

Journal of a voyage from New Bedford to California
Commenced August 12th 1849.

Wind S.E.

Tuesday August 12th 1849

The Ship Alexander Coffin sailed from the Harbour
of New Bedford about 10 o'clock Sunday am. About
round the Cape to San Francisco - California
Her cargo consisted of Gunks Gunks notions & specu-
ims. We had a strong little whole salt breeze during the
day about 6 P.M. The pilot & mates chose their watches
at which time we found out we had taken away two
men with us, more than our complement - but as they
proved both of them first rate men. No one has yet
regretted them throwing themselves away. So ends the first
24 hours. all well & in good spirits.

Lat. 42° 00'

Long. 70° 00'

Wednesday August 13 - 1849

This day commenced with light
winds. there being considerable motion to the ship nearly
all of the passengers were sea sick & although I am perfectly
unacquainted with the complaint yet from their looks I
could easily believe they were suffering extreme pain. I am
sure could have been landed during their sickness I
hardly think they would have trusted themselves on
the sea again. There was nothing more than ordinary
happened today to end this 24 hours.

Lat. 40° 37' N Long. 70° 09' W

Lat. 40° 50' N Tuesday Aug. 14 - 1849 - Long.

Light wind & pleasant weather spoke Brig Northman of
Boston bound from Mobile to Boston on account of a leak
she having started for Barcelona Spain loaded with timber
The came on board of us to dine & took letters home for us
rather part - light winds employed in filling & dunnage
& filling rigging.

Lat. 40° 50' N

