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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to John Hopkins was where we got across but had to take an upper road. Lodged at a house where we lodged. Partly on the floor before the fire. Part in a bed. No hay to be had. Early next 28th we set out and rode through prairies. The prairies until the whole county except some small pieces of upland intervening. It so cont three this days rout wading thru the mud. Not being able to get for our horses we rode near 60 miles to one townships where we found plenty of the necessaries of life. The country here is very good with excellent bottoms & upland. The prairies we have passed are mostly rich but there is so little timber in many parts that they can be enclosed with fences so
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Transcription

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20 miles to Henry Ellills where
we propose resting some days
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that he would be willing to part with
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thought would suit him if so they ea-
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that we may proceed on with more
satisfaction
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We set out from Baltimore the 21st of the 4th. 1808. Rode to Poplar Spring & Lody. 5th. Rode this Day to Middletown about five O'clock. we put up for the Night at the Sign of Genl. Washington kept by Garn. for Herring—the entertainments good & the Furniture orderly. We were much delighted with the Country between the Catockting & South Mountains. I thought the appearance quite equal to that in the neighbourhood of Frederic-town—The Village we are now resting has a very neat & agreeable appearance & appears to be thriving several new Brick houses having been lately built I more are Building.
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a Spring Issueing from under his house
whichytf turns a mill about 50 yards
below where it rises --ytf
9th & 10th of the Week. Roger 7 miles to Hunter. Breakfasted, then to Harrold 10 miles, dined, & proceeded to 15 miles, while distance 16 miles, distance this day 33 miles.

Our observations, this day generally of the most agreeable kind. The latter part of the Day passed several very high hills, which made our journey tiresome.

We 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 valleys or bottoms along the river very rich produce corn & grass in abundance. Thousands of brushels now lying in the fields having we suppose just been cut in the fall & set up in round 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 Holemans and set up in a valley of good land about 30 miles where we were informed in length
ytf 7th & 5th of the Week Rode 7 miles to Hunters. Breakfasted, thence toytf Hancock 10 miles dined. & Proceeded to 15 Mile creek distance 16ytf Miles whole distance this day 33 miles our observations this day notytf generally of the Most agreeable kind the latter part of the Day passedytf several very high hills which made our Journey tiresome.ytf 8th proceeded, breakfasted on the Hills, then to old town dinedytf &proceeded to Cumberland where we lodged at John Rines a goodytf House and attentive landlord the Valley's or Bottoms along the Rivertf very rich & produce Corn & Grass in abundance thousands ofytf Bushels now lying in the Fields having we suppose just been cut in theytf Fall & set up in rounds Shocks in the same form that we set upytf corn tops --ytf 9th Staid at Cumberland until about 3 oClock rode abut 10 miles &ytf lodged at Houtzmans [delete: next day] in a Valley of God's Land about 30ytf miles we were informed in lengthytf
10th. By the month & 1st of the week rode about 20 miles to Brown's the road Bad & have had snow ever since we ascended the mountain, until within a few miles of the place rain.

11th. A storm of Wind & coming on last night still continues about 3 o'clock set out & dropped the youth again rode 15 miles to Clarks the weather warm toward evening with thunder & some rain met a decent look woman in a desolate place about some miles from any house in search of a stray horse had come about 30 miles & profited they pitched for & went on to Clarks where we lodged.

12th. Rode to Jonas battle where we were kindly entertained.

13th. Set out accompanied by Jonas camped the Monongahela at Crawford 2 rode
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were kindly entertainedytf 13th Set out accompanied by Jonas crossed
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to Henry Hills & stayed the night following had a conference with friend & David Grave concluded to meet us at Cono.

11th set off early rode to Washington where we dined we were much pleased with the limestone country the people appear to live well & the land produce abundantly.

Rode from David Henry Hills 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 Updike's aff, visited Richard Carter & Ebenezer Lane.

21st Day the 18th crossed the River went home with Horton Howard the same evening went in company with David Grave to John Taylors next day being short lack monthly Meeting - after meeting Dined in company with Geo. Elery.
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Dined in Companyytf with Geo. & Maryytf ytf
Hinsley at Jonathan Taylor's in the evening I went home with my Brother & Sister.

20th went to Concord monthly meeting where I met Elisha who had remained at Horton Howard expecting his company on our route. We dined at Bearden 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.

As we set out early rode to Joseph Vanlaurs at Plainfield. David in the mean time seemed the in company undecided whether to go or not but concluded to accompany us about 1/2 mile further 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 1/2 mile & lodged.
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The morning very fine & some while froth we proceeded being in good spirits concluded to reach the Muskingum 40 miles which he estimated about two setting & put up at Taylor's Tavern.

The land, since we crossed the Ohio have been generally good mostly very rich in the neighbourhood of the creek & creek & continued so until we got to to Plainfield where they become inferior in quality tho good farming land farther on we found the bottoms on the several branches of the will creek to be very extensive & the upland the billy pretty good for some miles before we reached the Muskingum the land was level & of an inferior quality but which the roads were excellent; Kaneville on one side & Springfield on the other of the muskinee show what can be effected in a few years by enterprising people being both considerable villages.
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in Damesville 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

24. Rods from Damesville to Lancaster

through Astorable County near Lancaster the lands are of prime quality we stayed that night at Lancaster next morning set out by Rod to explore within about 5 miles of Chillicothe

27. Rod to Chillicothe & breakfasted by being discouraged by the report of the Water 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 insteadent contn we continued on 3 miles
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that if the country is ever settled they must be ditched.

29th we staid until near noon when we set out for Rock about 12 miles, to Wolfr Tavern where we were well eaten.

Fainted through the course of the day we passed the littleBianna a small stream at a mill it was abundant in a narrow stone gutter which contained narrow with a great fall the channel 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 Spring it was large & proceeded out of a lime stone Rock & tinged to everything with a deep yellow with a strong sulphureous taste & is much referred to in the summer season for health.

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at this Considerable Village which they
just below the Junction of Black River with
the great Altiama we breakfasted there
until about 12 O'clock when we started
I 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 of this night excellent good clean
Feather Beds to lie in.

7th. We rode to Stanton another
new Town on the Great Altiama and
Intend staying here until we can ac-
commodate ourselves with a clean to
get with us & provide ourselves with
Grain for our Horses & provision for our
selves, the lands in this route 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 Beech
Kinds & not very useful except the Walnut
ytf at this Considerable Village which stands
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 Felix, 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 Douglas who was very kind & the landlord having no way he furnished us with some of his own freely without solicitation I would not take pay for it. I wish we may make him compensation when we return.

5th 2nd Still at Stanton the weather rainy & endeavour to procure a suitable person to go with us & provision on the way we agreed with a man to go & also with with a Woman to take some biscuit & boil us a ham & intend setting out tomorrow morning with our Guide.
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3rd our man came this morning & begged to be excused, alleging that both himself & his horse were too weak to go. So we admitted his excuse & discharged him. Court began here to day & it rained so much that we concluded the waters would be impassable & meeting with a Man of the name of Thatcher, who agreed to go with us we sent our horse by him about 60 miles to his house at the foot of the mountain. He living on our road & to be ready to advance with us at any time when we should come forward seeing but little prospect of getting forward our inn much sooner. So we went home with Benjamin Siddings. Still water where we were kindly entertained.

4th Day went with the Family about one mile to their weekly
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Meeting, which is an Indus Meeting of about 8 families of the West Branch Monthly Meeting & consists of about 30 families. Still water Meeting being about 6 miles lower down the River.

5th Still raining & no prospect of Proceeding. David Graves went over the River to Still Water Meeting & the I wished to go with, yet as the River could not be crossed without swimming I failed. I went about a mile to a blacksmith's to get my horse shod.

6th Still raining we stay here & the waters so high that we cannot go forward.

7th Weather clear but the water so high we cannot move.

8th Being First Day we went to meeting with the family of the meeting house so small that it will not hold more than half of the members.
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But we were informed that they propose dividing the Meeting & Building 2 new houses this Summer one on each side of the River having often met with difficulty in crossing still water -

On day morning Benjamin Eldings proposed setting out with us & having victuals provided we set out early 8 o'clock to Thatcher's 16 miles, crossed Laramie's Creek & a large Branch of the great Alessi riding thru it being about the saddle skirts, after staying sometime we set out in Company with thatcher & rode to Fleming securing our horses across the second crossing of Laramie's Creek where we put up for the night & slept on the floor.

The land this day mostly good tho' much of it is too flat to settle on before we reached Thatcher we passed several miles thru the woods where the trees were thick with Pigeons, next sometimes 20 or thirty in one tree
But were informed that they propose dividing the Meeting & Building 2 new houses this summer one on each side of the River having often met with Difficulty in crossing still water -- 2nd Day morning Benjamin Iddings proposed setting out with us having victuals provided we set out early & Rode to Thatcher's 18 miles Crossed Loramies Creek & a large Branch of the great Miami riding thro it being about the saddle skirts. after Staying sometime we set out in company with Thatcher & rode to Flins swimming our Horses across the second Crossing of Loramies Creek where we put up for the Night & slept on the Floors The land this Day mostly good tho' much of it is too flat to settle on before we reached thatchers passed several miles thro' the woods where the trees were lined with Pigeons nests [?] some times 20 or thirty in one tree.
10th we set out early 8:00 a.m. to Murray at the first crossing of the River, it being a branch of that River we rode thro without much difficulty after feeding our horses at Murray's & getting a rough repast (I having lost our own provision bag all on the Road), we proceed to Stephen Young 18 miles to the 2nd crossing of the River, when we lodged early next morning we set out & swimming our horses across the River which being very full was run out into the Bottoms so that we had to ride a good way thro the water, riding on it began to rain so that that we had no choice but to ride 40 miles thro a very swampy Country almost an entire level & one swamp so deep that we got thru with difficulty & alarm in passing which Clerk a Tyron lost his hat which his Horse trod in the mud
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hat which his Horse trode in the
mud ---ytf
not one house in the whole distance
we arrived at Fort Wayne in the
evening with time & just up at
a French's Tavern after we arrived
John Johnston Indian Factor came
& invited two of us to his house Elisha
went with him & the rest of us stayed at
the Tavern.
11th we all went to Johnston's where
we staid some time & then went to the
Fort & dined with Captain Herald
who with the other officers were very
kind & attentive we spent the evening
in consulting about the execution of
our Mission & concluded to invite the
Indians to come to the Fort for consulta-
tion & after night had a Conference
with some of the Potowatonomy Indians
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that he had been with the president
who had promised him that he would
send some tools & young men to teach
them to Farm but had not done there.
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that he had set his mind upon it & was much disappointed; we found it very difficult to remove his prejudices, we stated that William Kirk had come to this country last spring with an intention of assisting them but that the Patowatomies Williamsies had refused to receive him & that he had to return back to the Shawanese but he said that he had received no account of his being here & so had not refused him though that he had been neglected.

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We stayed at Fort Wayne until first day morning the 15th when David Grasse & myself set out for Dennis's Nation Eliza Tyson having been taken with the Rheumatic was bled & blistered & not in a situation to ride on acct of the soreness of his blister tho the pain was removed. we had concluded to call the Indians together in 3 days at Fort Wayne & had sent an Indian to the Five Medals town to give Information to John Allen Interpreter for
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David's Horse having failed, we received word that the Hapsasiniacs were drunk and killing one another. We let John go with us. Elisha and Benjamin Fidings arrived in company with William Wells about 3 o'clock. Elisha was very much overcome with the jour-

ney.

The 19th We Walked to Upper Village. This morning visited the White town.
John Johnston was to accompany us to Dennis Station & Massasinneway, but after crossing the River to William Wallis's he could not find his horse so we proceeded on & he was to overtake us if he could get his horse, but we arrived there alone & John Flin came there in the evening & lodged with us at Shaw Griffith's. 16th David's horse having failed we received acct that the Massasinians were drunk & killing one another we let John go with us. Elisha & Benjamin Iddings arrived in company with William Wells about 3 O'Clock, Elisha was very much overcome with the journey. 17th - We walked to the upper village this morning visited the White loony.
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19th. We were busy this morning in making an early start in order to reach the Turtle town on our way to Fort Wayne but rain coming on & it being only a path thro' thick bushes in places we concluded to lie by until morning. In the evening it came on a gust with thunder & heavy rain.

20th. Upon consultation this morning we concluded it would very difficult for us to get to Turtle Town on account of the water being high so sent John Tin. J. Johnston's interpreter to give the Little Turtle notice of time of our meeting & invite him & we proceeded to Fort Wayne we arrived at W. Wells' about 3 o'clock.

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21st. Breakfasted this morning with Bell, walked about & viewed the plantation which is a very good one; it & the neighborhood 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 Weller's House of Indians that have been recently buried; over one of their chiefs stands a pole with a white flag opposite Weller's plantation over the River of St. Joseph, we were shown the ground where General Harmer was defeated & where many of his Men fell in crossing the River, it was in a large Prairie, which would make a beautiful Plantation.
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Wells's Plantation lies in the fork of the Mary and Joseph River, which come together before they arrive at the Fort. The stream then takes the name of the Miami, of the Lake of the Deers about northeast the Joseph runs about N.W. & the Mary about South West. There is plenty of fish in the River of the Cat Bays & Brook Pickerel & Sheep, and we were coming some of the going in Johnston's Store. They are many of them of the most indifferent Quality, Rifle very Indifferent in Quality, a 12 Shells without Steel, traps by the Hundred not worth Six Pence per piece, in short it appears that if more attention is not paid to the Selection of Goods, for the Indian department, our Credit in that quarter will be done at the Indians will endeavour to trade with
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22nd this morning being first day the there is a smart frost which will be pretty hard upon the garden & tender vegetables the fruit doubtless will suffer we went over to W. Wells to dine in company with J. Johnston & the Officers of the Garrison & the Doctor where we had a decent dinner & very good decorum the officers & Doctor with Johnston are all young men it appears to be of sober deportment not one of them ever given to Intemperance in short we have been much pleased & disappointed to find such Characters in the military profession
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Several of the Indians made their appearance one by one, they call Wapatawe called by the French clearpath the most gigantic Savage looking Indian that we have yet seen he is of the Potocatomy, of the Nation minea he was the chief who took the 40 Osage prisoners who the United States lately redeemed at a very great expense the Osages have lately killed ten of Sioux & five of the Delawary if he is breathing vengeance against he has his men he says ready & can stay but a short time with us but must meet them to in against the Osages & it is not thought that it will be possible to turn him from his purpose we dread his company in council as does not appear to have any idea of Civilization that the Bear in the Woods he puts me in mind of some of the
Several of the Indians made their appearance & one of them called Wapakee, called by the French Maupauk, the most Gigantic Savage looking Indian that we have yet seen. He is of the Potowatomi & Sioux Nation mixed, he was the chief who took the 40 Osages prisoners which the United States lately redeemed at a very great expense. The Osages have lately killed ten of the Sioux & five of the Delaware & he is treating vengeance against them. He has his men, he says ready & can stay but a short time with us but must meet them to go against the Osages. It is thought that it will not be possible to turn him from his purpose. We dread his company in Council as he does not appear to have any more Idea of Civilization than the Bears in the Woods. He puts me in mind of some of the others.
Giants, perhaps Hercules himself -
self may be pretty well identified in his person & war clubs he has; but one hand & yet they say there is not one Indian in the country that the Indians fear so much as they do this man - the five medals Turto White Spoon are here. The little has the Gout, or Rheumatism & is hardly expected here. The prospect is very dull one as we are informed that the Tent & five medals are our enemies & will oppose us, the two chiefs at the Wabash, the White Spoon, for the Hapaconaway Indians, & Charley for the Cel River Indians, I believe are both friendly & if it was not for the undue influence that some bad characters have over them & the love of whiskey they might in time be brought into some degree of civilization.
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23. This being the day we had appointed for to hold a council with the Indians & many of them 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 Honton where he had been with several men & horses to purchase whisky 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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to say of not & told Elisha that he
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We read the address of the Committee to them, also the Turtle & five medals speeches upon the subject of Civilization, after which was read an address of our own with the Turtle speech upon spirituous liquors. They were mostly interpreted into the Miami & Potawatomi Languages by William Wells for the Miami, John Flinn for the Potawatomi, after which we went to dinner with Captain Herald & left the Indians in Council amongst themselves in order to prepare an answer to our address. About 2 o'clock they sent us word that they were in readiness to communicate to us their minds, we attended & the five medal, after making some observations replied to Elisha Tyson, observation respecting the proffered aid of Government & said that there was best few of
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—tived at the Hills, at Stephen
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over in a canoe swimming our
Horses, we let our horses run loose in
as fine grass as is common to see &
we spear grasp I would have move
a good swarm. Here is a proof of In-
dian Industry, William Kirk last

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tirely neglected thus the land is
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28th we set out again this Morning I rode as yesterday tho' the rain about 18 miles to Charley Murray's we have been very wet these two days & fell a good deal thoughful 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 as Nice Butter & Corn Bread of her make as need be wished for this is the second crossings of the Stilly where there has been a Garrison the land is good the United States have a reserve of about 3 miles square at this Place our prospect this Morning is gloomy in the extreme but Elinda & David seem intent to go to Napokuntah the town where Williams Kings Lives contrary to my desire which was to proceed directly Home.
ytf 28th. we Set out again this Morning & rode as yesterday thro the rainytf about 18 miles to Charley Murrays we have been very wet these two daysytf & fell a good deal through feel about our Health but we have a Floorytf to lie on with a good fire at our feet. Murray has an Indian Woman forytf a Wife we eat as nice Butter & born Bread of her make as need beytf wished for. this is the second crossing of the St. Mary where there hasytf been a Garrison the land is good & the united states have a reserveytf of about 3 miles square at this Place. our pro-pect this morning 29thytf first day is gloomy in the extreme but Elisha & David seem intent toytf go to Wapakunetah the town where William Kirk lives contrary to myytf desire which was to proceed directly home--ytf
John T. Flint Interpreter for the United States Factory who accompanied us thus far & Benjamin Iddings left us to go on to Stillwater 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 Wapuecanata the town where Williams Kirk resides but on examination we found it too dangerous to venture so we concluded to set out homeward we set out about nine O’clock in company with Murray & his Indian Wife who accompanied us about 6 miles to see a great 2 Creeks that appeared were expected to be too high to ride we crossed the ford of the Hell Magn Swimming in our horses & rode to Kings where we stopped & ammied Creek Swimming our horses as before then to Thatcher’s 9 mile where we lodged on the floor
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as we have done ever since we left Still Water.

29th we crossed Lomami Creek again swimming as usual and rode to Lower Pickaway where we fed our Horses then proceeded to Still Water to Benjamin Iddings where we took some refreshment then shipped Still water to Sam Jones swimming our Horses, we were kindly entertained.

Staid there during the night till about 10 o’clock
Set out in company with our kind host toward Dayton intending to stop at Benj. Oving’s Sam Jones accompanied us about 4 miles & left us if we arrived at B. Oving’s about 12 miles the road, mostly very two the land during this Road (being near Still Water River) was excellent & many Mill seats on pretty good streams proceeding from springs generally falling over a high bank of 30 to 40 feet
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There was one Mill Built & preparing for another, many of the settlers are preparing to live handsomely. This perhaps is as good a settlement as almost any we have seen. There is a meeting about Stilt Water & one about on White Water belonging to their Branch Monthly Meeting. Stilt Water is navigable about many Miles above the settlement of Friends, our horses are much faded & we propose staying here, we lodged here & were kindly & well entertained.

On the 1st we set out about 8 O'Clock by Pole to Stanton about 5 Miles through very rich land & a tolerable road we enjoy the River & feed our Horses at Reeds where William Kirk lay sick. I 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 Station in a few Days, we set out from Stanton near Noon of Pole through a good Country to Montevali Walkers about a Mile from Wainesville
There was one Mill Built & one More [delete] preparing for another. many [delete] of the settlers [delete] are preparing to live handsomely. this perhaps [delete] is as good a settlement as almost any we have seen. there is 4 meetings about Still Water & one [delete] on White Water belonging to West Branch Monthly Meeting Still Water is navigable [delete] many Miles above the Settlement of Friends. our Horses are much Jaded & we propose staying here. we lodged here & were kindly & well entertained 6 mo the 1st we set out about 8 OClock & Rode to Stanton about 5 miles through very rich Land & a tolerable road we crossed the River & fed our Horses at Reeds 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 hope that he would be able to go to his Station in a few Days. we set out from Stanton near noon & Rode through Good Country to Mordecai Walkers about a Mile from Wainesville
Where we found ourselves at home & set down quietly - in the course of this afternoon ride we had the opportunity of seeing a very large Rattle snake in the road, making a very great noise with his Rattle. David Grave killed him & measured round his Body with a String, & calculated that it was 6 ft. in Circumference & 6 ft. in length.

Our Horses are much out of order. David's Mare is much out of order & suits a good deal so my Horse Back is sore & my Calculation is that a few days more will settle the Horse & our Horses.

We left Horace Walker & rode over the Little Miami to Abijah O'Neal, where Joel Wright resides. They both accompanied us to Jonathan Wright about 10 miles, he has a fine tract of land & a saw mill built & expects to build a Grist Mill this Summer.
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2. Alliance Monthly at Wainsville consists of 5 meetings.

3. Centre - at Todd Fork & Casard Creek alternately.

4. Fairfield - at Sisson Creek & Clear Creek alternately 3 Meetings for Worship.

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6th we set out early again & rode to T. Davis' 16 miles where we Breakfasted. Much bad road this morning we crossed Deer Creek & the Rattlesnake Fork of paint yesterday. This morning 14 miles computed we crossed Paint Creek both considerable streams. I am this morning between Smith & Davis's mostly indifferent. We passed very near Deer Creek meeting house yesterday. I also near William Luptons last Mill we continued on about 17 miles where we fed our horses, then proceeded to Chilcothe. The land for 5 or 6 miles toward Chilcothe is of the first quality.
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we went in the evening to see Edward Tiffin, the late Governor of the State of Ohio. I 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.

The Elder David went to see Washington who lives about 1 1/2 miles out of Town; they were pretty well satisfied with their visit. I found very friendly, well disposed to forward our Views respecting prohibiting whiskey being sold to the Indians after their return. We staid, I dined in the evening rode to Webster's where we lodged.

We set out early, to Evans, 9 miles through a beautiful Country & a very dirty House, thence 10 miles to Lathers, where we dined. He has a large & delightful plantation. After dinner we passed through new Lanes, about 3 miles, I put up for the Night.
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We proceeded on to New Lancaster about 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 allshingum to Lanesville & put up at Taylors Tavern.

The weather is very hot this Morning & Elisha overdone so that we have concluded to dine here to Day we went over the allshingum after Breakfast to Isaac Nanhine to see Coffee Dillon, we found him & went him to view his Mill Seat at the allshouth of Doctors which is a very large stream & the seat a very good one.
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The fall about 6½ feet he said he had another above with a saw mill erected & one still higher up being about 20 feet from the mouth of the creek where there was about 20 feet fall where he purpose erecting a Furnace his property here appears to be very valuable but it will require an immense sum of money to improve it to advantage whether his resources are commensurate for that purpose I must leave we returned to Danville & Dinig then set out & rode about 16 miles where we lodged at Spears Tavern 11th we set out early & rode about 7 miles to Mills creek where we breakfasted then rode to Washington about 10 miles where we dined the weather excessively hot rain coming on we were in doubt whether to move or stay but a township election being held for choosing justices & the people beginning to drink whiskey & talk loud we decamped & rode
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about 7 mile, when another show coming on we stop'd at Roger's tavern & lodged. 12th set out the roads very slippery so that we rode with difficulty & Breakfast at Bradshaw. After Breakfast we rode to Joseph's Valans near Plainfield meeting house arriving about one O'clock we put up for the Day & were very kindly entertained.

13th Set out next Morning & Rode 5 miles to St. Clairsville, mostly called Newela town & Staid whilst Alisha had his Horse Shoe—my Horses Back was very sore so much so that I thought it rather cruel to ride & therefore i exchanged him with Josiah Dillon (who is a Senator for the Hale of Ohio) for a Bay Horse of his after Smart Money we then proceeded to Morton Howard about 12 miles where we found John Witcher & his Wife Ellary.
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to Horton Howards about 12 Miles
where weytf found John Witchell &
his Wife Maryytf
Staid there until about 3 or 6 O'clock when we set out intending for Beeson. Too bad a gust coming we stopped at William Dison's about 5 miles short of the town & staid there during the night.

18th we set out early & rode to Union Town and arrived about the sixth hour. The weather warm & no probability of movement. Breakfasted at Collins's Tavern. The Sand thru the road yesterday & this morning excellent & pretty well improved generally we passed over the Laurel Hill & Dined at Inks; then proceeded & crossed the Youquagans over the bridge about 4 miles to Peter Lenhard's brother to Henry in Baltimore & lodged.

19th Set out early thro Bad roads & Rain to Brown's 5 miles where we Breakfasted the land for 20 stiles. Back pretty good & thickly settled.
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We rode to Tomlinsong about 10 miles by Dined then proceeded 20 miles more to Muselman's & put up for the night.

Elisha appeared very much outdone tho' the distance was small but the weather is warming the hills very fatiguing the Improvements at this Tavern are very good & every thing has the air of neatness.

20 Set out & rode to Furn's where we Breakfasted then Rose through Cumberland about 12 miles & Dined then proceeded through Old Town to Bell Mills where we Stopped.

21 Set out early about 5 a.m. to a Tavern on the Hills & Dined Breakfasted there after making a Halt at 15 miles check we proceed but rain coming on we stop about 5 miles after the rain ceased we proceeded to Hancock 10 miles where we Lodged at Ben's.
We rode to Tomlinsons about 10 Miles & Dined then proceeded 10 miles more to Musselmans & put up for the Night. Elisha appeared very much outdone tho the distance was small but the weather is Warm & the Hills very fatigueing the Improvements at this Tavern are very good & every thing has the air of neatness & Industry. 20 Set out & Rode to Gwins [?] Where we Breakfasted then Rode through Cumberand about 12 Miles & dined then proceeded through Old Town to Bells Mills where we lodged. 21 Set out early about 8 Miles to a Tavern on the Hills Breakfasted thence after making a Halt at 15 Mile Creek we proceeded but rain coming in we stop'd about 5 Miles after the rain ceased we proceeded to Hancock Willits here we Lodged at Bean's.
23. Set out early & rode to Huntens to Breakfast being 10 miles then to William & put 14 miles & Dined then proceeded to Boonsborough & Lodged at Corns Inn. I had pretty hard work to drag Eliza 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 Eliza is almost worn out but it is nothing but exercise to me & I feel as pleasant & airy as if I had been sitting at home.
ytf 23rd. Set out early & Rode to Hunters to Breakfast & being 10 Milesytf then to Williams -port 14 Miles & Dined then proceeded toytf Boonsborough & Lodged at Comers Inn I had pretty Hard work to dragytf Elisha along this Evening as far as my desire to get home promptedytf me.ytf 24 we rose Early & proceeded to Middle -town 8 Miles where weytf Breakfasted the weather very pleasant which has been to hot & Gustyytf for about 10 Days Back that Elisha is almost worn out but it is nothingytf but exercise to me & I feel as pleasant & easy as if I had beenytf sitting at Homeytf ytf ytf ytf
Sam Leage
Ben Pearson

Nebo Gant near Mainsville Hill Wright.

The corn to be left with those now residing in the Neighborhood of the Place.
Graffiti
1847 to Lightfoot
Towenship - Half Mile
on the Road
10 m. Wolf 12 Mlly
from Charles Town
Hepburn's take

I think Thomas
should have taken
the country paper
rather than the daily
If the Tartars one day were pleased & willing one Day to receive I actually encourage Will Kirk to proceed to their town what could have changed their minds to order him to return next day without consulting with any of their people.
in short why does he make the Indians believe that he does all for them derogatory to our credit who have expended several thousand dollars when it does not appear that he has not expended one cent of his own money without remuneration.

Michael B.
Transcription

ytf
If Stinchcomb who is hired by government assisted well Nicks to build a house for the use of the Indians what right had William Wills to to that house if Nicks bought and owned ground 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 annuities why does he sell it and put the money to his own use.
Transcription

ystf
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 thing enough if you will. Brothers we are sorry to hear that some of you drink much whiskey which will make you sick & will destroy your lives.
Transcription

ytf
your Brother the Dealing wish to do all they can to help you but brothers if you will get drunk we cannot help you because you will not think as high what we have to say to you,

The General assembly of the State of Ohio meets at Chillicothe the 4th Day of the

12th. 180

Gen. Nathan Massie

invent the order of Nature
Transcription

ytf
paid John North
165 Dollar Note  8353
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At the Wabash they had
120 Horses & about 50
Horned Cattle -
Brothers of the Miami of Piankashaw Nation, we have come at the request of our Brothers of Baltimore to see you, & take you by the hand & have read the talk to you, and we are glad to see you here at this time.

David Payne & Benjamin Judges,
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 are doing, and how you were learning to till the ground & raise grain & cattle for food for yourselves & your Women & your Children.

Brothers, we thank the great Spirit for bringing safe to you, we have been to Dennis's Nation on the Wabash, we were glad to see that some, our red Brothers are like to do well there. I 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 they 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 it was not possible 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 Delegates in Baltimore a few years ago.

Brothers, We thank a mill to grind your grain & a saw mill to make planks for your use. How was it of great use to you if you are willing to give enough of your annuity for that purpose, when we return we will soon know the result of what you are willing to do. From our Brothers in Baltimore & from you in Baltimore to this town.

I will inform you what they say next fall, when if they are willing we think you may have the mills built next year.
Brothers we wish you to remember that you have requested us to show you how to work. We have sent men for that purpose not to work for you but to show you how to work for yourselves if you intend still to endeavour to learn if 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 away if you may help yourself.