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Diary, Feb. 9, 1840 - Feb. 6, 1846.

Section 1 = 1840

Sabath Feb 9th [1840] tended the protracted meeting [at Quincy, Ill.]

Feb 10th did the same

Feb 11th did the same

Feb 12th ditto & talked some about going over the rocky

mountains

Feb 13th ditto & Prayed about it

Feb 14th did the same and concluded to go

Feb 15th tended the meeting & came home

Sabath Feb 16th tended meeting at fairfield

Feb 17th went to collect means to go over the M.t

Feb 18th ditto & went to Quincy

Feb 19th did the same

Feb 20th tended meeting in Quincy & came home

Feb 21st went over to simpsons mill

Feb 22nd went & got a bolt of cotton cloth of Edward H. Fowler

to make shirts

Sabath Feb 23rd went to meeting

Feb 24th went to fairfield to solicit funds for my outfit

Feb 25th went to Quincy & got cloth for my out fit

Feb 26th took the cloth to the sewing society in fairfield

Feb 27th went to Quincy & tended to my things

Feb 28th staid in Quincy

Feb 29th came home & settled with Jeremiah [Prose]

Sabath March 1st went to meeting

March 2nd worked about home

March 3rd went to Columbus for Mrs. Littlejohn

March 4th came home & went to Quincy with Mrs. Littlejohn

March 5th got some boards for my wagon bed of P Brown

March 6th went to see Mr. Loggan & engaged a plow to carry with us

March 7th staid in Quincy to meeting

Sabath March 8th went to meeting in Quincy

March 9th staid in Quincy & had an interview with Miss Abigail

Raymond concerning going with me---

March 10th came home

March 11th 1840 made preparations for my outfit

March 12th went to Quincy & took mrs Littlejohn & carried to Columbus

March 13th went back to Quincy

March 14th made some preparation for the journey & got a license to get married to miss Abigail Raymond & came home

Sabath March 15th went to meeting

March 16th collected some of my clothes

March 17th ditto & made a division of land with Brother Caleb

March 18th went to see my things in Quincy & back

March 19th tended to packing some of my things in Fairfield & was married in the Evening at Mr Kirbys & staid all night

March 20th went home packed up things & went to Quincy

March 21st tended to packing my things in Quincy

Sabath March 22nd went to meeting in Quincy

March 23rd took leave of friends & started from Quincy about 2

o clock & traveled ll miles Brother Clarks horses acted
bad & one of my own was sick staid at mr Butlers

March 24th traveled 14 miles passed Palmyra staid at mr Sharps

March 25th traveled 27 miles a verry pleasant day staid at mr Maxeys

March 26th traveled 18 miles passed paris staid at mr
Milligans

March 27th traveled ll miles Brother Clark swaped off
his horse staid at mr Kimbroughs

March 28th traveled 20 miles staid at mr Simmonses

Sabath March 29th went to meeting at a methodist Quarterly Meeting

March 30th traveled 17 mile crossed the Missourie at
Glasglow staid at mr Smiths

March 31st traveled 25 miles staid at mrs Franciscoes

April 1st traveled 24 miles passed Dover staid in Lexington at Rev Mr. Remleys

April 2nd traveled 23 miles staid at mr Hambrights

April 3rd traveled 17 miles & arrived at Independence staid at mr Ruben Rubeys

April 4th went & got some corn & fodder for the horses & staid at mr Rubeys

Sabath April 5th went to meeting

April 6th went to mr Johnsons

April 7th went to mr Lindseys

April 8th went to westport & to the Shawnee Mission & staid at mr Liekins

April 9th went to look for mules & staid at mr Johnsons & went to hear the Indians sing in the evening

April 10th came back to Independence

April 11th staid in Independence & went to meeting

Sabath April 12th went to meeting

April 13th staid in Independence & looked for mules

April 14th ditto & looked for some mules

April 15th ditto & went to look at 2 mules

April 16th went to west port to trade my horses staid at

Rev Mr Liekins

April 17th sold one of my horses conditionally and came
to Independence

April 18th went to mager [major] Cummingses to look at his mules & left the horse to mr Liekins that I sold him & went to west port & back to Independence

Sabath April 19th went to meeting

April 20th went to look for mules & ponies

April 21st traded off my horse with mager Cummings & got his span of mules

April 22nd went out to mr Lindseys

April 23rd came back to Independence with mr Lindseys goods

April 24th bought 2 span of mules of mr Lindart

April 25th repaired my wagon

Sabath April 26th went to meeting

April 27th worked at my wagon & helped about shoeing the mules

April 28th ditto & repacked my things

April 29th finished packing my things & started & went 8 miles & camped

April 30th traveled 12 miles & camped at Saplin grove

May 1st 1840 traveled 25 miles camped at elm grove traveled

on the prairie all day met a company of caw Indians

May 2nd traveled 20 miles part of the road verry bad passed the bute hills camped at bad creek Sab May 3rd stormy in the morning started at 11 o clock passed over rocky hill traveled 12 miles camped at mulberry grove had a prayer meeting in the evening 2 of the company in May 4th traveled120 verry good road most of the way camped on stormy creek bottom May 5th traveled 4 miles & crossed the Caw of kansas river in a canoe had the wagons halled over by hand by the company traveled 15 miles camped in pleasant valley & May 6th Mr Walker over took us May 7th traveled 15 miles across creeks and hollows camped on deep creek May 8th traveled 16 miles apart of the way bad road: camped in windy hollow May 9th traveled 20 miles a verry good road today camped in pleasant bottom Sabath May 10th traveled 20 miles apart of the way verry bad road camped on spring bluff creek traveled 25 miles verry good road camped atofrog May 11th hole creek May 12th traveled 12 miles passed the holy water so called camped on pleasant point traveled 23 miles crossed and camped on the little 13th blue river passed some bur oak barrens

May luth traveled 20 miles through prairie & no water between camps camped on big blue river May 15th traveled 20 miles most of the way on the blue bottom camped on the bottom right by the creek bank May 16th traveled 20 miles along by the creek camped on the creek broke my wagon tongue &hounds 2 miles from the encampment tied it up & went to camp & went to work & put in a new pair of hounds & got done at 1 o clock at night Sabath May 17th traveled 24 miles along on the big blue camped on the waters of it in little hollow traveled 25 miles crossed on the platt, & May 18th stopped to noon 2 men came to camp there that had been robbed by the Pawnees traveled 3 hours longer & camped on the river bank at willow Island May 19th traveled 14 miles the south side of the platt on the bottom camped on cotton wood Island a cold windy day May 20th traveled 25 miles along the platt passed several flocks of antelope camped on the bank of the river traveled 25 miles on the platt bottom saw 6 or May 21st & flocks of antelope the company killed 6 & 2 deer camped on the rivers brink May 22nd traveled 25 miles on the river bottom company killed I deer passed several flocks of antelope camped on the rivers brink at cotton wood Island May 23rd traveled 25 miles on the river bottom passed 2 graves a white mans & Indians saw 2 herds of

buffalo company killed 2 we got some of it & cooked it with buffalo maneur camped on a creek near the river

May 24th traveled 16 miles & crossed the south fork of the platt & camped on the bank saw multitudes of buffalo probably 1000 in 1 band; company killed 4 of them

May 25th traveled 20 miles on the river bottom saw plenty
of buffalo company killed 1 camped on the bank
of the river with 10 shion Indians at our camp
to night

May 26th traveled 25 miles on the river bottom saw probably more than 3000 buffalo company killed 3 camped by the river at the eagles nest

May 27th verry rainy in the morning started at 12 o clock
& traveled 9 miles saw several banks of buffalo
company killed 4 camped by the river

May 28th crossed over to the north fork traveled 35 miles saw plenty of buffalo camped by the river at cotton wood point & Bridgern did not come to camp to night

May 29th traveled 20 miles apart of the way through sand camped by the river saw plenty of buffalo campany killed 3 Bridger came to camp to night

May 30th traveled 26 miles saw in the bottom what I should call in the south meadows in connecticut goose grass by smell & looks saw lots of buffalo company killed only I camped by the river in sight of the rock castle so called & in sight of the chimney so called

Sabath May 31st 1840 met a company of men with 3 boats from the mountains going to St Louis met them about $\frac{1}{2}$ way from camp to the castle saw plenty of buffalo company killed 3 traveled 27 miles camped between the chimney & the river

June 2nd traveled 26 miles saw plenty of buffalo company killed 2 camped in the plane by the spring packed wood half a mile

June 3rd traveled 27 miles saw 5 wild horses & plenty of buffalo company killed 1 camped by the river at the old tradeing ground

June 4th traveled 22 miles saw some buffalo company got none camped by laramas fork by the fort of the same name close by 30 lodges of the shion Indians

June 5th crossed our things over the creek & camped on the other side

June 6th traveled 16 miles saw no buffalo camped between the hills by the spring a verry large frost this morning

Sabath June 7th traveled 28 miles through a poor broken pine

country hunters killed 2 buffalo & 1 ran
into camp & was killed camped by horse shoe creek

June 8th traveled 20 miles through rough poor broken
country in sight of the black hills with snow
on them saw multitudes of buffalo hunters killed
3 camped on sandy creek

June 9th traveled 26 miles over a rough poor broken

country saw plenty of buffalo hunters killed 2

camped on dry creek

June 10th traveled 24 through a rough poor country saw plenty of buffalo hunters killed 4 camped on precpice or kenion creek

June 11th traveled 26 miles through rather a poor country struck the platt again saw plenty of buffalo hunters killed 5 camped by the river at cotton wood Island

June 12th traveled 3 miles and came to the crossing and had a verry heavy shower of hail and wind

June 13th crossed our things over the river in the boat and floated the wagon beds over and put my wagon together and went to get the mules to hall it to the goods & a heavy shower of wind hail & rain came up which drove my wagon into the river & up se[t] the wagon the body came off & floated down a out 20 rods & lodged the running gear

about the same & lost the rocker king bolt

cupling bolt & hammer we halled it out & made

a rocker of cotton wood & loaded up & traveled

3 miles & camped by the river which took till after sun down

Sabath June 14th traveled 15 miles & camped for the last time

by the platt river & onloaded the things & dryed

them by the fire & help of the sun & packed them

up again hunters killed 4 buffalo a plenty of

snow in sight of our camp

June 15th over a poor sandy country in sight of snow we traveled 20 miles saw some buffalo the hunters killed 3 camped by the divideing spring

June 16th traveled 20 miles over a poor sandy country saw several bands of buffalo hunters killed 8 & 2 grisley bears camped at the cold spring

June 17th traveled 27 miles over a poor sandy country saw great many buffalo hunters killed 2 camped by sweet water at Independent rock and went on to it & paced it 620 paces long

June 18th traveled 27 miles over a sandy poor country passed
the gape in the rock where the sweet water passes
through the rocks each side perpendicular 150
feet high no buffalo to day camped by sweet water

June 19th traveled 22 miles over a poor country saw

1 band of buffalo hunters killed 2 elks broke
the traveler to my forward hounds camped by the
sweet water a pleasant bottom

June 20th traveled 26 miles over a verry sandy poor country saw 1 band of buffalo hunters killed two camped by sweet water

Sabath June 21st traveled 20 miles over a poor country saw

but 1 buffalo hunters killed one camped by

sweet water on willow Island

June 22nd camped did not travel hunters went out & killed 4 buffalo went with them & brought in some meat to dry

June 23rd traveled 22 miles over a rough poor country saw
6 buffalo hunters killed one camped by sweet
water on willow bottom

June 24th traveled 16 miles saw no buffalo to day passed

a village of snake Indians this morning & they

came on after us & camped by us by sweet water

in pleasant valley

June 25th traveled 15 miles passed the divide between the waters of the Missouri & Colorado saw no buffalo hunters killed 2 camped on willow creek that runs into sweet water & Indians all round us

June 26th traveled 18 miles over a rough country hunters killed 3 buffalo camped on little sandy the head water of the colorado the Indians with us

June 27th traveled 24 miles cross the big sandy saw 6 buffalo hunters killed 1 camped on mudy creek the Indians with us

Sabath June 28th ice this morning \(\frac{1}{2} \) inch thick traveled 20 miles \(& \) camped on middle fork creek

June 29th * traveled 25 miles & came to green river the place

where the company rendezvous this year

June 30th staid in camp & tried to get some meat but got none

July 1st 1840 did the same & did some writing

	July 2nd	staid in camp & was verry sick all day
	July 3rd	left the company traveled 5 miles crossed the
		river & camped
	July 4th	staid in camp & wrote a letter to Alfred gave
		an account of my journey up to this day
Sabath	July 5th	traveled 12 miles over rather a poor country but
	e.	pretty good road camped on lead creek
19	July 6th	traveled 24 miles over rather a poor country but
		pretty good road camped on mudy creek
	July 7th	traveled 7 miles & camped by green river
	July 8th	traveled 24 miles & camped by labarge river
	July 9th	traveled 18 miles & camped at willow valley
	July 10th	traveled 18 miles & camped in pleasant hallow
	July 11th	traveled 18 miles over a rough country camped en
		pleasant creek
Sabath	July 12th	traveled 24 miles over a rough country camped
2.1		on dry creek near mudy
	July 13th	traveled 22 miles over a verry rough country camped
		on spring creek
	July 11th	traveled 24 miles a pretty food road camped by
		bear river
	July 15th	traveled 20 miles over a verry rough country camped
		by the river at cotton wood grove
	July 16th	traveled 18 miles over a pretty good country &
	10	pretty good road camped by damp creek a mile
	July 17th	traveled & miles over a pretty good country &
		pretty good road camped by bear river 1 a mile
		from the soda spring

traveled 23 miles over rather a rough country July 18th camped on willow Creek the head water of the Columbia Sabath July 19th traveled 24 miles over rather a rough country butt pretty good road camped on passes fork traveled 22 % ver ar poor sandy country most July 20th of the way & came to fort hall July 21st disposed of my wagon conditionally to have 8: pack horse loads or 1440 lbs of goods delivered to walla walla for the wagon & to have it back again if I wish for the same which amounts to 80 dollars & re packed a part of my goods July 22nd finished packing the goods & packed up our horses & traveled 10 miles & camped by the river called portnuff traveled 32 miles over a verry rough poor country July 23rd & camped by Lewis river at musketoe bottom July 24th traveled 38 miles over a poor country camped on stolen horse creek 2 Indians traveling with us stole my riding horse & l of mr walkers & hid them in the willows but got them in the morning traveled 32 miles over a poor sandy country camped July 25th by the river on sandy dry creek 1840 traveled 20 miles and camped by Deep creek in Sabath July 26th pleasant bottom & had a Prayer meeting traveled 28 miles over a poor country camped M July 27th

by the lewis river opposite the lodge spring

July 28th traveled 27 miles over a poor country camped by

bluff creek a green pleasant bottom

- July 29th traveled 36 miles over a poor barren country

 passed the salmon falls camped by the lewis river

 on little bottom
- July 30th traveled 26 miles over a poor rough country the

 first day but what we were in sight of snow since
 2 days before we crossed the north fork of the

 platte camped on little bottom by the Lewis river
- July 31st traveled 40 miles over a poor country camped on rock creek
- August 1st traveled 32 miles over a poor sandy barren country saw snow to day camped by the river by dry sandy creek
- Sabath August 2nd did not travel to day but for the first whole

 Sabath since we started that we lay by the rest

 of the company went on we had a prayer meeting

 a Bible class---
 - August 3rd traveled 22 miles over a poor sandy barren country camped by the river at the big bend
 - August 4th traveled 12 miles & camped opposite fort Boise

 went to the fort & got some milk to drink & staid

 in camp the rest of the day
 - August 5th traveled 30 miles over a poor sandy barren country stopped to noon by a creek at the hot springs & cooked a part of our salmon in the hot spring camped by the spring
 - August 6th traveled 14 miles over a poor country camped by

 Bond river at sandy Island
 - August 7th traveled 24 miles over a rough country camped on little creek between the mountains

- August 8th traveled 35 miles over a rough country saw
 snow on the mountains to day camped at the lone tree
 & experienced a heavy thunder shower of rain
 Sabath August 9th staid at the lone tree & Kept the sabath & had
 a Bible class & Prayer meeting
 - August 10th traveled 25 miles in sight of snow camped on spring creek
 - August 11th traveled 25 miles over some of the blue hills & some of the rich fertile botom [sic] camped in the grand round
 - August 12th saw some Indians early this morning some of them

 came to camp before breakfast & we engaged one

 for a pilot packed up & traveled 1 mile to a

 spring at foot of the mountain & camped for the

 day in among the pines
 - August 13th traveled 32 miles over the blue hills some of the
 way a fine pine country camped in pine hollow
 by cold river after decending a mountain an
 hour & half long
 - August 14th rose a mountain this morning an hour & a halfs travel long came through some fine timber & a rough country traveled 35 miles & arrived to Doctor Whitmans
- August 15th staid at the doctors & hunted horses

 Sabath August 16th spent the day at the doctors & heard him preach

 to the Indians & had preaching ourselves
 - August 17th staid at the Doctors & helped him some

 August 18th did the same & helped Mr Munger about making
 a fanning mill

August 19th did the same all day---

August 20 did the $s_{a}me \ \frac{1}{2}$ a day & hunted horses the other half of the day

August 21st worked on the mill $\frac{1}{2}$ a day & had a conversation with mr Munger respecting our mission the other $\frac{1}{2}$

August 22nd staid at the doctors & helped work at the mill all day

Sabath August 23rd tended meeting & had a Communion season & Mr
Clark preached

August 24th staid at the Doctors & helped him clean up some wheat

August 25th went to Wallawalla on a visit & had a tolerable good one

August 26th came back to Doctor Whitmans

August 27th helpt the Doctor get out wheat

August 28th did the same

August 29th did the same

Sabath August 30th tended meeting & mr Griffing preached

August 31st worked for Doctor Whitman

September 1st did the same

Sept 2nd did the same

Sept 3rd spent the day in fasting & Praying & attending to the difficulties between Mr Munger & mr Griffing & theire wives to try to effect reconciliation between them for theire own good & for the cause of Christ

Sept 4th attended to the same difficulties

Sept 5th did the same

Sabath Sept 6th keep the sabath & mr Clark preached to us

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Sept 7th tended to Mr Mungers & Griffings difficulty did the same & they partially settles theire Sept 8th difficulties Sep 9th made some preparation for exploreing Sep 10th did the same & helped the Doctor some Sept 11th worked for the Doctor Sept 12th did the same apart of the day & branded our horses Sabath Sept 13th tended meeting & mr Griffing preached twice Sept 14th worked for the Doctor Sept 15th did the same $\frac{1}{2}$ a day & packed up some of our things for an exploreing tour & started & traveled 10 miles traveled 38 miles stopped & nooned on the utilla Sept 16th camped on white grindstone creek Sept 17th traveled 33 miles nooned on the same creek camped on the camillah istapah Sept 18th traveled 36 miles nooned on cherry creek camped on the kokshamkoksham creek Sept 19th traveled 40 miles nooned at the wolf camp camela camped on pine creek between the hills & mountains did not move camp but kept the sabath mr Griffing Sabath Sept 20th Preached to us Sept 21st traveled 32 miles nooned on the lukum & camped on the same river Sept 22nd traveled 32 miles nooned & camped on the waptacowcash or John days river traveled 25 miles camped on the camatashkina creek Sept 23rd

Sept 24th traveled 30 miles camped on rock creek in among the pines Sept 25th traveled 32 miles camped on the kokshamkoksham creek Sept 26th traveled 52 miles nooned on cherry creek at the old place camped on white grindstone creek Sabath Sept 27th kept the sabath & did not travel Sept 28th went home to Doctor Whitmans Sept 29th staid at Doctors & examined some of my things that mr Amathinger brought Sept 30th examined some of my things & worked at some pack saddles October 1st 1840 worked at our pack saddles Oct 2nd did the same Oct 3rd did the same Sabath Oct 4th tended meeting mr Clark Preached Oct 5th worked at my pack saddles Oct 6th did the same Oct 7th did the same Oct 8th did the same Oct 9th did the same Oct 10th did the same Sabath Oct 11th tended meeting & mr Griffing Preached Oct 12th worked at my pack saddles Oct 13th did the same Oct 14th did the same Oct 15th did the same & prepared some packs fixed our pack for starting to the snakes at Oct 16th grand round

	Oct	17th	packed up our things & Brothers Colark &
	â		Littlejohn & theire wives started & traveled
			15 miles & camped on the wallawalla river mr
		2	Griffin & wife started with us
Sabath	Oct	18th	kept the sabath mr Griffing Preached
	Oct	19th	traveled 25 miles through rain & snow 1 pack
			turned & my riding horse got away from me &
000			run back 5 miles camped on the mountains in
			the snow about 15 inches deep
	Oct	20 th	returned back to day through snow & rain to
		× ×	where we spent the sabath
	Oct	21st	came back to Doctor Whitmans
	Oct	22nd	worked for the Doctor
	Oct	23rd	did the same
	Oct	24th	did the same
Sabath	Oct	25th	tended meeting mr Clark Preached
	Oct	26th	made an ax helve & did some other chores
	Oct	27th	repaired Doctors Old house to live in this winter
	Oct	28th	did the same
2	Oct	29th	helped the Doctor pile up dobies
	Oct	30th	made some preparations for going to mr Spauldings
8 4			for to spend the winter
	Oct	31st	did the same
Sabath	Nov	lst	staid at home and kept the Sabath
•	Nov	2nd	worked some for self & some for the Doctor
	Nov	3rd	repacked some of my things & made preparations
			to go to mr Spauldings

Nov 4th packed up & traveled 20 miles & camped on the kopei

Nov 5th stormy forenoon traveled 20 miles camped on the

tookanan

Nov 6th traveled 35 miles & camped on the ulpaha creek

Nov 7th traveled 10 miles & camped by snake river at the

junction of the clarwater

Sabath Nov 8th crossed the snake river & camped

Nov 9th went to mr Spaulding

Nov 10th did some chores for mr Spaulding

Nov 11th did the same

Nov 12th did the same

Nov 13th worked for mr Spaulding

Nov 14th did the same

Sabath Nov 15th spent the day in reading & bible class

Nov 16th worked for mr Spaulding

Nov 17th did the same & my Birth day 38 years old great

has been Gods goodness to me & Blessed be his

name for ever

Nov 18th worked for mr Spaulding

Nov 19th moved our things & worked for mr Spaulding &

mr Rogers & mr Munger arrived

Nov 20th worked for mr Spaulding

Nov 21st did the same a part of the day

Sabath Nov 22nd spent the day in reading meeting with the Indians

& hearing mr Clark Preach

Nov 23rd worked for mr Spaulding

Nov 24th did the same

Nov 25th did the same & mr Clark started for mr Smiths

*Nov 26th unwell & I kept house

Nov 27th worked for mr Spaulding

Nov 28th did the same

Sabath Nov 29th spent the day in reading & bible class

Nov 30th worked at makeing a table for myself

Dec 1st did the same

Dec 2nd did the same $\frac{1}{2}$ a day & framing $\frac{1}{2}$ a day

Dec 3rd worked in the sawmill

Dec 4th worked at the sawmill gate

Dec 5th did the same a part of the day & framing the other part

Sabath Dec 6th spent the day in reading and bible Class

Dec 7th worked at the mill & helped raise the office

Dec 8th worked at the saw mill

Dec 9th did the same

Dec 10th did the same

Dec 11th did the same

Dec 12th did the same

Sabath Dec 13th spent the day in & bible class

Dec 14th worked at the saw mill

Dec 15th did the same

Dec 16th did the same

Dec 17th did the same

Dec 18th worked at getting out timber to make a floom

Dec 19th did the same

Sabath Dec 20th tended Indian worship & had a communion season afternoon

Dec 21st worked at the timber for a floom

Dec 22nd did some chores to help mr spaulding about

going up the river & worked at the floom timber

Dec 23rd worked at the timber for the floom

Dec 24th did the same

Dec 25th did the same

Dec 26th did the same

Sabath Dec 27th tended indian worship & bible class

Dec 28th worked at the timber for the floom

Dec 29th did the same

Dec 30th did the same

Dec 31st did the same thus ends this year with reading

the Bible through

January 1st 1841 tended to the little grist mill

Jan 2nd worked some at the lumber for the floom

Sabath Jan 3rd spent the day at Indian worship reading &

Bible class

Jan 4th spent the day in fasting Prayer & reading the bible

Jan 5th worked at the mill stone

Jan 6th did the same & at the shaft

Jan 7th worked at the shaft

Jan 8th worked at the floom timber

Jan 9th did the same

Sabath Jan 10th spent the day in reading & bible class

Jan 11th worked at the floom

Jan 12th did the same

Jan 13th worked at the shaft & wheel

Jan 14th fastend the wheel to the shaft

Jan 15th wrked at timber for the floom