



Beyond Penn's Treaty

Notes of a Journey taken by Elisha Tyson and James Gillingham on a Visit to some Indians in the neighbourhood of Fort Wayne

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SUMMARY: James Gillingham was the son of John and Sarah Taylor Gillingham of Buckingham Monthly Meeting in Bucks, County Pennsylvania. He transferred his membership to Indian Spring in 1782, and married Elizabeth Hayward there in 1786. The family later moved to Baltimore where James was an Elder and Overseer.

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Lodged at a house where we Lodged
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the whole County except some
small pieces of upland intervening
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able to get ^{up} for our horses we rode
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of settling at Wheeling & were likely
to have a good house to live in one
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Elisha at Horton's & went to Brother
George Kinneys at Short Creek &
14th Staid at George's until after Dinner
& then went to Nathan Updegraffs &
thence to Joseph Steers where we
lodged my Company having overtaken
me at N. Updegraffs -

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in about 5 miles crossed the river
at Warren near the mouth of
Short Creek, we then proceeded
about 20 miles & lodged at the
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~~#~~ 5 miles & Breakfasted at
Morris's Tavern. then rode about
20 miles to Henry Mills where
we propose resting some days
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that he would be willing to part with
his Horse his Back being too sore to think
of riding him home Henry Mills called
in William Hillis who had a Horse he
thought would suit him, & so they ex-
changed Horses & now it looks likely
that we may proceed on with more
satisfaction

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companied us to a Blacksmiths shop
on the road where Elisha had his Horse
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rode about 20 miles to Browns the
rode Bad & have had snow ever
since we ascended the mountain,
until within a few miles of his place

11th A storm of Wind & ^{rain} coming on
Last night still continues about
3 o'clock set out & crossed the
Youghiogania rode 15 miles to Clarke
the weather warm toward evening
with thunder & some rain met a
decent look woman ^{alone} in a desolate
place in ^{the} forest - some miles from any
house in search of a stray horse
had come about 30 miles & proudly
we pitied her & went on to Clarke
where we lodged

12th Rode to Jonas Catter where we
were kindly entertained

13th Set out accompanied by Jonas crossed
the Monongahela at Crawford, & rode

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Catchments

10 miles to Lightfoot

Townships - 21 miles
on this Road -

I have Wolf 12 miles
from Charles Murray
to Wapacunnata

Philip Thomas has
William Kirk had rather
than the County Paper
than the Daily

Transcription

ytf

If the Turtles & I one day
were pleased & willing
one Day to receive &
actually encouraged
William Kirk to proceed to
their towns what could
have changed their minds
so as to have ordered him
to return next day
without consulting
with any of these peo-
ple

Transcription

ytf

in short why does he
make the Indians believe
that he does all for
them derogatory to our
Credit who have expen-
ded several thousand
Dollars when it does
not appear that he has
not expended one cent
of his own money
without remuneration
Michael R

Transcription

ytf

If Stinchcomb who is
hired by government
assisted well Kirk to build
a House for the use of
the Indians what right
had William Wells to
that House & if Kirk
bought and I could
prove what right had
wells to one half of that

If wells raises corn for
the Indians at Wabash
on the land claimed by us
or with the Indian
communities why does he
sell it & put the money
to his own use

Transcription

ytf

Now Brothers we are come
to see you after a long
Journey & are glad to see
that you have Houses to
live in & land cleared
to raise corn so that you
may soon raise good things
enough if you will

Brothers we are sorry to
hear that some of you
drink much whiskey which
will ^{make} you sick will
make you poor & will
destroy your lives

Transcription

ytf

*Notes of a Journey taken by Eliza
Tyson & James Gillingham on a Visit
to some Indians in the neighbourhood
of Fort Wayne* —————

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the 4th mo 1808. Rode to poplar spring & Lodge
5th Rode this Day to Middletown & about
five O'clock we put up for the Night at
the sign of Genl. Washington kept by Gar-
per Herring - the entertainment good & the
Inn orderly - We were much delighted
with the Country between the Catockind
& South Mountains & thought the
appearance quite equal to that in the
neighbourhood of Fredericktown &
the Village we are now resting ⁱⁿ has
a very neat & agreeable appearance
& appears to be ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{condition} thriving. Several new
Brickhouses having been lately built
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Intending to breakfast at Boonsborough but
taking the wrong road we breakfasted at
a house on the Sheppards town road after
breakfast we changed our route & made
for Williamsport which after losing our
way & going several miles out of our road
reached about 2 o'clock & dined afterwards
rode 8 miles to Daniel Herboins where
we are now laid by for the night - our re-
flections were excited on passing the
conococheage Valley a Valley perhaps in-
ferior to none in the Suverianance of the
Soil but the comparison in the tillage
with the Valley we passed yesterday is
as much in favour of the former - as there
is difference between that cultivated
by neat Dutch Farmers & that by
negro Drivers the tints of distress &
Slavery being generally observable
in ^{our} road this Day. our landlord has
a Spring issuing from under his house
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Slavery being generally observable
in our rout thisytf Day. our landlord has
a Spring Issueing from under his house
whichytf turns a mill about 50 yards
below where it rises --ytf

7th & 8th of the Week. Rode 7 miles to
Hunters. Breakfasted, thence to Harrocks
10 miles, dined, & proceeded to 15 mile ~~at~~
distance 16 miles, ^{whole} distance this day 33 miles
our observations this ^{day} not generally of the
most agreeable kind the latter part of the
Day passed several very high hills which
made our journey tiresome

8th proceeded, breakfasted on the Hill, then
to old town, dined & proceeded to Cumberland
where we lodged at John Rines a good House
and attentive Landlord the Valley or Bottoms
along the River very rich & produce corn &
Grass in abundance thousands of Bushels
now lying in the Fields having we suppose
just been cut in the Fall & set up in rounds
Shocks in the same form that we set up corn
tops —

9th Staid at Cumberland until
about 3 o'clock rode about 10 miles
& lodged at Houbmans ~~near~~ in a
Valley of good Land about 30 miles
we were informed in length

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&ytf lodged at Houtzmans [delete: next day] in a
Valley of God's Land about 30ytf miles
we were informed in lengthytf

your Brothers the Dealers;
wish to do all they can
to help you but brothers
if you will get drunk
we cannot help you
because you will not
then hear what we have
to say to you.

The General Assembly of the State of Ohio
meets at Chillicothe the 4th Day of the
12th M^o

Gen Nathan Massie
insert the order of
Nature

Transcription

ytf

paid John North

155 Dollar Note 8353

Do ————— 8908

Do ————— 666

At the Malabar they have
120 Horses & about 50
Horned Cattle —

Transcription

ytf

Brothers of the Miami & Potowatamy Nations we have come at the request
of our Brothers of Baltimore^m to see you & take you by the hand & have
read their talk to you, and we are glad to see you here at this time

David Grave & Benjamin Iddings

our two Brothers, who are now present felt so much love for you that
they were willing to accompany us into your country to see how you
did & how you were learning to till the ground & raise grain & Cattle for food
for yourselves, your Wives & your Children.

Brothers we thank the great Spirit for bringing ^{us} safe to you, we have
been to Dennis's Station on the Wabash, & were glad to see that some of our red
Brethren are like to do well there, & hope they & ~~all~~ the rest of our red
Brothers will get their eyes open so that they may see & their hearts made
good so that may be willing to do the things that are best for them

Brothers we desired to visit several of your towns but there fell so
much rain ~~we were hindered~~ that the waters were made high & the roads
so bad we thought we could not well come

Brothers we were very sorry to hear that some of our red Brothers still
drink much Whiskey. we want to persuade you to look at it & see how
much harm it does you, you may be sure that the man that lets you
have it is not your Friend but your Enemy that will cheat you
that will destroy you - in order Brothers to convince you that we say
true we will read to you part of a talk of one of your chiefs, to the
Leakers in Baltimore a few years ago.

~~Brothers We think a mill to grind your grain & a saw mill to make plank for your
Houses would be of great use to you & if ^{you} are willing to give enough of your
to buy Necessaries
annuities for that purpose, when we return we will ~~be glad to~~ ~~be glad to~~
what you are willing to do
inform our Brothers in Baltimore, & ~~also~~ ~~you~~ ~~in~~ ~~Baltimore~~ ~~that~~ ~~we~~ ~~will~~
& inform you what they say next fall, when if they are willing we
think you may have the mills built next year~~

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ytf

Brothers we wish you to remember that you have requested us to show
you how to work. we have sent men for that purpose ^{merely} not to work
for you but to show you how to work for yourselves if you intend
still to endeavour to learn & wish them to continue to instruct you
we want you to tell us so. If you say you do not desire it
we will take our young ^{men} away ~~& you may help yourself~~

Transcription

ytf ytf

to Henry Mills staid the night following
had a conference with Triena & David
Grave concluded to meet us at cone-
-oid on first Day.

14th set off early rode to Washington
where we dined we were much pleased
with the new stone country the people
appear to live well & the land produces
abundantly

~~Rode from~~ Rode from Henry Mills
to Alexandria & Lodged

15th Rode to wheelin mostly along wheelin
Creek through some Beautiful Bottoms
& passed some elegant Houses & Mills
at Wheelin we lodged at Josiah Updegr
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Lanes -

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& went home with Horton Howard
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-pany with David Grave to Jonⁿ
Taylors next Day being short Creek
monthly Meeting - after meeting
Dined in company with Geo. & Mary

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20th went to Concord monthly meeting
where I met Elisha who had remained
at Horton Howards expecting his company
on our route. we dined at Burden
Stantons after which we returned to
Horton's & found him resolved not to
accompany us therefore the Lot fell
upon David & we concluded to set
out next morning -

21 we set out early & rode to Joseph
Vanlaw's at Plainfield David in the
mean time seemed tho in company
undetermined whether to go or not
but concluded to accompany us about
4 miles farther when he would either
leave us or conclude to go on when
we came to the place he concluded
to proceed - we went on about 37 miles
& lodged.

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& lodged.ytf

22 The morning very fine & some while
Frost we proceeded being in good spirits
concluded to reach the Muskingum
40 miles which he effected about Sun
setting & put up at Taylors Tavern

The lands since we crossed the Ohio
have been generally good mostly very
rich in the neighbourhood of Short
Creek & Concord & continued to ~~until~~
we got to Plainfield where they
become inferior in quality tho good
Farming Land farther on we found
the Bottoms on the several branches of
will) Creek to be very extensive & the
upland tho hilly pretty good for some
miles before we reached the Muskingum
the Land was level & of an inferior
quality tho which the roads were
excellent Laneville on one side &
Springfield on the other of the Muskin-
gum show what can be effected in
a few years by enterprising people
being both considerable & cheap

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in Lanesville alone there is 7 or 8
Taverns kept in respectable Houses the
Best Buildings are over the river
in Spring Field. where there is one
three story Brick which would not
disgrace the best street in Baltimore

24th ^{To Babb's & Lodged there} Rode from Lanesville, to Lancaster
through Atterable County near Lancaster
the lands are of prime Quality - we staid
that night at Lancaster next morning
set out & Rode to Yorksters within
about 5 miles of Chillicothe

27 Rode to Chillicothe & breakfasted &
being discouraged by the report of the
Waters being high we staid until about
10 O'clock being informed we could not
Cross the North fork of Paint Creek
we rode up it to old Chillicothe
where the same impediment cont-
we continued on 3 miles

Transcription

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Cross the North fork of Paint Creek
we rode up it to oldytf Chilicothe
where the same impediment contd--
we continued on 3 milesytf

that if the country is over settled
they must be ditched.

29th we staid until near noon when
we set out & rode about 12 miles, to
wolf's tavern where we were well enter-
tained, through the course of the Day
we passed the little Miami a small
stream at a mill it was enclosed in
a narrow stone gutter which conti-
nued narrow with a great fall the Chason
increased in depth until we supposed
it was 50 feet deep & about 20 feet
wide at the top in about 6 miles
we passed the Yellow Springs it
was large & proceeded out of a lime-
stone Rock & tinged ~~the~~ everything
with a deep yellow with a strong
sulphureous taste & is much resorted
to in the summer season for health.
30th set out early & rode to Dayton
thru some excellent land

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thro some excellent landytf

at this Considerable Village which stands
Just below the Junction of Mad River with
the great Miami ^{at which an Excellent House} we breakfasted & staid
until about 12 O'clock when we started
& rode about 12 Miles to one French's
in the woods where we were entertained
with much satisfaction only we could
get no hay for our Horses we have still
had & this night excellent good clean
Feather Beds to lie in

5th Mo 1st We rode to Stanton a small
new Town on the great Miami and
Intend staying here until we can ac-
comodate ourselves with a man to
go with us & provide ourselves with
Grain for our Horses, & provisions for our
selves, the lands in this rout are of
an Excellent Quality with a very large
growth of Timber interspersed with abun-
dance of Poplar but for some miles near
Stanton the growth of Timber is of Rich
kind & not very useful except the Walnut

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Just below the Junction of a Madytf River with
the great Miami we breakfasted at Rapids an Excellent House &ytf staid
until about 12 OClock when we started
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we have put up at a French Man's
Called Felie we had letters from
Dayton to Judge Gerard's who was
kind and attentive in procuring
a suitable man to go with us, there
was a young man from Virginia at
this place of the name of ~~Lowry~~
who was very kind & the Land lord
having no Hay he furnished us with
some of his own freely without so-
licitation & would not take pay for
it. I wish we may make him com-
-pensation when ⁱⁿ our power

5 M^o 2^o Still at Stanton the weather
raining & endeavoured to procure a suitable
person to go with us & provision on
the way we agreed with a man to
go & also with a Woman to bake
some biscuit & boil us a Ham &
intends setting out tomorrow morn-
-ing with our Guide -

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-sation when in our powerytf 5 mo 2nd Still at Stanton the Weather
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the way we agreed withytf a man to
go & also with with a Woman to bake
some biscuits &ytf boil us a ham &
intend setting out tomorrow morn-
-ing with ourytf Guide.ytf

3^d our man came this morning &
begged to be excused, alledging that
both himself & his horse were too weak
- so we admitted his excuse &
discharged him. Court began here
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time when we should come forward
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forward & our inn much crowded
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Iddings ^{to} still water where we
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our horses across the second crossing
of Loramies Creek where we put up
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rode thro without much difficulty
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very costly dresses, we returned to our young
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the Evening before by the Indians it was
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respect for us & pretty good decorum at the
time of our counselling together.
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thick bushes in places we concluded
to lie by until morning, in the Evening
it came on a gust with Thunder & heavy
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20th upon consultation this morning
we concluded it would ^{be} very difficult
for us to get to Turtle Town on acct
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21st Breakfasted this morning with Wells
walked about & Viewed the Plantation which
is a very Good one it & the neighbour-
hood has been formerly the Great
Village of the Miami Indians the
Elevation of the Corn Hill is quite
Visible also the Indian Graves they have
been buried single in the same manner
that we bury & there is some graves
near Wells's House of Indians that have
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chiefs stands a pole with a white flag
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of the Miami of the Lakes & Runs about
Northeast the Joseph runs about
N.W. & the Mary about South West —
There is plenty of fish in the River of the
Cat Daps & Buck Pickeral & Sheeps head
&c. we were buying some of the good
in Johnstons Store they are many of
them of the most indifferent Quality
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otherwise suitable for this market
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there is a smart frost which will be
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vegetables. the Fruit doubtless will
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the Gout or Rheumatism & is hardly
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Turtle & five medals are our ene-
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Transcription

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-self may be pretty wellytf Identified
in his Person & War club he has
but one hand & yetytf they say there
is not one Indian in the Country
that the Indians fearytf so much as
they do this man -- the five Medals
& White Loon areytf here. the little Turtle has
the Gout or Rheumatism & isytf hardly
expected here the prospect is avery
dull one as we are informedytf that the
Turtle & five medals are our ene-
-mies & will opposeytf us. The two Chiefs
at the Wabash, the White Loon for the
Massesenewayytf Indians , & Charley for the
Eel River Indians, I believe are
bothytf Friendly & if it was not for the
undue influence that some badytf Cha-
racters have over them & the love of
Whiskey they might in timeytf be brought
into some degree of Civilizationytf

23. This being the day we had appointed
for to hold a Council with the Indians
& many of them ^{were} collected over the river
we were engaged in preparing such
communications to them as we thought
advisable but to our great mortification
we were informed that the son of the
Five medals had returned from Stanton
where he had been with several men
& horses to purchase whiskey with a
large quantity & that the Indians here
collected had got to drinking it &
were many of them drunk so that the
prospect looks gloomy & that all our
toil will be of no avail.

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-ing that in the month of Apr. last
there was delivered by order of the
Indian agent 1117/2 Rations of Whisky
or about 35 Gallons The Contractor
informed us that he offered to furnish
William Kirk when in Friend's employ
~~in the month of April last~~ Flour at \$6 per Cwt

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-kee. who was too drunk the ^{medals} five was so
much intoxicated with divers others,
that we concluded it would not do
to pretend to treat with them & but
just to come together & inform them
that we were sorry that they had been
drinking so much as ^{be} to ~~be~~ fit to talk
with at Present but would meet
them tomorrow morning when if they
were still drunk we would go away
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& that ^{they} could go home tomorrow. & did ^{not}
care whether they heard what we had
to say or not & told Elisha that he
was no Great Chief & therefore did
wrong to tell the Indians that we
would not treat with ^{them} if they were drunk
tomorrow, when after a little more talk
we separated to meet again tomorrow
— morning —

25th the morning pleasant & the sun
shining which has not been a very
common thing ~~with~~ here lately we have
had 2 very severe frosts within these few days
past which has killed many things
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ground the Beans &c killed fairly we wish
to set out as ^{we} begin to fear the flies
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them, also the Turtle's & five medals speeches
upon the subject of Civilization, after which
was read an address of our own with
the Turtle's speech upon spirituous Liquor
they were mostly interpreted into the
Miami & Potawatomy Languages -
by William Wells for the Miami & John
Flinn for the Potawatomy after which
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of the Chiefs residing at Dennis's Station
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young men residing amongst them
& said he thought that by working with
the Indians in their own fields they
would render them more essential
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the Indian corn that was to be distri-
buted among the Indians this spring
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of Writing to do relative to our Mission
& John Johnston also wished to send some
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of his Situation & were nearly ready
to conclude that he was determined
to act uprightly. we think if he
was Faithful agreeably to his ability
he would still be of use in his
Station — We also had a good deal
of conversation with the white
Loon respecting Whiskey. he seemed
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Steady days & very deep Roads & ar-
rived at the St. Mary's at Stephen
Youngs about sun setting & crossed
over in a canoe swimming our
Horses. we let our Horses run loose in
as fine grass as is common to see it
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a good swath. here is a proof of In-
-dian Industry. William Kirk last
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& rode as yesterday thro, the rain about
18 miles to Charley Murrays we have
been very wet these two days & fell a
good deal thoughtful about our Health
but we have a Floor to lie on with
a good fire at our feet, Murray has
an Indian Woman for a Wife we eat a
nice Butter & Corn Bread of her make
as need be wished for, this is the second
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3 miles square at this Place our pro-
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Still Water, the river is very high & we
have a very small canoe to ride
in - after their departure we got our horses
in readiness & an Indian Squaw as pilot
to accompany us to Wapuccanatah the
town where William Kirk resides
but ^{on} examination we found it too
dangerous to venture so we concluded
to set out Homeward - we set out about
about nine o'clock in company
with Murray & his Indian wife
who accompanied us about 6 miles
to see us cross 2 creeks that ~~appeared~~
were expected to be too high to ride
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swimming in our horses & rode to them
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to Lower Pickaway where we fed our
Horses. then proceeded to Still Water
to Benjamin Iddings where we took
some refreshment then crossed Still
water to Saml. Jones swimming our
Horses, we were kindly entertained

staid there during the night & about 10 O'Clock
set out in company with our kind host
toward Dayton intending to stop at Benjⁿ
Owings Saml. Jones accompanied us about
4 miles & left us & we arrived at B. Owings
about 12 miles the roads mostly very bad
the Land during this Route (being near
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-ring to live handsomely. This perhaps is
as good a settlement as almost any we have
seen, there is 4 meetings about Still Water
& one ~~about~~ on White Water belonging to West
Branch Monthly Meeting Still Water is
navigable ~~about~~ many miles above the
settlement of Friends. our Horses are much
tired & we propose staying here we lodged

here & were kindly & well entertained
~~from the 1st~~ we set out about 8 O'clock & rode
to Stanton about 5 miles through very
rich land & a tolerable road we crossed
the River & fed our Horses at Reed's where
William Kirk lay sick, & had been here
2 or 3 weeks in that condition he was so
well as to be able to walk about & was in
hopes that he would be able to go to his
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Stanton near noon & Rode through aytf
Good Country to Mordecai Walkers about
a Mile from Wainesvilleytf

Where we found ourselves at home & set
down quietly - in the course of this afternoons
ride we had the opportunity of seeing a
very large Rattle snake in the road, making
a very great noise with his Rattler. David
Grave killed him & measured round his
Body with a string, & calculated that it was
8 inch in circumference & 4 Feet in length
8^{mo} 2nd Our Horses are much out of order
David's Mare is much out of order Eliza's
a good deal so my Horses Back is sore &
my Calculation is that a few days more
will settle the Hush with our Horses -
we left Mordecai Walkers & Rode over
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Rooms below Stairs with an Entry but
has not a great deal of Land Cleared
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4th of the month ^{7th of the Week} we went to monthly Meeting
at Centre at 2 1/2 miles from Jonathan Wrights
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The Settlement of Friends in this lower
part of the Country consists of 4 Monthly

1 West Branch by name on Still water
consisting of 5 meetings & the prospect
of another shortly

2 Miami Monthly (at Wainsville) consists
of 5 meetings —

3. Centre — at Todd's Fork & Caesar Creek
alternately

4 Fairfield — at Lees Creek & Clear
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6th we set out early again & rode to S. Davis ^{10 miles} where we Breakfasted much bad roads this morning we crossed Lees Creek & the Rattlesnake Fork of Paint yesterday, this morning 4 1/2 miles computed we crossed Paint Creek both considerable Stream, the land this morning between Smiths & Davis mostly indifferent we passed very near Lees Creek meeting house yesterday & also near William Luptons Latt Mill we continued on about 7 miles where we fed our horses & then proceeded to Chilacotha the Land ~~was~~ for 5 or 6 miles toward Chilacotha is of the first Quality

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the Late Governor of the State of Ohio & had
some Conversation with him respecting the
selling of whiskey to the Indians in this State
he seemed well disposed & said he would use his
influence with the leading members of the
Legislature of this state in order to have a
Law passed to that effect.

7th Elisha & David went to see Worthington
who lives about 1½ miles out of Town they
were pretty well satisfied with their visit
& found very friendly & well disposed to
forward our views respecting prohibiting Whisky
being sold to the Indians after their return
we staid & dined & in the evening rode to
Websters where we lodged.

8 Set out early & Rode to Evans 9 miles
through a beautiful Country & ^{Breakfasted in a} very dirty
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33 miles, about 8 miles back at Brooks tavern
we found an ancient Friend from the lower
parts of Virginia who was moving out to his
Creek settlement & took sick on the road he
had two of his Daughters with him & appeared
as though he would not continue many days
the young Women were comely decent Looking
Friends his name is Gerard Ladd, Elisha
is very unwell we pushed on, the weather this
Day intensely hot we pushed on & crossed the
River Muskingum to Zanesville & put up at
Taylors Tavern

10th The Weather is very hot this Morning &
Elisha overdone so that we have concluded
to dine here to Day we went over the
Muskingum after Breakfast to Isaac
Nankornes to see Mops Dillon. we found
him & went with him to view his mill seat at
the mouth of Licking which is a very
Large Stream & the seat a very good one

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had two of his Daughters with him & appeared
as though heytf would not continue many Days
the Young Women were Comely decentytf Looking
Friends his name is Gerard Ladd Elisha
is very unwell we pushedytf on, the weather this
Day intensely hot we pushed on & Crossedytf the
River Muskingum near to Zanesville & put up at
Taylorsytf Tavernytf 10th The Weather is very hot this morning &
Elisha overdone so that weytf have concluded
to dine here to Day we went over the
Muskingum afterytf Breakfast to Isaac
Vanhornes to see Moses Dillon. we found
him &ytf went him to view his Mill Seat at
the Mouth of Licking which is aytf very
Large Stream & the seat a very good oneytf

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Newels town & staid whilst Elisha
had his horse shod - my Horses
Back was very sore so much so that
I thought it rather cruel to ride
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Weather warm & a probability of more rain
to day. we ~~put up at~~ ^{Breakfasted} Collins's Tavern the
Land thro' the rout Yesterday & this morning
Excellent & pretty well improved generally
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Dined then proceeded 10 miles more
to Myselfmans & put up for the night
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the distance was small but the weather is
warm & the Hills very fatiguing the Improve-
ments at this Tavern are very good &
every thing has the air of neatness & Indu-
stry

20 Set out & Rode to Givers where we Break-
fasted then Rode through Cumberland
about 12 miles & Dined then proceeded
through Old Town to Bells Mills where
we ^logged.

21 Set out early about 8 miles to
a Tavern on the Hills ~~& Dined~~ Breakfasted
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to Breakfast being 10 Miles then to Williams-
port 14 Miles & Dined then proceeded
to Beonsborough & Lodged at Combs Inn
I had pretty hard work to drag Elisha along
this Evening as far as my desire to get
home prompted me.

24 we rose Early & proceeded to Middle-
town 8 Miles where we Breakfasted
the weather very pleasant which has
been so hot & Gusty for about 10
Days Back that Elisha is almost worn
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me & I feel as pleasant & easy as if I had
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Place

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