mountains, also in the direction of the NavaJo & oriva country. About 5 P.M. light shower here. Last evening I dreamed of seeing & conversing with Rachel A.W. [S]howed Me the arrangement of her Milk & Pans &c. Upon the whole it argues things [i]n a better state & condition than I had [a]nticipated.

Moencropa, Frid., July 11th, 1873, A.Z. This Morning crops & vegetation all look Much revivd. We both went to watering & howing. Eveing Shew returnd with some Pitchee. I bought a little to make Salve. He again took the water.

Sat., July 12th, 1873. Moencropa, A.Z. This morning as I had the crop all cleand out, went East a mile to put in some Turnip seed, as Jacob requested, on some land that had been Planted to Beans but was destroyed by the Brethren's animals while encampd there. The day was remarkably windy. I was bothered to find the ground and then to turn the water in the right channels. I sowed & choped in about ½ acre but the water did not get down till some time in the Night. This Evening our Neighbor Shew, the Indian, & Family remo[ved] to upper Moencropa, which mad[e] it still lonesomer. Thus we have whiled away the lonesome hours of another week, in deep suspense, hoping hourerly to hear from My lovd ones behind.

Moencropa. Sund., July 13th, 1873. The previous Night cool. This Morning I shot a Black Bird that Sat tantleising Me while on a stock of corn. After Brakefast I went & watered on the Turnip ground. Mr. Winburn also wattered corn the Most of the day. About 10 m. wind strong S.W.

Mond., July 14th, 1873. Mo en croppa. About day break, a light shower of Rain. To day I finished Eregating the

Turnips that I had in. Joseph Robinso[n] & Tuby having returned from the cocheena Dance at the vilage payd us a visit & took dinner with us. Reported the walipies in a state of starvation, their crops being entirely cut of by the dearth & Fruit crops by the Frost. Exchanged some surup golden. After dinner I wrote a letter to Emma B. at the River, giving general council in it & requesting her to assist Rachel A. to come to Me for a litle Season &c. Eving heavy rain on the Sanfrisco Mountains, Litle Colerado & round by the Natives' villages. Night verry cool. A litle before Sun Set I walked around the crop with My Henry [rifle], shot a Rabbit & a Black Bird & had a stew for brakefast.

Mo-en-croppa. Teus., July 15th, 1873. Morning cool. Wind N. Mr. Winburn watering Beans. I baked light Bread & washd our clothes. Eveing I wrote a letter to send to Rachel Andorah.

Moencroppa. Wed., July 16th, 1873. Morning cool. I hasted with Brakefast, then took My Horse & rode back toward the River to the last springs this side of the Desert, then rode several miles in the direction of the Sanfrancisco Mountains, then East, following up Some ravines. Found 2 cold springs gushing out of the rock in the sid[e] of the Mountain. Here I had a gloriou[s] drink, returned to the camp ground of the co. & gathered up a Horse load of old Sacks, Tin cans, Boot top, a couple of lls. coffee, 2 kegs, a shovel, Horse shoes, &c., which were left on the ground.⁹ Reached Camp about 1 P.M. To day the Indians had the water to Eregate their crops. Evening Jos. Robbinson came and reported Jno. Moss & old Mountaine[er] & 4 others at Tubey's, 8 miles up. I concluded to go & see him & have a talk with them about the county. Bought Me a Pair of canteenn for 20 lls. Flour. On the way, Robinson Missed his way & after rambling till after Midnight through gulches in the dark, I prevailed with [him] to stop till day light.

Bewildered Encampent. Thur., July 17th. As soon as it was light enough to See, we started, & a litle after Sunrise brought us to the Farm of the Native, including oraves, NavaJoes & Piutes, of whom Tuba is the Princeple. Their Farm was neatly laid out with

Judgment & Taste in Terresses & in the highest state of cultivation, not a weed nor a spear of grass to be seen among their crop. The Farm is in a narrow fertile vally, watered by springs of good cold water, abundance of grass in the vally for their use—wire, Blue-Joint & Nimblewill. They have a heard of sheep & goats, also Asses, all of which they heard & corrall at Night. They have also chickins, Dogs, & catts. Their houses are built of stone, flat Roofs & situated on the Top of a Plattou Some 500 feet above the level. They are saving, Equanomical & industrious; they are also courteous & kind.¹⁰ They had corn fit to eat (Roasten years), Mellons about grown. Next I was introduced to Mr. Moss & co. who gave their Names & report as follows (SS) John Moss, Thos. McEllmell, Richard Guyles, Wm. Wrage, Jno. McIntyre. Th[e]y left Walipe Destrict July 2nd, 18[73] & came to Moencropa Teus., July 15th, inst.¹¹ Traveled about 8 days with Pack animals (asses). Th[e]y traveled 30 miles to Trucks[t]on Springs there took the Beel Road to a Point 15 Miles N.E. of Bill Wms. Mountain, the distance of about 90 Miles from Walipi. Came in on the North side of San Frisco Mountains, crossed the litle Colerado 2 Miles belo[w] where the AraZona Missionaries Encamped & turned back. Dug a well of water (good) on the Trail 2 Mils below, plenty of water below the Falls, But no runing water above for some distance. Reports a fine Stock county on ther Trail especially about the San Frisco Mountains. Wa[ter] can be got within 10 feet of the surface & crops will Mature without Eregation. Timber fine. A good waggon Road can be Made with but litle loabour through to Walipi—30 miles is the longest streghth without springs, but water can be had by diging. Distance between waters from Walepi to Truckston Springs 15 miles; to Young's sprngs, 15 miles; to Black Tank, 30 miles; to Partridge, 20 miles; to Peach (or Apache S.) Springs 20 miles; to litle Colerado R., 20 miles; to Moencropa 15 miles. He says that within 50 Miles of this place there is fine country for stock raising & Farming with several bold runing streams, tributaries of the L. colerado runing N. Name-ly, Peach gulph 15 Miles on the other Side of L. Colerado & N.—to Cateract Creek 20 miles—Making a distance of 45 Miles from the walipi crossing to litle Colerado. This stream has 1000 inches of water, heavy falls sufficient for Mills & Machinery, good land near

by. He also reports a splendid county of land, water & grass on the San Joan River & Tributaries full of fish, fine Trout, Deer, Antelope, Bear & Turkey in great abundance, about 135 Miles from here. One rout is from Looke choo ckah cross divide to San Jwan. Take trail from oriba villiges to Loo ka chookah, then cross cannon De Cheey [Cañon de Chelly] 30 Miles from Moquich villages. An other Rout is to strike down on the San Juan R. & then follow up its Tributaries to the head or as high up as we please, follow up Piute Creek (Moencrop[a]) to Piute & NavaJo Farms, thence take Trail bearing E. of N. to cannon Boneto or cottonwood creek, then to Key Stone Buttes (which is a land Mark) Sever[al] Pillars are seen at a dis. where you intercept a large Trail bearing E. to the Sierra La Platto on the Sanwan Proper, thence follow up the San Juan & its Tributaries. Good valies, Plenty water, farmg land, grass, Fish & game, Mild climate; to the Sierra Laplata about 140 Miles. As you assend to the divide the climate gets colder though Splendid for Stock raising & Farming, then cross the divide S.E. into Colerado Ter. & New Mexico on the River charmer is one of the finest county in the world & a lage Terretory of it—about 275 Miles from here.

About noon the co. started for the San Juan county. Jos. Robinson Joined & I returned to camp. On the way I encountered a desperate East wind which upset our shanty, blew down corn & set up things in general.

Moencropa. Fri., July 18th, 1873. Haveing concluded to start Mr. Winburn to the Dell on the Morrow, I finished up My writing & cooking for a start, My impressions in a Dream the previous night So teaching me to Do. Tuby & his Lady Tellas saki¹² Dined & Spent the Night with us.

Moencropa. Sat., July 19th, 1873. This Morning quite feeble with My back. For several days past I have been afflicted with the Lumbago in My Loins & Stastastic nerves. Tuby & wife got up by light & howed in the garden til Brakefast, when I fixed up Mr. Winburn, gave him a New check Shirt, fitted him out with two canteens & he started to the Dell. Shew, the Piute, who has a crop of good corn & squashes & vegetables came to Ereg[ate]. About

10 Tuby & his Telas saki also returned, takeing with them a cook stove that Bro. Perkins Made a Present to them. Before leaving, Tellas saki invited Me to bring My Wife Rachel to See them when she came out & Eat Mellons. Now I am alone, or expict to be after to day for awhile, as My companion Mr. Winburn will probobly be absent 10 days. Attending to the crop which will occupy all my time & attention. I wished to Eregate till 2 P.M. when Shew the Piute released Me to prepare Some refreshments. About 3 P.M., Sun hot, 6 men oribas came with 6 asses loaded with Blankets going to the setleMents to trade for Horses. One of them spoke good English, by the Name of []. He asked for Something to Eat. I gave them Some Bread & Beans. They then started on. I then wrote up My Journal for to day.

Moen Cropa. Sund., July 20th, 1873. This morning Shew, one of the Piutes, reported one of the Hens killed by a wolf the Night previous & brought in some of the Feathers. I took My Henry & the Native & I started in persuit. Tracked him about 5 miles in the Sand, then gave up the chase, terned back to Eregating. Day very hot & sultry, Eving thunder all round, rain at a distance west & N. Heavy wind here, verry little Rain. This Evening Shew left me to return back with his Family in 10 days. Thus I am Lord of all I survey, with crop & chickens to draw my attention. I Made My Bed down by the chicken Coop the better to protect them & there to try the rights of Property with the wolf, wild cats &c. The wolf have taken one hen which I think that he converted to his own use, unlawfully. The next we will test the right.

Moen cropa. Mon., July 21st, 1873. Though the intruder surveyed My position, came within 10 Pace but dust not venture nearer. After walking around, he retreatd fearing there was Mischif conceald. By light the old Bremmer cock flosed his winges & crowed anouncing life & triumph through another Night & yet he not Much to brag of, as he had his tail pulled out the Evening before. This Morning I had green corn for My Breakfast. With Much difficulty that I get about on account of the lameness in Hips. Nevertheless duty admonished Me that the burning crops needed

departed. Rachel replied that on the Same day about noon a Bird came to the window. Finding that it could not get in there, came in at the Door, lit on the window Sill by them, appearan[tly] tired & hungry; picked up some Bread crums that lay there. Rachel Said that it was a messenge[r] from Me, & fed it more Bread. It Eat without fear, Sit on their hands & tried to talk. It was a Singuelar Bird from any that had even Saw before. When it had refreshed it Self, Rachel Set it on her hand in the Door. It turned to wards her & bowed twic[e] & took its leve direct towards My retreat. They all looked after it till it was lost in the distance. The Same Evening My Son Ralph got in with My letter to them by Mr. Winburn. As soon as the Bird left, Rachel A. Said to Amoram My Daughter, & to the children, that I was in distress & needed help & that she was bound to go to me & that a Messinger would b[e] there soon & went to Make ready for a start &c., & by the time the letter came, she was ready. Thus was my Prayers answered, & that, too, in a Maraculous Manner.¹⁷

Moencropa. Sat., Aug. 2nd, 1873. Still & lowery. A Bow in the Wind, in[d]ications of rain. At day break I was attending the water &c., then weeding. My heal[t]h rather feeble. Eveing a NavaJo on Horse back came, was verry friendly. Asked if Jacob had returned. Staid about an hour & then returned. Eve cloudy. Covered up our corn. It heat & spoiled. Just before day I was aroused from Sleep by the Barking of a Wolf about 20 Stepts off. He evidently Saw the cat, & was trying to catch her. Jumped out with My Henry Rifle, Met the cat bristled up. I fired at the Sound & the barking ceased.

Sund., Augts. 3rd, 1873. Moencropa. Pleasant & cloudy. Mr. Winburn taking his rest & I am Eregating. Rachel with Me. Had a Mess of green Beans for dinner. We gave the garden & truck patch Good Soaking. Eveing Pleasant. Shoe, the Indian, returned from his hunt on the S. Frisco Mountain. Killed two deer. Reported plenty in the Mountain.

Moencropy. Mon., Augt. [4th], 1873. This Morning Rachel & I went over to the next Spring & Spent the day in watter-

ing the Turnips & did not get more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of them Eregated, the Stre[am] being Small & the ground difficult to water.

Moencropa. Teus., Augt. 5th, 1873. Morning pleasant. This moring, as the day before, we cut Some corn & put out to dry, then went to Eregating the Turnips & sow Some More &c.

Moencropa. Wed., Augt. 6th, 1873. Weather rather cooler. To day I took Rachel & Shew the Indian & weeded out $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of Beans cle[an]. Got done by 2 P.M. then fixed to st[art] to the Buck, rather San Francis[co] Mountains to try & get a veniso[n] or two by the time Jacob comes.

Moencropa. Thurs., Augt. 7th, 1873. Morning lowery. Strong indication of rain. Uneasiness in camp by Mr. Winburn dreamed of trouble & Rach Also dreamed of difficulty. Wanted M[e] to leve a Pistle loaded for him if I went away. I told him that I did not want him to have arms, for if he should kill an Indian it would be fatal us all & that I apprehended no trouble from any other quarter. His feelings [a]lmost caused Me to defer My Trip. While I write I cannot help Mentioning a stone stature on the Pinnacle of a mountain [e]ast, representing a Man standing [a]s a Stationary Sentinel always in [s]ight when light enough to be seen. From this strange figure I named the Mountain Sentinel Peak. Soon after Brakefast 4 Arribas came on their return trip having traded for 5 Horses. 2 of their co. was yet back. Reported that 8 days ago they saw Jac. H. at Kanab & he said that he would start in 10 days, that My Family was all well & that 3 of my Sons was there & wanted to See Me. Soon after, two others came on their way to the CoLe-rado River for salt, which would take them 4 days to Make the Trip on foot &c. About 10 got up our animals for the start. It commenced raining a litle while I wrote up My Journal. In a few Minets after the first Indians left & Ederly Oriba & two squaws, one [of] them a Sister to Tuba's wife. They were verry social. Said that they [came] to see Yaugauts & talk with him & stay all night & Eat with him. I told them that I was ready to start on a hunt in the direction of the coh ho neena county, I got them on their [animals?] & they returned, inviting us to visit them & E[at] Mellons & green corn.