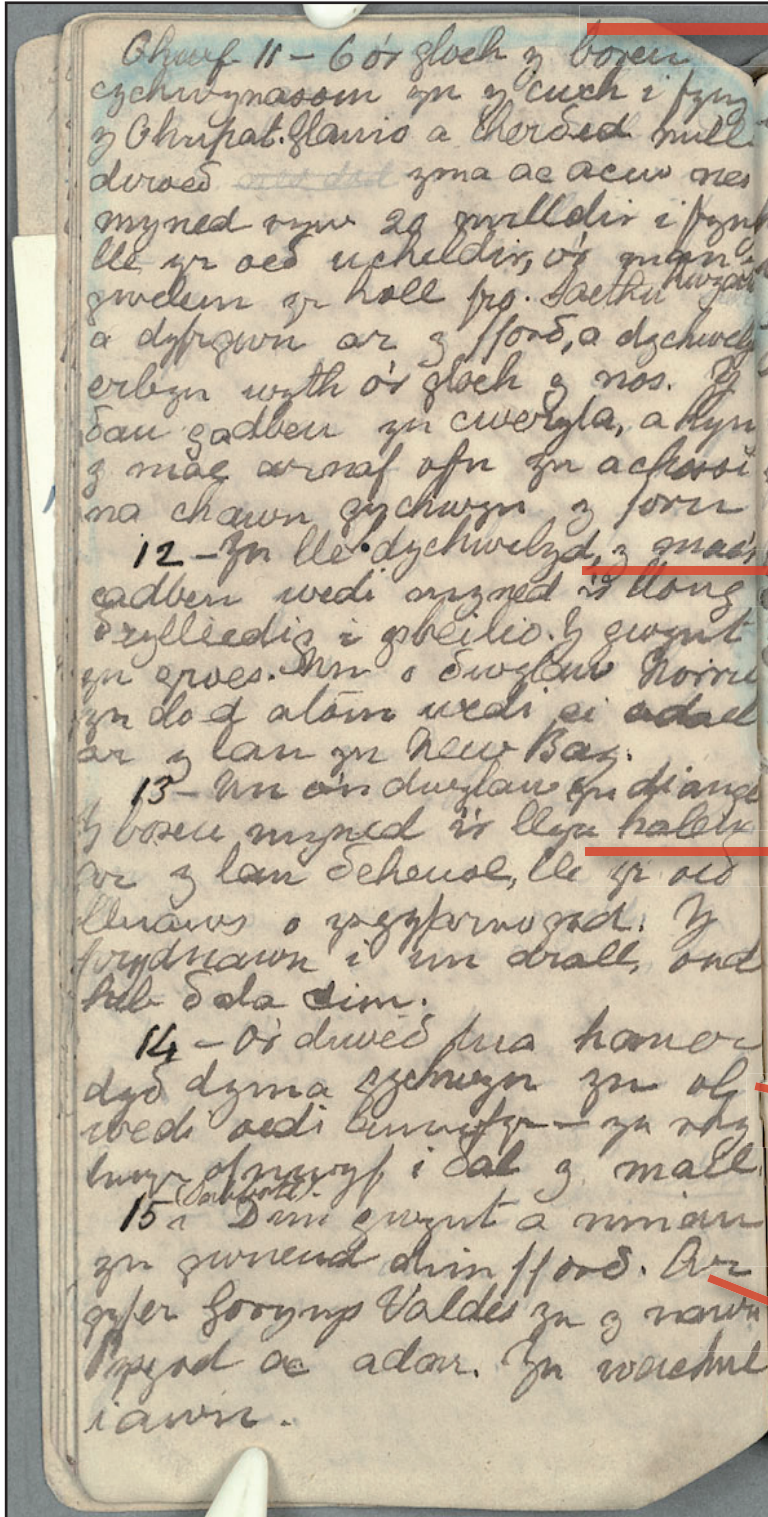


Lewis Jones's Diary, 1862-3

This diary belonged to Lewis Jones (1836-1904). It records his journey to Argentina in 1862-3 to hold negotiations with the government and to inspect the land in Patagonia.



February 11, - 1863 6 o'clock in the morning

We set off in the boat up the Chupat. Landed and walked for miles until we had gone 20 miles up to where the highland was, from where we could see the whole region. Shot ducks and otters on the way, and returned by 8 o'clock in the evening. The two generals were quarrelling, and this I'm afraid caused (meant) that we could not set off in the morrow (the following day).

12 -

Instead of returning the general has gone to wrecked ship to loot. It is a cross-wind. One of Norris's hands came towards us having been left ashore at New Bay.

13 -

One of the hands escaped in the morning. Went to the salt lake on the south shore, where there was a multitude of hares. To another one in the afternoon, but without catching any.

14 -

At last, around midday, we began our return after endless delay - too late, I'm afraid, to catch the mail.

15 - (Sabbath)

No wind and we made no progress. For the Valdes Peninsula in the afternoon. Fish and birds. Very feeble.