

Brig Henry Snowbridge

Oct 1st 1879. Civil War

Left Wilmington Conn. today with moderate breeze from N.E. & pleasant weather. Hauled on a whipping & sealing voyage to the coast of Portugal & elsewhere, in hope of a short & successful voyage. Leaving home friends & kindred with sorrowful hearts. May god watch over them & us and in his goodness & mercy permit us to meet again.

Nov. 5th

Strong winds & baffling gales raise squalls. Galled port side N.E. with thick & dirty weather. Barometer falling fast wind increasing fast at 4 p.m. blowing gale. Barometer 29.20. Blow away some fore topsail & foremast took with part of boat. Barometer 28.50. Move ship to port that took in every thing. To bare poles. Weather indicating a hurricane at 5. Barometer 28.70. Blowing furiously. Bars. air fell at each gale. vessel ship ping. Water matters pumps constantly going at 7 barometer rising. Last wind moderating at 10. Left the ship off S. by E. and made sail wind N.W.

Lat at above 23.01. N.

G. C. Hamilton, private journal

November 9th

at 12 O.M. sighted Land St. Antonio. One of the Cape de Verde Is. by baffled our wind and passed to the N.E. of us took in eight sails. passed St. Vincent St. Jussus and soon to West side St. Nicholas latitude Chronometer. Left the ship of S.

November 10th

Strong S.E. trade winds. Began in night at 6 am Cook taken with a fit. fell down the fore castle stairs. Took fire went board him from hurting himself. Lasted some five or six hours. he says he is subject to such attacks & has a long fit of sick ness after. Then concluded to put him on shore but the ship off for Brazil. Galled port, Calms

Nov 11th

All this day Strong trade winds. Galled port. Sailed at 10 and took a Southerly side of length mile. To see the Consul a boat. Dischargeing may cook brig lying off and on

Nov 12th

Strong trade brig lying off & on. Sent the cook up to the Consulate, got a few recruits consisting of pigs chickens eggs provisions oranges & three port aquas. at 5. Came on land and left the ship off S. by E.