

Aug 11. Tuesday, frost, fine, dry. Westerly breeze. we finished metaling the Kaitiaki road, a.m. We bid adieu to the old place, & returned to Etch, load of cat shavers down.

Aug. 12. Wednesday, frost, fine, all quarters. Getting Horses shod & making preparations for an up country trip, a.m. down to Miltons wharf & loaded up, sawn timber, 12 x 6 & 6 x 3 & large Manuka piles, for the Kaikāia, (bridge).

Aug. 13. Thursday, hail, rain, snow & frost last night, fine, by dry S.W. up to Gigg's, head wind country improving.

Aug. 14. Friday, fine up country, dry hail & snow storms down town, perfect Hurricane from S.W. my eyes aching from the dust. up to the Kaikāia & unloaded & back to Gigg's, great improvements up here, since I was here last.

The road through the worst of old bed formed & metalled, piles driven in the river for the ferry.

Aug 15. Saturday, fine, by S.W. down to Etch.

Aug. 16. Sunday, frost, S.W. to Etch a.m. to Mr. Giddons in the evening.

Aug. 17. Monday, threatening, shower at noon, S.W. a.m. by N. & P.m. greasing drays, getting horse shod & etc a.m. down to Miltons wharf. & loaded up with timber for government for the Kaikāia.

Aug. 18. Tuesday, frost, fine, P.C. stiff P.m. up to Gigg's.

Aug. 19. Wednesday, fine, all quarters by P.C. after 11 a.m. up to the Kaikāia unloaded & back to the Selwyn.

Aug 20. Thursday, fine, all quarters by. down to Etch.

Aug. 21. Friday, dry rain, by S.W. getting down to the Paddock to cover up the cat shavers & etc, putting books bright, planting trees & bushes in the garden.

Aug. 22. Saturday, fine, dry, N.W. & N. forming road into the yard, seeing after horse & etc. Received a letter from Brother, one from William & one from John, both good & bad news.

Aug 23. Saturday, Sunday, dry rain, S.W. covering up the stack a.m. reading & seeing after the house.

Aug 24. Monday, dry rain after 8 a.m. till noon, fine P.m. S.W. seeing after horse & etc a.m.