In fire and reek, as the storymasters of sagas would have said.
think up Dickensian name for stationer?
W seems to have been for S, then, another to the time chestier

Swan leaned on chestier men than himself.
Even before that opening notation in the first of the pocket notebooks, which is to say during his stint in Washington, D.C., as aide to Isaac I. Stevens, Swan had done some diary-keeping. But as he afterward lamented in a letter to a member of the Stevens family, those pages somehow, and uncharacteristically, had vanished from him. It is as if the wind that filled the Dashaway's sails in earliest 1859 cleared away the recent years of Swan's life as well.

Fresh ink from here on.
Swan-among-the-Britons arrives at the last line of his journey having seen a great deal to admire & much to censure, and that is the exact Swan style I have begun to find, out of his accumulating day-by-day pages on my desk, here at our shared edge of the American landscape: banquet of details, ready snifters of opinion. In avidness as well as calendar, this keen-panned manuscript from that British spring of 1841 begins the sustenance of ink-and-paper which will continue until a new century, our century, brings an end.
Oct. 27, '59: Swell's name is Wha-la-lat Asabuy
(Peter's is available in Chas. Willoughby papers, in deposition by tribal leaders.)
add to "winter brothers" phrase: added
aboard a fishing boat, in a line cabin of a cattle ranch, at a military outpost
Canoemanship introduced Swan to Swell, dressed in a new suit of Boston clothes, commanding eight paddlers, bound out to Neah Bay on a mid-September day of 1859 with a cargo of flour, bacon, molasses and blankets. Swan climbed in for the jaunt, and ever after was impressed. Swell has been among the white men as sailor and pilot, and is one of the most intelligent
Dairy colors:
5/24 1861 - D 31 '62 - brown, pocket
1860 - black, pocket
1859 - black, (Martin's Metalo)
Sept 17, 1859 - tan, notebook
Jan 11 - May 23, 1861 - tan, notebook (similar to above)

ledger entries begin Jul 1, 1862
Swell seems to have been a stag of a man
The Makah soldiery of the sea
Swan's diaries are a variety show even before they are opened.
172, 1861--"April 9--... A large wolf was about these premises last night. His tracks were showing this morning in the garden."

180, 1861: "May 24--Cloudy. This morning we discovered a large wolf in the brook dead from the effects of some strychnine we had put out. It was a she wolf very large and evidently had five whelps. Maggs and myself skinned her and I boiled the head to get the skull."
Box 7 has a marvelous fat ledger, about 9x12, 380 pp. Elaborate tooled and hinged spine; Swan's name embossed (J G Swan) in \( \frac{1}{2} \) inch letters in middle of leather insert panel of cover. on p 1, in beautifully neat writing (almost certainly his recopy), it begins:  May 1866

Diary and private journal of James G. Swan, being a continuation of daily record commencing July 1862 at the Makah Indian Agency Makah Bay, Washington Territory.

\[ \frac{1}{2} \] appxte weight, pound and a half.

Box 1, diaries 1859-73 (with skips): 13 pocket diaries, black, green, tan, what must have been maroon; many like glasses cases, with tucked flaps. Dim but neat penciled writing inside.
Diary description:

bx 9, Jan. 1–March 28, 1890, and Apr. 4–Dec. 31 1898 is in single pocket diary for 1890. About 3 inches by six, 1 p. per day, with brief almanac in front, memo, fincal and adress pp. at back. Swan wrote over the 1890 dates—adding another "o" atop the 0 to make an 8, crossing out the weekday and writing in the correct one.

Box 3: mostly pocket diaries; some are simply notebooks, with marbled colored covers. Some are flapped, almost like eyeglasses case. One, which must have been S's recopy, is a kind of exercise book, diarying the Qn Ch trip. (180 pp.)
diary descptn cont:

3 vols of box 6, 1862-64-66: all rebound in dissertation brown covers, somehow a disappointment to me. Inside, the volumes are soft-cover ledgers, appxty 8-13. On the cover of the 1st one, S fancily wrote: Makah Reservation W.T. Daily Journal from July 1st 1862 to Dec. 31 1862 on the 1st inside page, he wrote: Daily Journal Makah Indian Reservation commencing July 1st 1862 by James G. Swan Teacher

flow of words—the inkwork age stains creep at the edges; like liver spots
Swan was almost exactly at midpoint—41 yrs and a few weeks—of his life when he arrived at the Strait, Feb. 1859.
S, on last p. of Nov. 18, '50, letter to Hayard Stevens:

"My notes of Diary kept while in Washington have been lost."

Letter is 24 pp. of accepted diary mentions of I.I. Stevens, of summary of San Juan's incident
Swan, in and out of Port T:

Mar 3, '59 — to Protection Island
Mar 10 — to Dungeness
Mar 30 — to Port Discovery (walked)
Apr 21 — to Smith Island
May 3 — to Pt. Ludlow
May 14 — to Scow Bay (for clams)
May 31 — with Simmons to resvtns
Jun 12 — to Whidbey
Jul 5 — to Dungeness
Jul 14 — to Pt. Gamble, S'coom, Olympia
first section on diaries: characterize Swan's prose
1866 ledger, box 7

- weight 4 1/4 lb
- cover is banded top and bottom c. 1 1/2" and tan cloth - cover material, want between c. leather, c. tooled design & faint letters of his name
- got twin arched top and bottom bands, 4 central hinges which match c. them
Dec. 30, '78: cold weather; 18 this morn, and temp has not been above the 28 it is now (3pm) for past 2 days. Y'day brilliantly clear, today overcast over the Olympics--mtns entirely out of sight, simply grayed out; no heavy cloudbank--but Cascades remained out in sun.

Late y'day afternoon, clouds puffed against the blue at mouth of our valley; white and harmless; stationary until dark, unusual for clouds out here. This morn, similar clouds in same place, as if formation had anchored for the night. (Morn's clouds caught first pink of sun, about 8 am)

Thelma Rader just called from WSS to say happy newyear; said it's 44 below in WSS, "you can hardly see up Main St. for the car exhausts."