

Sailed - Sept 1, 1867

Ship "Sprucewell"
Fairhaven Mass 496T
Benjamin F. Gibbs - master
Lost at Linn, California Feb. 1861

time, I wish I could see my home
and I feel that I should
should get home, I wish I could
and present me in this and under the
and help me with a few share of property
and a speedy return home.

Wednesday Sept 2

Light wind from S, all sail set
out of the Bay at 10 P.M. the salt
under the chain, I am lonely
lonely.
Middle and latter part light wind from
East all sail set - steering by the wind S S E
all hands employed fitting boats and other
ships duty, saw three sail two bound
the other poor fellow bound the same as
ourselves, if ever one poor fellow was home
sick, I am, land me on Fairhaven wharf
now, and I know that I should not be
to proud to work on the wharf, ah that thing
called pride I could have enjoyed all day if
had not for being laughed at, it seems hard
and is hard, to leave home and friends, and
again it is about as well as a man can do, I think
the poor folks see some hard times as well as we
do here.