

Feb 26th 1837 Sabbath the fir
st da kota words were sing
as a part of public worship
Monday 27 Spent most of the day
singing cut some fire wood & wrote
six verses & made notes for one ^(tune)

March 3rd got 11 lbs of pork
March 4 Took dinner with
Mr. Kenvill of beef & potatoes
March 5th 1837 Dr. W. Logan
to have part of the service
in the Dakota Language
March 7th 1837 Our second
daughter was born
March 25 She was baptized
Eliza Wilson
April 12th have not been able
to work for several days

April 17th 1837 Monday Broke
our new ash plow beam & made
an oak one whipt Amos because he
would not come & talk with the Dr. when
he called him nor when I called him

April 18th Tuesday was driving oxen to

plow prairie 19th driving oxen again &
made an axe handle & hunter's gun for
(the young boy)

April 25th 1837 sowed oats & flax barley
& peas

June 8th began to replant Corn
June 17th Sowed Turnips

June 20th Frost

Some time in September Gathered the potatoes
Oct 5th took a sweat

October 6 & 7th gathered the Turnips

October 16th 1837 John & Vassour began the new
(Vassour)

17th Began at twelve o'clock & quit at four 18th worked

The first week Vassour worked $4\frac{1}{2}$ days

The second week Vassour worked six days

The third week five days & a half
November 2nd John got 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds flannel

November 3rd 1837 I started one letter.

to George W. Work & ^{or} Fanny Huggins

November 5th Communion Sabbath.

Let us all try from this day &
love more than we have ever done

Love God & one another

The fourth week five and a half days
Nov 13th 1837 we set up our mill wheel

Nov 13 after supper all met to consult
about teaching & concluded to make a

vigorous effort to teach Mr R's daughters
to understand english & any others who
may wish to learn. Baccate ten & Marhiya

hin di naape

"This world is the place for labor
and not for rest or enjoyment except
that enjoyment which may be found
in serving God. We shall have time
enough in the coming world to rest
and to converse with our friends
and it may well reconcile us to sep-
aration here, if we hope to ^{be} forever
with them there."

"Blest be the dear uniting love
That will not let us part
Our bodies may far off remove
We still are one in heart

joined in one spirit to our head
Where he appoints we'll go
And still in Jesus footsteps tread
And shew his praise below,"

Nov 14th 1837 We raised our Mill house
after supper.

Also had a meeting to deliberate on the
concerns of the Mission

Nov 16 daubed the Mill house And
had a meeting to determine how to
spell Sioux words & proper names

Mr. K's sons met with us

Nov 18th we set up the small wheel
of our Mill & John got one pound of coffee

The fifth week Vassar worked six days

Nov 20th Monday we killed the red Cow
which weighed about 500 & 75 or 80 lbs

Nov 21 The River froze over A one eyed man
Wednesday

Nov 22 Working at the mill sunk the bed stone
Thursday

Nov 23 The boys & girls began to play on the ice
And some of the Sioux killed two Geese for

Nov 24 Spliced the Mill band

Nov 25th 1837 We started our Mill

Nov 27th Dipped 25 doz of candles

Nov 28th Wednesday I have scribed a little story

but dont know that I learned any

Nov 29th Was fixing the waggon to haul wood

With Oxen then fixed the big wheel for Mr R's

Daughters to spin wool on Thursday meeting
(John & wife there ^(child))

Nov 30th Mr Pond & John was hunting

one of the oxen I dug a place to run

leaves in the Mill stone It began to snow

December 1st 1837 Blowing & snowing I

let John have a pair of drawers or slips

Dec 3rd Sold the sled John & Pond began to

haul hay I run lead in the Mill stone

Dec 4th Ground more than two bushels of

corn Also let John have four & a

half lbs Sugar

Dec 15 Ice is white with frost

The spotted ox very un willing to grind

Dec 16th Ground more than one barrel of corn

I was appointed to teach

Dec 18th Made plans of one met to deliberate

Dec^r 22nd 1837 Twenty below zero
April 18th 1838 A little before 3 O^c
A.M. I saw in a dream a company
of Angels

October 14th 1838 Mr Riggs
took the lead of the Sion
meeting prayed in Dakota
read the tenth of Mark &
Some remarks

October 25th 1838 Doctor
Williamson started to Ohio
I spent the day hunting for Tom
but found him not Nov 3rd The Dakotas
killed one hog^{14th} but we got it to eat
Nov 13th 1838 Maza to pawin Died
14th Mr Riggs & I finished the coffin
15 Mr Gavin & I put the corpse in
the coffin & laid it up on the poles

"I do not wonder for my part that
God does not give "the kingdom
of dominion & the greatness of the
kingdom under the whole heaven"
to the present generation of saints.
Their souls are not sufficiently
expanded to receive it. It will
require a race of Christians of great
hearts to take possession of the world in
the name of Jesus."

Nov 16th 1838 We killed one hog 175 lbs

Nov 21st Wamdiokiza's wife Maza

topa win was buried

Nov 22 Killed a Cow 464. 484 lbs

Nov 23 began to build a hog house

I hauled one load of hay on a Cart

Pte hotonpi died Sabbath Nov 25th

Nov 27th Finished the hog house & put
the hogs in it & gave them turnips
I made an ax handle

Friday Nov 31st Finished mending

the sled found & I hauled one load of

The second Chap of John translated
hay Vassour was chopping wood
I daubed the hen house

December 1st 1838 I put a
bottom in the little chair Vassour
again chopping wood

Dec 2nd Skeca duta was at mee
ting

Dec 3 Made a window by the chimney

Dec 4 Made 2 fishing lines one for
have a promise of fish (wakoya)

Skeca duta & I for Candupka

December 27th 1838 One French
man got two bushels of barley for
Joseph Kenville and Joseph's
horse fell down on the hill & broke
one shaft of the sley On this day
we moved back after getting
the lost card Dec 29 we got
the sheep home

January 1839

January 6th Sabbath day

There were more than forty
at meeting Mr Gavin
read the Vth of John

Mr Riggs preached from Colossians
Third. beginning at the 18th verse

a good Abolition sermon

January 7th Amos got a knife

Jan 8 Teaching only three scholars



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