

Minutes of trip to Hilo & Hawaii in 1841.
[Aug. 16-Sept. 15, 1841.]

Monday Aug. 16, 1841.

Set sail in the Ship Glousaster [Gloucester] for Hilo.

Passengers: Mrs. Johnson [Johnstone], under my particular care, Mr. Calkin & Newton Ladd; Mr. Moore & wife, a native formerly the wife of John Honorii & a child of John Munn [Murin?]; also two of Mr. Johnstone's scholars, Paehakeo & the two sons of Mr. Hillier, of Hilo.

We were accompanied out by Mr. Johnstone & Castle also by Mr. Ladd & Cap. Eastabrook, who resigned the command for this trip to Mr. Hapgood the first mate. These returned with Cap. Adams, the pilot, and we steared [sic] off on the wind. At sun set we were about 25 miles distant from Diamond Hill. Mrs. Johnstone occupied a berth in the after cabin, and I had a berth in a forward state-room (middle cabin) Mrs. J. became sick pretty soon, and I felt the need of taking my bed before night.

Tuesday Aug^t 17, 1841.

This day I have felt very uncomfortable, not able to vomit but so sick as to keep me most of the time in my berth. Mrs. J. also quite sick lying in the companion way on deck (a very comfortable place). At night we found ourselves to the northward of the passage between Oahu & Molokai.- The weather has been pleasant & a moderate breeze from N. E.

Wednesday Aug. 18, 1841.

We are to day off the N. W. side of Molokai with a moderate breeze E. N. E. Our tacks are about four hours each way. My sea sickness has so subsided that I was able to take a seat at the supper table this evening. Was invited to ask a blessing.- It

appears orderly on board.

Thursday Aug. 19 1841.

We were, at the tacking of ship, about 6 o'clock this morning, off the Northerly part of Molokai - The wind far to the eastward and dead ahead or in our teeth as sailors sometimes say.

I seem to be about free from sea sickness and Mrs. Johnstone is more comfortable. Have taken my seat at the table to every meal.

Have been standing off and on in 4 hour tacks at the north of Molokai through the day & night.

Friday Aug. 20, 1841.

Maui in sight our course about E. E.- Wind admitting of all sail- Sea not very heavy,- all things comfortable, reading "Two Years before the Mast" which I like very much. We run in to Wailuku bay as far as to bring Kahkuloa^a the place where the schooner Kuala was lost upon our starboard beam, then tacked and stood off till 8 o'clock tacking every 4 hours during the night.

Saturday Aug. 21st 1841.

We have had pleasant weather every day since we came out, wind moderate but pretty well to the East making it more nearly ahead than the ordinary N.E. trades.-

We ran in pretty near the land- I should say near enough to see the surff^[sic] break distinctly upon the shore, off the Northern side of Maui, along the district of Koolau - The tops of the high mountains were seen above the clouds- The gap made by the great crater called hale a ka la, was hid by the mass of white clouds which lay upon the side of the mountains. Tacked at about 5 o'clock & stood off.-

Sabbath Aug. 22, 1841.

We have been off the division of Hana all this day with a moder-

ate breeze blowing from the Eastward with a head current. The day pleasant. I invited the boys to attend a Sabbath Sch^l. They came into the cabin at 10 o'clock and I read with [them] the part of the XIII chapter Matthew. Asked them questions & made explanations & closed with prayer. Occupied myself with reading in the Bible & the Miss. Her.

At night we had cleared the E. point of Maui & on an E.S.E. course stood over towards Hawaii.

Monday Aug. 23 1841.

This morning we were off Waimanu at the time of tacking. Cloudy with some rain. Wind directly ahead. Stood off all the forenoon to the Northward/part of the time the wind allowing us to make a N. N. E. course.

Tuesday Aug. 24 1841.

During the night we stood in towards the land with a view to take the land breeze but instead of that a squall came up directly ahead & they had but just room to get about and stand off.- The breeze lasted several hours.- At day light we were not far from Laupahoehoe, the wind just allowing us to lay up for the point Makahanaloa. We hoped to be able to weather it; but the wind was light & the swell heavy & we had to tack twice. About 11 o'clock A.M. the pilot came on board.- The breeze about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 became steady & began to freshen & we stood by the point & opened the bay handsomely, the sight of the green banks and the slopes covered with trees & verdure was very refreshing to the spirits, pleasing to the eye & animating: Came to anchor at 20 min. before 4 o'clock.

As soon as the anchor was down the quarter boat was lowered, the passengers, captain & native agent got in and we were rowed

ashore in the direction of the Mission establishment . As we approached the person of Mr. Sullivan was recognized on the beach with many natives standing round & just as the boat struck the landing, Mr. Coan was seen coming down. I was carried ~~enashore~~ by a native, who addressed me in a friendly manner & placed upon the beach. The boat was drawn up so as to clear her bows of the waves & Mrs. Johnstone was handed out. We were kindly saluted & made welcome by Mr Coan & shortly were joined by Mr. Lyman with whom I walked to the house of Mr. C. where we first stopped- and here I recd. a cordial welcome & was invited to remain; but as Mrs J. stops here & Mr. Sullivan was also staying here I thought it proper to accept Mr. L's invitation to stop with him. After a short tarry at the house of Mr. Coan, I walked with Mr. L. to his house and was kindly greeted by Mrs. Lyman. Here I shall find entertainment till the Gloucester is ready to leave Hilo.

On inquiry for the Head man, Kanuha, we learned that he has gone to Puna & will not return for some time. This it is feared will have an influence on the voyage & occasion delay.

Wednesday Aug. 25th 1841.

After breakfast I went with Mr. Lyman to look at the Scholars of the Bd. School at work. They were employed in rooting up a weed which has become very troublesome called o-i. In some places it grows to be quite a shrub and spreads over the pasture lands & roots out the grass & is very injurious to the feed. They were pulling this up to prepare the land for planting. A pretty extensive plat of upland kalo was growing and some cane occupied the place where kalo grew last year. The boys have regular hours for work and a portion of each day is occupied in the field cultivating their own food.

We went into the School house, which is a good framed building one story with a high & steep roof covered with lauhala. The building is 80 feet by 28, having a board floor & ceiling- which is put down in the form of a floor over head- showing the beams & scantling upon which it is nailed.- The space over head is occupied as sleeping places for the boys & is divided into a great number of divisions- parted by mat partitions making little rooms just large enough for a bed for a boy.

There are at present in the school 64 scholars. 29 are new ones and 35 are old ones.- This is quite as many as the room in the School house will accommodate. A few of the scholars board out of the school.

Walked to the house of Mr. Coan with Mr. Lyman & thence to the beach where we met Mr. Calkin & Mr. Hapgood. Mr. C. wishing to send a man to Kona to carry word to Gov^r Adams that the Gloucester will probably go round to Kailua to make up her cargo & desiring that freight might be got ready, a man was despatched with a letter & I dropped a line to Mr. Lyons.

Mr. Coan went back with a company of natives to get timber for a meeting house which they are proposing to build, and as he expected to be absent till near night, he requested Mr. L. & myself to conduct the afternoon meeting.- At the ringing of the bell we went down. The scholars of the Bd^g. Sch. & a few of the people of the place constituted the congregation, which I addressed after a prayer by Mr. Lyman & singing. Near the close- Mr. Coan came in. He made some remarks and celebrated a marriage.

Tea at Mr. Lyman's and the company of Mrs. Johnstone & Mr. Sullivan.- Mr. Calkin was too ill to attend being confined at Mr. Coan's with the asthma.

~~In the evening had a social meeting.~~

Thursday Aug. 26 1841.

Spent most of the day at Mr. Coan's where I took dinner in company with Mr. Sullivan.- After dinner took a view of the garden & the premises of Mr. Wilcox. He has a neat looking house embower-
ed in green- bananas, guavas, grape vines, granadelia & chai- ^(sivia?) all around. The oriental lilac grows large. One tree planted by Mr. Goodrich is as large as I can clasp with both my arms- A large tamarind tree, peach tree, mimosa; bread fruit- Vegetation is luxuriant- every thing green & flourishing.

We talked about a visit to the volcano. ^[sic] Mr. Calkin is desirous to visit the place & we have concluded to set out on Saturday- go to Olaa & there spend the Sabbath. On Monday proceed to the volcano. - The ship it is expected will be ready to sail the last of next week & we wish to save all the time we can.

About four o'clock all hands of us set out to visit a water fall in the Wailuku called Wai anenu. Our party consisted of the families of Messrs. Lyman & Coan- children & all. Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Calkin, Mrs. Johnstone & myself. The distance is about two miles. We found the walk rather fatiguing- as the sun shone brightly & its rays hot.- We took a view of the falls from several positions on the banks & then descended to a place on one side of the basin ^[sic] where we had pretty nearly a front view of the falling water tumbling over the rocks from a height of perhaps 100 feet in a perpendicular descent.- I measured the distance of the water from the place where we stood and found it 23 feet to its surface. As several of Mr. Coan's domestics accompanied us with food & means for heating water we had a cup of tea provided. A cloth was spread upon the rocks and we sat down and enjoyed a repast.- We did not

get home till after dark.- I took the conduct of Mrs. Johnstone. We had to cross a small stream of water several times & both of us got our feet wet.

Mr. Calkin stopped at Mr. L's and played on a harmonicon which he brought with him & sung part of the evening with Mrs. Lyman, who is a good singer.

Friday Aug. 27 1841.

My cloak which I thought I brought on shore cannot be found- It may be I am mistaken in my impressions as to having brot. it on shore. I have sent word off to the vessel to ascertain whether I left it there.

Walked to Mr. Pitman's place & went as far also as the Chinaman's establishment. Mr. P's place is near the house of Mr. Wilcox. Mr. P. has a neat & comfortable establishment, has various flowers blooming in front of it and cane growing in various places around. The frame of a new house stands near by.

Our plan of going to the volcano is broken up, having on my part concluded to take passage in Mr. Pitman's vessel & land at Kohala for the purpose of visiting that Station.- A letter has this day been recd. by Mr. Lyman from Mr. Bond in which he states that Mr. Bliss has returned to the station & he fears trouble, has written, he says, to Oahu for me to come up. I called upon Mr. Pitman and found him willing to land me at Mahukona & I have concluded to go in the vessel.

My ^{cloke} ~~cloak~~ has come to light- having been found on board the ship.

Took tea at Mr. Coan's & spent the evening there. Mr Calkin sung & played on the Harmonicon.

Aug. 28, 1841. Saturday.

This day completes my 49th anniversary. I find abundant

cause for gratitude for the goodness & mercy which have followed me all my days.- I commend myself anew to the divine guidance. To God I desire to consecrate the remnant of my days. May he ever be with me and guide me & may his fear be ever before my eyes. And may I be his henceforth & forever. Amen.

Thermometer 66° in my room this morning. The atmosphere is quite clear.- A bright cloud marks out the region of the volcano. I am informed that a cloud of this description is always seen over the spot where the volcano is when the atmosphere is not filled with denser clouds. The direction is S. S. W.

Sab Aug, 29 1841.

Spent the day at Mr. Coan's. Attended the child³'s / Sab. Sch. & made an address.

At the afternoon meeting made an address as did also Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Lyman interpreted. I addressed also Mr. Lyman's scholars in the evening. After this I walked with Mr. & Mrs. L. to the house of Mr. Coan where had a social meeting.

Mr. Calkin was quite ill last night and has been unable to go out during the day, ⁱ is better this evening and able to take a part in the prayer meeting.

Monday Aug^t. 30 1841.

The mate of the ship informs this morning that he will be able to obtain a full cargo here so that it will not be necessary to go to Kailua to fill up. This somewhat alters my plan in regard to Kohala.- I must now go on and stop till the schr. can go to Oahu & return. After getting my bedding from the ship & sending my trunk on board the Schr. which was done in the afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock. in the evening having attended prayers at Mr. Coan's I

embarked with Mr. Sullivan & Pitman & were soon under weigh, wind very light.

Tuesday Aug. 31, 1841.

Find ourselves this morning just outside of the Bay- Having had during the night rain & calm.- I had a berth in the cabin & slept pretty comfortably. The others slept on deck.

8 o'ck. a light breeze sprung up.- At 9 passed Maulua & a little after Pahoehoe. The breeze freshened & we passed down the shores of Hawaii having a fair view of the deep indentations made by the vallies of Waipio, Waimanu & other places in Hamakua & Kohala. Between 3 & 4 o'ck. P. M. we passed Kohala point & about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 we came to anchor at Mahukona. The boat was soon got out & my baggage put into her & I took passage for the shore.- There are several houses near the beach & quite a number of people of both sexes & different ages pressed around me. I asked for Walawala the chief woman & learned she was inland. My trunk & bedding was carried into a house & I obtained a native to guide me to Ioli the place of the Station. I took some clothing & my food in a calabash & my dressing case & set out at 5 o'ck having 10 miles to go. After walking a mile or two facing a brisk wind it began to rain some. I continued to go on till dark and found myself tired enough to rest & put up for the night but no suitable place to stop present- ing I kept on, the wind still blowing fresh & a drizzling rain beat- ing against me. Not being able to hold my umbrella for the strong wind my outside garment became quite wet- it being my cloke only my under garments were preserved dry- My feet & an^ckles were wet by the grass on the sides of the path. After traveling till 7 o'ck we came to the house of a hoahanau- where I was glad to find a rest-

ing place & was glad to put up for the night. A fire was kindled & a light obtained. The man & his wife cheerfully resigned their 'hikie' & bedding & I threw myself down after taking off my wet clothes & putting on dry ones & was enabled to sleep most of the night.- The wind blew fresh & there were frequent showers of rain during the night- but these did not disturb my repose- the fleas were, however, annoying.

Wednesday Sep. 1 1841.

As soon as it was light the natives of the house were stirring & I despatched the man to the Station for a horse. In the meantime I invited the natives of the neighborhood to come in for prayers. Some dozen or 15 assembled- Those who were able to read & possessed testaments produced them.- I opened to the 18 Chap. of Luke & the natives read in turn till the Chapter was finished. I made remarks & prayed.- I inquired after church members of the place & learned there were 8 besides a boy belonging to the Hilo boarding school, who had been kept from returning by sickness.

About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 o'clock the man returned with a horse. I mounted & with the man for my guide proceeded to the Station. The wind was strong & the rain was driving in my face most of the way. In about 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ hours I reached the Station & was recd. gladly.

Mr. Bliss made no objections to going to Honolulu in the vessel when she should return. It seems he had been making arrangements to leave tho. he had fixed on no time for doing it.

In the afternoon he butchered a young beef animal, with a view to salting down a part and drying a part for his voyage for America.

I attended the Wednesday lecture with Mr. Bond and spake to about 50 persons who had assembled.

Thursday Sep. 2 1841.

Mr. Bliss was occupied all the forenoon in cutting & salting his beef and he wished my presence to consult as to the best way of doing it, supposing me to possess more experience than himself.

In the afternoon I walked with Mr. Bond to the North Shore. I wanted to ascertain whether there was a safe or convenient landing on this side. The distance is about 2 miles by a descending path towards the shore. There is one steep pitch. The landing Naohaku the name, is not a good one. It is stonyⁿ & there is considerable surff.^[sic] In a moderate time canoes may land safely, & there are times doubtless when a boat might land safely but the stonyⁿ beach is an objection to boats. We walked half a mile or more along the banks which are in most places 50 or a hundred feet high & almost perpendicular, with the surff^[sic] dashing upon the rocky bottom skirting their base.- We visited an excavation made by Kamehameha called Keawaeli- where canoes are sometimes taken down & launched into the sea tho. there is apparently but a poor landing there. We saw another place a little to the S. East across a small promontory where canoes go out & come in in moderate weather. Tho. there was now considerable surff yet canoes might probably pass safely. We saw none however in motion.

On my return I felt quite exhausted and was glad of rest.

Friday Sep. 3 1841.

Walked to the place where the natives are collecting stones for a new meeting house laying about 68 rods South from the Mission house.- The natives are making incipient preparations for a house; but it will be some time before they will be ready to lay the walls.

Saturday Sep. 4 1841.

Have been occupied part of the morning appraising tools & other things which Mr. Bliss wishes to dispose of to a Mr. Hook who is building wall at the station; also of some things which Mr. Bond wishes to take.

Sabbath Sep. 5 1841.

Mr. Bliss took part in the two services in which also I ^dafforded assistance.- The cong. in the morning amounted to perhaps 1500 in the afternoon to 800 or 900.- A Sabbath School of children was conducted immediately after morning service. I questioned them in the Haawina Kamalii. There might have been 200 children present. I was surprised to see so large a number.

Monday Sep. 6, 1841.

Mr. Bliss has had 26 natives employed in carrying goods to Mahukona.

Tuesday Sep. 7, 1841.

About the same number today have been employed with the same business as yesterday. The natives were a little particular about their burdens -& wanted something light to carry, which occasioned some delay & trouble in getting them started.

Wednesday Sep. 8 1841.

Mr. Bliss has recd. today letters from Mr. Castle dated the 24th & 25th ulto. in reply to letters to me recd. since my departure, in which he recommends Mr. B. to make all convenient despatch in getting ready to come down in the Schr. Hawaii which he had engaged of Mr. Pitman, (father) to make a trip to Kohala as soon as the vessel should arrive from Hilo.

He communicated also the death of Mrs. Munn on the mornng. of the 25th.

- A slight shock of an earthquake last night.-

The last of Mr. B's goods have been carried to the beach, except such as are to go down with the family when they shall leave to embark.

Visited with Mr. B. & Mr. Bond the head of a small stream which is carried by a trench thro. the settlement. This head water in a stream nearly as large as a man's body issues out of a ledge of rock through an opening 6 feet long by 3 wide in the middle; the stream is carried along the side of a steep valley.

Friday Sep 10, 1841. (~~Note - This should be Thursday Sep. 9, 1841. W.J.F.~~)

Visited a spring of water not far from the Station very much resembling Punahou Spring in quite a stream from rocky opening. Visited also a cave where not long since a woman was crushed by the falling of a large mass of the shelving rock. There were two persons in the cave, it being used as a dwelling. The man was a believer, the woman killed, was a hoomoloka. She had just before the falling of the rocks, expressed her attachment to the old way & confidence in it in preference to the new way and her death may be regarded as a striking coincidence in the providence of God evincing his regard to his friends & judgment upon his enemies.

Recd. letters from Honolulu via Kealakekua, where the Sch^t Hawaii was on the 7th bound to Kau with Mr. & Mrs. Paris.

~~Friday Sep. 10, 1841.~~

~~This evening a mulatto man a member of Mr. Lyons' chh. at Waimea brought in a bundle which came from Oahu. It contained a package of letters for Mr. Bond. It came probably by the same vessel which brought the letters for Mr. Bliss a few days ago.~~

[Memoranda at end of this small book:]

Mr. Bond wants a Sythe. 2 hornd. quills.

See if Mr. Lyman is chgd. \$12 cash durg. ^[sic] Gen. Meeting. he says he recd. that sum & Mr. Castle reports but \$10.

Mr. Lyman would be glad of from 150 to 200 yds of Methuen stripe.

Mrs. Coan 2 dishes say 14 inches.

Side Saddle for Mrs. Coan, buy if cheap, if not, order from U. S.

Honomanú	}	Lands in Koolau Maui
Nuaailua		
Keanae		
vessels anchor		
Wailua		
vessels anchor.		

House of Hilo Boardg. School 80 feet by 28, framed & covd. with lauhala ... The accommodations for the School cost say \$1000.

Kanuha Chief of Hilo

[The journal continues in another small book of minutes:]

Friday, Sep. 10, 1841. This evening a mulatto man a member of Mr. Lyons chh. at Waimea brought in a bundle which came from Oahu. It contained a package of letters for Mr. Bond. It came probably by the same vessel which brought the letters for Mr. Bliss a few days ago.

One of these letters contained an allusion to some statements of Mr. Bliss which Mr. Bond considered unfavorable to himself and not true. The subject was talked over and the charge of making a false representation denied. After various statements on both sides the subject was dropped.

Saturday Sep. 11 1841.

Between 1 & 2 o'clock this afternoon we had the pleasure of saluting Mr. Hall who had walked from Mahukona and had come to give notice of the arrival of the Schooner.

It was too late to get off this afternoon; but a man was employed to furnish canoes & to take on board the vessel the goods which have been sent to the landing, that as little loss of time as possible may be experienced on Monday.

Sabbath Sep. 12, 1841.

Attended native meeting at the usual hour. I addressed the people from the parable of the rich man & Lazarus. Mr. Hall made one of the prayers & assisted in the Sab. Sch.

In the afternoon Mr. Bliss addressed the people from the words- Finally brethren, farewell, live in peace & the God of love & peace be with you. This was a farewell address.

By the request of Mr. Bond I addressed the adults at the close of the service, having invited such as chose to stop after the cong. was dismissed.

It has been a pleasant day. In the evening spent about an hour in singing with the family.

Monday Sep. 13 1841.

I arose before light having been aroused by the noise of natives who had come to help Mr. Bliss off.

After breakfast & prayers Mr. B. began to despatch men with burdens & before 8 o'clock we had taken our leave. I took a seat in an old wagon, which I am designing to take to Oahu.- I was drawn by six natives who took the road to Nunulu. The way being mostly ascending I walked about half the distance it being about three miles.- From Nunulu the course is descending, and a pretty good road.- I reached Mahukona at about 11 o'clock.- Most of the baggage which had been taken to the shore had been put on board & the wagon was soon taken to pieces & the residue of the baggage were sent off.

When all was ready we had a prayer at the house, where many natives were collected, and we took our seat in the boat & were soon on board.

I had given permission to a man by the name of Barnes to take passage with another foreigner for Oahu. Just as I was ready to go off a native spoke to me in regard to some difficulty which existed between him & the magistrate, which had not been settled to satisfaction. When I got off I told the man he must go ashore unless he could satisfy the native who had come off. As he could not do this he took his baggage & went ashore.

About 1 o'clock we got under weigh with a pleasant breeze & the shores of Hawaii were soon in the distance.- The breeze continued until we had passed Kahoolawe ~~which was early in the evening.~~

Tuesday Sep. 14 1841.

At daylight found ourselves off Lanai remote some considerable distance. It had been moderate during the night. At about 10 o'clock it became entirely calm, and it continued so through the day, tho. we made a little progress by keeping the vessel headed on her course. Just at the edge of evening I had an escape. I

had been setting on the stern, the vessel was rolling badly by the swell & the boom was fastened by a guy - brace. It occurred to me that if the guy should break the boom would come over with great force & endanger my life- Not long after these thoughts passed thro. my mind I got up & went below. In the course of two or three minutes I heard the boom dash - the guy had broken by a sudden lurch of the vessel and came across the stern with great force. Had I retained my seat I must inevitably have been struck and might have been killed at once or knocked overboard. Nothing could have saved me but falling instantly upon the deck, and whether I should have had time for this- had I seen it coming is more than I can say. Certain it is that I should have been in great danger & that my going below was providential & I have great occasion to thank God for his goodness.

Wednesday Sep. 15, 1841.

We were very uncomfortably tossed most of the night,- very light airs of wind were felt in every direction, towards morning we had a land breeze which took us along a little and we ~~erect~~^{creeped} up towards the land. About 6 o'ck we were off Diamond hill- and saw a ship astern of us. The wind was very light & we did not get up to Robinson's wharf till 10 o'ck.

Here we were met by Mr. Rice & afterwards by Mr. Castle with the wagon. As Mr. Bliss had been invited to Mr. Smith / Mr. Rice drove him & family there & I walked up home where I found Mrs. Chamberlain ill.- She having been so about a fortnight. She is however some better but is still confined pretty much to the settee.

(me)
The Lord make [^]grateful for his mercies.