Joshua Sharpless (1740-1826) was the son of Benjamin and Martha (Mendenhall) Sharpless. Sharpless married Edith Yarnall at Middletown Meeting, Pennsylvania in 1768. Sharpless later removed to New Garden, Pennsylvania, where he worked towards the abolition of slave holding among Friends. In 1784, the family bought a farm in East Bradford and Westtown townships. In 17897 he was appointed to a Committee to visit Friends in Upper Canada.
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On the 12th day of the 10th of 1797 after a very humbling time with my dear Wife and Children I left home in order to join a Committee of our last Yearly Meeting appointed to visit some friends in Upper Canada and parts adjacent. My dear Wife bearing me company as far as my son-in-law, Benjamin Cooper, I went that evening to Nathan Sharpless's where by agreement I met with Jacob Lindley and James Wilson two of the aforementioned Committee.

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14th. Northwest wind and pleasant day.

attended Maiden Creek Meeting, which upon the whole was a refreshing time. Dined at John Hammea, the Meetinghouse, having me last evening with Oliver Paxton, and this Morning with James Langstaff, two friends of our Number, making up now five in all, after a comfortable opportunity of John Stans, we set off towards Murphey in about three miles, upon a considerable eminence, we had a bold and noble view of the Blue Mountain at about 8 miles distance.
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We came to the Mahony Mountain, the prospect from the North side of which was much like that of Tufkororo, the valley or Valley was deeper and more directly down beneath our feet, for half 600 feet, the next mountain was called the little Mountain, the thought to be higher than any of the rest, the ascent and descent from these are not very steep. The covered with loose and small stone, the road from thence to Cateuiye is most of it very rough. Lodged at John Leys 40 miles, the land from Lamburgh to this place is chiefly mountainous, poor, and stony, and very little settled. There are a number of settlements about in Crow Creek Valley yet the face of ground appears thin, stony, and not desirable.
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timber a Mixture of White Oak, ytf Pitchpine,
&c, and the Land in general very good.
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19. At first at break of day, a fine morning, I set out at the foot of the Laurel hill 9 miles the Road left and I hir'd up a Branch of the Lycorman, which we crossed. Upon the road, two times, I have had this morning to admire the productions, the remarkable lofty, towering pines, the Hemlock, Spruce, Sugar Maple, and a variety of other lofty timber, no man to receive and carry them of, so that they fall into their Mother Earth, and the multitude of trunks of Trees that lay across one another is truly admirable, many of the white pine trunks appear to have lain in that situation for more than half a century, grown over with moss, the seeds of the trees danger to the Map have taken root, grew to be trees 50 or 60 inches over, while the log under them remained, the Valley through which we passed is narrow with very high mountains on each they all above the road.
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Clothed with an admirable load of timber, so that a person who has not been acquainted with such an appearance would scarcely be able to form a just Idea of it, we mounted the hill which proved very high, and first passed through a Chief Ridge about 9 pm then entered a vast Forrest of Hemlock, Spruce &c. So thick that this a clear day yet it appeared like the Dusk of the Evening, we presently in a few miles came into a very great quantity of Sugar Maple, many of them from 2 to 3 or 3½ feet over 40, 50, and 60 feet fit for Sawing, also a vast quantity of beach and Birch, Fed at the Blockhouse 9 miles on a Branch of Pine Creek, from thence to a Branch of Tjoag River where we fed 10 miles, thence to Lambs on the Side of St. Rivers 15 miles.
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landlord he informed us of one but more
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off, we then turned our faces that way
and in about 9 or 10 traveling we stoped at a certain Job Howling
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Landlord he informed us ofytf one or one more
who Lived at Mudytf Creek about 10 or 12 miles
off, we thenytf turned our faces that way
and in about 9 m travelingytf
we stoped at a certain Job Howlingsytf
to enquire the way, he told us it was
to far to reach that evening andytf a kind-
ly invited us to stay all night, which weytf
accepted of, found his Wife a Member and very kind
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rich strong land in other places thin,
much of theytf way is Low flat Country Landytf
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Friendly Man about 12 miles from thence, we then went to Nathan Constantial 5 miles, Pa with his family, his wife a Member; thence to Abraham Hupham's 2 miles had a refreshing Opportunity with his family. Lodged there. 7 miles
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tal Wilderness, wet and could, without fire, without Shelterytf or Beding, more than what a Rock afforded, yet we com-
torted ourytf selves in being so happy as to find so good a Shelter, we felt as much forytf our Horses, as for ourselves, the Woods afford -ed but littleytf provision, and that was cover-
ed with Snow, so that after giving them ytf some Corn, we tyed them up till Morning and Changing some of our Wetytf Clothes, we endeavoured to take some rest, and tho it was Cold, wetyf Lodged more com-
tity more comfortly than could be expected, slept pretty well, ytf took little or no cold, and set our Journey cheerfully next Morn-
ingytf 36 miles ytf ytf ytf 1st day 29, checkPlaceytf it snowed a little all night, and continued this Morning yet by 8 or 9ytf O Clock the Sun, to our great Joy, made its appearance, and our roadytf for the most part good, we pursued our Journey ytf
5th day the 26 attended an appointed Meeting at Nathan Comstock's, 2 miles. It was a Solemn Opportunity, at the close of which we desired that those in religious love, affection, and those who had their minds turned towards friends, would keep their seats, to whom Council and instruction was administered, the number who stood was perhaps 40, one half of whom were not in membership but divers of them appeared among seeking people, went in the Evening to Jacob Smith's on Mud Creek 6 miles here we had a religious Opportunity with him and his Brother Joseph Smith's family, this stage our religious Services in these parts.

6th day 2nd of Fair. Niagara, fed at Flagg's 16 miles got to the River 8 miles here we expected to have been supplied with Fats but could not find it. Coroner's Date, we then went back about one mile and with difficulty got some corn, we had to take to carry us to Buffalo.
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intended to have stayed all night at the River, but finding there was about 3 miles on our way, that it was at least 30 miles to Buffalo Creek, we thought best to try to get there, but the Prospects were very discouraging, as it was like to be a dark Rainy Evening and the sun not above an hour high; when we got over the river, we set off and then we 2 several Roads; in the course of 10 or 12 miles we took a wrong one and after 2 miles traveling, when inquiring, we were told there were miles to our intended quarter, a good house was a little to the left, but upon trying, there could not get quarters, it was now near dark, a dark Rainy evening and miles of a small path in an unknown Woods to traverse, we had a little Moon in our favor, yet in about 5 miles it grew so dark that we frequently missed our path and we had but little prospect of getting to our post, the thoughts of having to sit by the side of a tree and hold our horses in the rain without fire until daybreak was trying; yet through mercy or safety, we got safe quarters, but there was neither hay, nor fodder for our
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On the 31st at John Gilbert, who appears to be an innocent exemplary friend, has 5 children of whom 3 are nearly grown up and are hopeful, and three are from home who are in their minority, he has latterly buried his wife; he is a member of Buckingham Monthly Meeting we have since met with one of his sons who was from home, he is an apprentice to a friend, and is an honest, full young friend.

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The Canada side several Miles, a pleasant ride being beautified with the River on one hand and good improvements on the other, and in some 3 or 4 miles left this delightful Prospect to encounter a miserable swampy road, with some firm stony Land, and in 8 or 10 miles arrived at Asa Schuylies one of our friends which was truly satisfactory to us all, being weary, dirty, and wanted recreitive. Our coming was unexpected to our friends yet truly acceptable and were received with open hearts 14 miles to our coming was unexpected to our friends yet truly acceptable and were received with open hearts 14 miles. 3rd day the 31st checkPlace sat at John Cutlers Gilberts whose son to be an innocent exemplary friend, has 5 children at Home three of whom are nearly grown up and are hopeful, and three are from home who are in their Maturity, he has latterly buried his Wife and he is a member of Buckingham Monthly Meeting we have since met with one of his sons who was from home, he is an apprentice to a friend, and is an hopeful young friend Man thence sat at John Herits neither him nor his Wife are in Membership, they are thoughtful persons, and profess no other way.
then sat at Daniel Bounds', him and his wife are exemplary friends and have seven pretty innocent children who are all small, him and his wife were discovered by Plainfield Monthly Meeting they appear to be in a tender thought
ful condition and are desirous to make up with friends, none of their children have a right

we then sat at Joel Morrisey's, he has never had a right among friends but we think he is hopeful and in a thoughtful tender state, his wife was deformed by Nature照料 Monthly Meeting they have 4 small children woman is in a tender thoughtful state, hence we met with Abraham Lane a single man and a member, may do well, he is a member of Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting

Sat at Aja Schuyler's, he and his wife are exemplary friends, and members of Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting, they have several hopeful children but none of them have a right of membership, ledged here.
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Our next opportunity was at Joseph Marsh's. His wife never had a right among friends, but is a tender, open, Inocent, woman, and a real friend in principle. Joseph was disowned by Plainfield Monthly Meeting for marrying, he is desirous to condemn his outgoings and we hope from a right concern the have saved pretty Innocent children, the Oldest not ten.

we sat at Abraham Webster's who with his wife are members of Providence Monthly Meeting, they have eight children who are in membership, they appear Innocent and hopeful.

Then sat at Adam Burrell's, neither him nor his wife ever had a right among friends, they attend Meetings, and are looking toward friends, and appear hopeful.
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went in the afternoon up the north west side of Lake Erie to Theodiah Dennis's who lay very low, she and his wife are members of Kingwood Monthly Meeting with their five children who are under 15. We had a beautiful ride about four miles on the Beech up the side of Lake. The sand near the water is very hard and smooth and what to me appeared very curious was the elevations that were frequent along the side of the lake some of them 40 or 50 feet high 10 or more pears broad covered with timber and yet we were informed they were perfect sand hills blown out of the lake, which upon inspection appeared to really the cause Lodged at Daniel Hounds 10 miles 6th day third a warm smoky morning and so thick an Air for several days past that the sun scarcely made its appearance, went to Ro Schueffer's 22 miles, having visited the families of Friends, and such the country with us in these parts we set out to see the few families down the
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Tears, feeling thankful that we had it in our power thus far to administer relief, we cheerfully proceeded on our journey, hoping the large creek ahead would be fordable, but on our arrival our hopes appeared frustrated, for it was very high and appeared Hill to be rising, and it was too wide to make a Bridge across by falling a Tree, we explored the stream up and down but discovered no place more eligible than the common fording, and there, tho not much above belly deep, we believed not safe to pass, by reason of its great rapidity, and some 20 or 30 sandbars mighty below a mighty fall of perhaps 50 or 60 feet, to sit down by it to wait for the water to fall, was trying, and there was no house within than 12 miles and we had but just Provision with
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as we desired, so if the day suited to
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miles and got to William Lundy's,
who was once a member of King and month
ly Meeting but for years past, disowned, his
wife and children never had a night, we
were kindly entertained, but there isn't a
little prospect in d family of any
strength to the society arising the pro-

2 2/4 miles

That the week a rainy morning, went
to Jeremiah Nooke's 3 1/2 miles, who
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Because to John Taylor, he was disowned by the Falls Monthly Meeting.

His wife and two hopeful children are members of Adderbury Monthly Meeting, she appears to be a motherly concerned friend.

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8th day was a pleasant day, the Snow nearly gone by evening, the Roads very wet, about six miles deep and heavy like the breaking up of the frost, stopped at John Hills and got dinner, lodged at Jeremiah Moore's, 12 miles.

5th day the 9th a pleasant day, walked 12 miles to Thomas Mercey, a Person who came out of Jacob Lindley's neighborhood about one year ago, they were much pleased with our Company, and gave us a Breakfast exceeding any we met within Canada, having excellent Green.
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Rain so that it made it very unpleasant and the bank, or hill down to the Table Rock where intended to have descended was so Sleeted over with Ice that proceeded that was produced from the damp of the falls that it appear-ed unsafe to go down, we had a pretty fair prospect where we stood, being perhaps 50 feet above the water higher than where the great pitch of the falls decended, it is hard to discribe the appearance and motion of the water it came down with great rapidity to where it projected off, they we were informed that the sheet was not the same thickness but appeared in places was 16 feet thick in places to be 16 or more feet, I could not see the place bottom of the sheet by reason of the fog or mist that arose from the great fall of water, the we were informed that one part of the pitch was within six is 4 or 5 pearches feet father up the stream than it was nine years ago and appears to be gradually wearing, stoped at the Widow Birchels who has an extraordinary Merchant and Saw Mill on the rapids about 80 pearches above the great falls, the race is 80 pearches long taken out of the
great River, and has in that distance ten feet Head and Fall, it is truly an awful sight to view the River from the Mill door, now leaving this wonderful Phenomenon, we had a cold ride up the River, and got to left two Schoolies where we lodged 21 miles. we have now visited all the families, or nearly 50, of friends or such as one had a right, had four Meetings amongst them feel easy to set out across homeward but how we shall get along must be left as it has been tending threatening all day for snow, and this evening it is falling very fast.

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of Cake, and for their further relief supply gave
them twoytf Dollars, our sympathy and kind-
ness very much Affected the Poor Womanytf
and we parted with her in bathed in
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ment 22 miles
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a little cloudy, set of very early and
in 5 or 6 miles we had a Smart Snow
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Forewarned we were informed by an
Indian, it was by far too deep to land.
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Indian Village which stood on the
East side of said stream, and was
perhaps 4 miles further.
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formed there were about 150 Indians
in said Village, the have but a few hours
for that number, there were two hun-
derd log houses pretty neat and tight
perhaps 50 feet long, and they were
stored full, with several other small
huts near by, after some small repre-
sentation at a dirty Frenchmans house
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took us over one by one with baggage, and cold as it was we swan our horses through, and in about 16 miles traveling we came to an Indian Wigwam, not so good as we met with last night, yet tho' we had an hour of sun, we thought it best to take our quarters, having had a frozen frozen day to ride and likely to be a very cold snowy night, time was necessary to provide with wood &c. which we got completed and ready to bed down before a comfortable refreshing fire, before dark, hence we hoped a very cold night, as cheerfull and pleasant as could be expected, feeling more for our horses, than our selves, the Woods afforded little but snow and leaves, we therefore both last night, and this, after giv ing them some oats tied them up
took us over one by one with our baggage, and Cold as it was, we swam our horses through, and in about 16 miles traveling we came to an Indian Wigwam, not so good as we met with last night, yet, tho we had an hour of Son, we thought it best to taking up our Quarters, we here having had a frozen day to ride and likely to be a very cold snowy night, time was necessary to provide with wood &c: which we got Compleated and ready to set down before to a Comfortable refreshing fire, before dark, here we passed a very Cold night, as cheerfull and pleasant, as could be expected, feel -ing more for our horses, than our selves, the Woods afforded little but Snowy and Leaves, we therefore both last night, and this, after giv-ing them some Oates tyed them up
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entertainment accommodations for
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heavy timber, to Stoney creek 9 miles
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of Limbs, thence 2 miles to the plains
again through heary Timbrelled
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pretty high and very good, thence over
4 or 5 miles White Oak plains, thence
to the side of Tonevante, a heavy tim
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land, 6 miles, thence 14 miles through
land similar to the last described,
thence 10 miles to the Gansbee mosty
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mostly plains, thence to a small stream at the east end of the large plains 10 miles, thence to They Indian Village at Tonewanty 14 miles about ½ way plains the remainder heavy timbered land and some of it a-mazingly rich, there are Black Walnuts about the Tonewanty four feet over, 50 or more feet high holding their Thickness clearly of limbs, thence 8 miles to the plains again through areyf heavy Timbered Land in places swampy, some of it pretty high and veryf good, thence over 4 or 5 miles of White Oak plains, thence to the side of Tonewanty, heavyf tim-bred, deep, and in frequently swampy land, 6 miles thence 14 miles through Land similar to the last described, thence 10f miles to the Ganssee mostly a barrelyf plains yf yf yf
16 day the 19 a Cold frozen night, and a Snowy day, the Morning was trying and disencouraging, set of by the way of Williamsburgh 14 miles through a beautiful wheat Country, not much under timber, and we go'd Coffee for Breakfast for the first time since we left Newy there to Danville 19 miles over a very Beautiful rich Country we thought much of it superior to any we hoped over and very Curiously situated having an high Steady ridge or mountain on our left and the Conneffraggy a Branch of the Genesee on our right with a Beautiful Vale, the trees hill and vale was like a dienghill, abounding with very large Walnut, Shellbark Hickory's a mixture of White Oak Ash Pe the whole of the 19 miles abounds with lively Streams rushing with a rapidity down from the mountain that every Plantation on Stakes of the land with pleasing be Sufficiently Supplied with Water, lodges of Samuel Faulkner where we met with very good accommodation
6 day the 17th a Cold frozen night, and a snowy day, this Morning was trying and discouraging, set of by the way of Williamsburgh 14 miles through a beautiful wheat Country, not much under timber here we got Coffee for breakfast for the first time since we left Munsey thence to Danville 17 miles over a very Beautiful rich country we thought much of it superior to any we passed over and very Curiously situated having an high steady ridge, Mountain on our left, and the Connesscragy branch of the Genesee on our left and right with a Beautiful Vale, the high hill and Vale was like a dunghill, for richness abounding with very large Walnut, Shellbark Hickory with a Mixture of White Oak Ash &c. the whole of the 17 miles abounds with lively streams rushing with great rapidity down from the sd. mountain that every Plantation may be sufficiently supplyed with Water and taken of the land with pleasure lodged at Samuel Faulkners where we met with very good accommodations
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Sun the most of the day which we esteemd a favouer having but few
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Bath one flat much of the way down the
Waters of the Cohocton the and is very
deep and Miry and scarcely at this
time passable the other called the
Mountain Road and was rightly
denominated we thought it would
be better to encounter the Mountain
than the Mud but truly such a Road
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we had to encounter this Rock and
romantick scene which with all
the Industry we could use cost us six
hours hard Travelling the whole
way was continued Mountain
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of a mile up and almost immedi-
atly as for down generally so steep
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esteemed a favour, having but few
such days for nearly three Weeks, there
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we had to encounter this Wild and
romantic scene which with all
the Industry we could use cost six
hours hard Traveling, the whole
way was one continued Mountains
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of a Mile up, and almost immedi-
ately as far down, generally so steep
that it was with the greatest difficulty our horses kept their feet and I found myself frequently under the necessity of taking hold of my horses tail to help me up, many of the mountains were so loaded with spruce and hemlock that at noon day, the bright sun and the ground covered with snow, it looked like twilight to look up the North side of them, and in many places there were such a number of trees blown across the path that it was with the greatest difficulty we got round or over some of them, and in some places though up on the mountains, we were nearly to the horses bellies in mud and for 18 miles in this wild roman thick scene, not so much as one cabin was to be found, the it abounded with deer, bear, and wolf tracks, we got to Bath with great industry in the
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the foremost Tavern, could get no hay for our Horses, which upon
enquiry was thebtation of the
in Town, that the capital of the
other Publick Houses, we therefore
were under the Necessity of riding
Six Miles further to Mud Creek 32on
1st day, the 19th still continued cold and
snowed hekntimes all day, went to
the Post, Where we got our Break;
Iast thence up the waters of the Sus
Quehanna, to the Widow Lindley's
Where we intended to have taken up
our Quarters, but they had no Oates, very little Corn, and but poor Hay,
we therefore proceeded 5 miles
further, up the Tygoga to Halfbreys
the but Poor Accomodation, yet
they were very kind, in this day's
travel we have seen 4 deer near
by, and a multitude of their Tracks
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the foremost Tavern, could get
no hay for ourytf Horses, which upon
enquiry was the situation of the
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where we intended to have taken up
our Quarters, but they had noytf Oates,
very little corn, and but poor hay,
we therefore proceeded 5ytf miles
further up the Tyoga to Salsbury’sytf
tho but poor accommodations, yet
they were very kind, in this daysytf travel
we have seen 4 deer near
by and a Multitude of their tracks
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we have crossed four large streams of the Susquehanna, each of them we judged as large again as Brandywine they were all of them more than Belly deep, and we felt truly thankful considering the great fall of rain that we are safely over them 29 miles — here we met with two travelers that had just come from the Blockhouse, they informed us the road there was so bad that it cost them two days traveling, which and that we could not reach there in one day the but 35 miles, this information was very discouraging for their was no stage or house short of 23 miles, yet upon considering the circumstances we concluded to make a trial of going through in one day, and if we failed to live in the Woods, Cold and Snowy as it was
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concluded to make a trial of going
through in oneyf day, and if we failed
to lye in the Woods, Cold and Snowy as
it wasyf yf yf yf
2d day the 20 started just as day appeared, a cold frozen morning. We ran a Load of Bread to make use of provisioned, we should have went desireous to be surprized with some bread to lie on the Woods, we tried our landlord, and nearly every house we came by for ten miles, but they unanimously informed us they had no Bread left, by them, we Stopped at Lamb's the last House in that Settlement, but one, fed our horses and gave Breakfast, and then with Industry reached the Blockhouse by sunset. Our living of late has been poor, both for ourselves and horses, this is the second night out of four that they have to do without Hay, and we have had no Wheat or Indian Bread for two days, and when often to drink our Tea without Sugar, we could get no Milk this Evening, not so much as to put a little in our Coffee, nei.
2nd day the 20th. Started Just as day appeared, a Cold frozen Morning.

We wanted loaf of bread to make use of provided not knowing but we should have to lie on the Woods, were desirous to be provided with some bread tried our Landlord, and nearly every house we came by for ten Miles but they unanimously informed us they had no Bread baked, by them, we stoped at Lambs 10 miles the Last house but one, in that settlement fed our horses and got our Breakfast, and then with Industry reached the Blockhouse by sunset our living of Late has been poor, both for ourselves and horses, this is the second night out of four that they have had to do without hay, and we have had no wheat or Indian Bread for two days, and when often to drink our Tea Without Sugar, we could get no milk this Evening, not so much as to put a Little in our Coffee.
ther had we butter to eat with our
and our venison was froze without fat.
Buckwheat Cake. And last Evening
there was nothing on the Table but
Mush and Milk, this has been a trying
day to our horses, as I mentioned the
Morning was Cold and frozen, and
our Road led up by the Side of St.
orge River, and we had it to cross,
seven times to day and once yes.

in 25 miles
Frequently Billy deep and
Sometimes more 25 miles, and where
we left it fast, it was nearly as
Bandywine, I had like to have forgot to
that after we had fed the second time
which was at Petersfords Camp 15 miles,
where there is no house, cleaning the snow
of the Graps to give our horses their Oates
which was trying to go in so Cold a Con-
dition we repair to thus in the Snow
and partake of our little Morshall Day
off any miles after this, when we were ente-
ing on our discouraging road, we
met a poor distressed family, being
a man and his wife, and five small
Children, two of whom rode with the Mother.
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day to our horses, as Iytf mentioned the
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sometimes deeperytf  Moreytf inytf 25 miles and where
we crossed last it last, it wasytf nearly as large as
Bandywine, I had likeytf to have forgot to note
that after we had fed the second timetytf
which was at petersons camp 15 miles, from the last stage
where thereytf is no house, having to cleaning the snow
of the Grass to giveytf our horses their Oates
which was trying to us thus to wait in asytf our Cold a Con-
dition asytf we were in, toytf beytf thus in the Snowytf
and pertake of our little Morsall, I say
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ring on our discouraging road, we
met a poor distressedytf family, being
a Man and his Wife, and five small
Children, two of whomytf rode with the Mother
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one with the Tatters on a large pack of something and two by themselves. Some of them without stockings cold as it was, to see that these in their distress much helpless, and lumbred condition, had surmounted all the difficulties as to badness of road that here before we, we felt our spirits animated, and thought we had no cause in our well prepared state to entertain the least discouragement, the family above noted had lain in the woods last night without any camp, the ground five inches deep with snow, and the weather so cold that abundance of ice was floating on the waters we had crossed, and they would have to encounter the same trials this night as they could reach no house, 3rd day they set off as soon this morning as was safe, in hopes we should be able to reach a friends house this evening, which was very desirable, the morning was cloudy and very cold, and we had a rough high country for 10 miles to travel
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some of them were withoutytf Stockings Cold as
it was, to see that those in their distressed,
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had surmounted all the difficultiesytf
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have to encounter the same trials thisytf
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ted with hemlock, that it afforded every little
view through some openings the tops of the mountains appeared

Prospect, the others was just as we be:

gan to descend from off the Laurel Hill.
this Prospect was truly grand, we appeared
to be above the tops of the Alleghenies which

roll up in a very romantic and wild
appearance, the view was very extensive
and the elevations appeared to be almost
without timber, so that with the help of fan-

they looked like improved farms, hav-
ing many places the appearance of Square
Fields, with hedge rows, and divisions, but

I have no expectation that these inhospitable
regions will ever be a habitation for any
thing but the wild Beasts of the Forest, and the

Fowls of the Air, at the back of the Laurel

hills 4 miles in the snow, there being no house, here our

Road leads us down a beautiful Branch of the

Lecomong the very much choked with
drift wood, some of our company had the

curiosity to count how many times we
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perhaps ten times more, these waters make a brake through what is called the Alleghenies, and the vale in many places, particularly be: fore we come to the main stream, is not more than 6 or 10 pearsches wide and the Mountain rise on each hand remarkably high; so that our traveling was almost letterally, under the Hills and Mountains, for 10 miles here we got our Dinner, hav: ing Bear Meat and Denlers frizd up to gather, Tea without Sugar, with good Wheat Bread & Butter, in nine Miles from hence we finally left the Lycomingo a beautiful stream we thought about as large as two of Brandywine, and in six Miles we crossed the White Rock a lovely stream per haps nearly as large as two of Lycomingo and got to Samuel Wallaces, neary where we were kindly, and Hospitably enter tained, and the treat was very great every great between our entertain ment here and what we have latterly met with, our Beds ever since we came from the Schoolies in Canada, have been a small proportion of straw mostly on
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of Trees, except Boards instead of Sacking. Bottom, except when we lay in the Hudson. Work, they mostly appeared dirty, uniformly without any Sheet over us, but in lieu thereof a Rough Coarse Blanket; our meat has been Steadily Fry'd. Banquet sometimes pretty good, our Bread for 160 or miles, with some small exceptions, has been indifferent. Buchan Cake, our drink almost ever since we Left home has been Water, Bohea Tea is much used in Canada, which they drink very strong, with or without Sugar, as their Stomach holds out, they have a great Plenty of Sugar Maple, of which some of the Inhabitants make a sufficiency for themselves, but we found a number of them out, not withstanding this was their situation, they could lay the Table for their friends, set down with as much composure, as if all were compleat, which counted a piece of Philosophy worth Labouring after.

4th day there a Northeast Wind, and a Cold Wet Morning, our horses, and our Selves being weak and wanting some rest and being among friends here upon
ytf of straw, except Boards instead of socking Bottom, except whenytf we lay in the Woods on Bark, they mostly appeared dirty, uniformlyytf without any sheet over us, but in lieu thereof a Rough Course Blanket, ytf our meal has been steadily fryed Veneson sometimes pretty good, ourytf Bread for 100 miles, with some small exceptions, has beenytf indifferent Buckwheat[tt] cakes, our drink almost ever since we leftytf home has been water, Bohea Tea is much used in Canada, which they drink very strong, with or withoutytf Sugar, as their store holds out, they have a great Plenty of Sugarytf Maple, of which some of the Inhabi-tants make a sufficiency for themselvesyt but we found a number of them out, not withstanding this was theirytf situation, they could lay the Teatable for their friends, & sitytf down with as much composure as if all were compleat, which I counted aytf piece of Philosophy worth Labouring afterythf ytf Cold Wet morning, our horses, and our selvesyt being weary and wanted some rest and being among friends hereytf upon ytf
when Conference we thought we should feel not easy to see Friends in most of the meetings on this side the Mountains, except Oliver Paxton, who felt his mind bound to get home to their Quarterly Meeting, and James Langstaff, was free to go with him for company, we parted with great nearness & heart felt affection on having traveled in much brotherly love, united in the same cause, Brothers in Jeopardy, and Perils, both in the Wilderness and among great Waters. Now having got thus far safely through and among our friends, our hearts were enabled to help the Lord for his manifold favour, and under a sense thereof to bid each other farewell.

5th day the 23 a rainy wet day
at William Ellifoss, where he arrived this Morning 3 miles.

5th day the 23 a rainy wet day, attended Mersy Meeting, dined at William Ellifos 2 miles, went to Fishing
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t creek that Evening, William and wife hearing us company, lodged at Jacob Neyton's 16 miles.

6th. 28 a Northwest Wind and pretty clear, Went to Refreshing Creek Meeting 2½ Miles, which was a comforting refreshing Opportunity and my soul was enabled to Worship in secret, dined at John Creeks near the Meeting house, and with industry got to late: Supper that Evening, having the Susquehannah to Crofts 15 miles, Lodged at John Doers house where we were kindly entertained by his wife being a neat housewife, both the supper and Bed arraigned it.

7th. 24 attended the Monthly Meeting at Kateriwee, which was a long meeting time in the forepart but life gradually rose under the Ministry of Mr. J. till I thought I had never experienced the like it was a memorable time and ended well, and the Business of the Monthly
ytf Creek that evening, William and Wifeytf bearing us company, Lodged at Jacobytf Cleytons 16 miles ytf ytf ytf ytf 6th 23 [sic] ytf a Northwest Wind and pretty clear. Went to Fishingytf Creek Meeting 2 ½ Miles, which was a comfortinglytf refreshing Opportunity, and my soul was enabled to Worship in secretlytf dined at John Eveses near the Meetingytf house, and with industry got to Cate- wissee that Evening, having the Susquehannah to Cross 15 mile, ytf lod- ged at John Loyds where we wereytf kindly entertained, his Wife companion being a neat houseytf wife, both the our supper and Bed evinced it ytf ytf ytf 7 day the 24 [sic] ytf attended the Monthly Meeting atytf Catewissee, which was a low exercising time in the forepart, ytf but life gradually rose under the Ministry of J.L. till I thought I had ever seldom ytff experienced the like, it was a memorable time, and ended well, and theytf Business of the Monthly ytf
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sitable. Dined at Nathan Lees near the Meeting house, and Lodged Bezaleel Hayhers. He lives on the edge of what is called the little Mountain, his House is the last we come to in Roring Creek Settlement.

2nd day. The 27th, a clear cold morning, soon after we set off we ascended what is called the little Mountain, of which to the Westward there is a grand, and very extensive prospect, we overlook all Roring Creek Valley, the Susquehanna down as low as Northumberland, and over the tops of Hursty Mountains, quite to the Alleghenies, we were fully con-
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ment to my Mind, Lodged at Pemroseville,  
1½ miles  
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see Francis Romin who was very well  
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quantity of floating Ice that covered the  
surface of the Stream and the depth of  
the Water, we waited near half an hour  
for the Boat, put the Ferryman after  
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White Oak Plains through the do.
to Tonawanty
to the Plains
to Stony Creek
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Michal Mosyers 1:2.3 ytf ytf Geo: Raver 16 quarts of oates ytf 4:0 ytf ytf 1 pint of Cyder of Oates ytf 0:2.0 ytf ytf at Mud Creek ytf 1:13.4 ytf ytf at Bath 19 quarts of Oates at 6
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do Samuel Lee 4.6

do James Langstaff 1.10.0

do James Wilson 0.6.8

do Oliver Packton 1.17.6

Jacob Lindley 17 Pence
York Money 1.2.6

for 2½ Buffels of Corn 0.13.0

for 5 Fareidges over Crimey 0.6.0

do 18 Quarts of Corn and Buck

Wheat 0.9.0

horses at some preaching 0.8.6

Lodging 0.1.0

at Buffalo 5 Supper and Lodging

horses at hay one night and 82 Oats

do Corn 0.19.6

Crossing Niagara River 4 each 1.0.0

for Rates of the River 0.3.0

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Jacob Lindley

Settled all the above accounts
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ytf ytf ytf ytf 6 11 ytf ytf ytf at Buffaloe allytf nightytf 0: 19 :0ytf ytf ytf Crossing the
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wardsytf ytf ytf 11mo 10ytf of Oliver Paseton sixytf dollarsytf 2:30ytf ytf ytf ytf ytf of Ja
Michal Mosier ... 1 2 3
Geo. Hawes 16 Quarts of Oats ... 4 0
1 pint of cider Royal...
2 James Sykes all night ... 1 16 4
James Langstaff paid 2 18
16 lb of Oats at the Black Horse ... 0 6 8
at Samuel Bartlet ... 5 15 7
at Lindley's York Money ... 5 15 7
at the Covention Pott for 4 Sheaves of Oates ... 0 2 0
at Mud Creek ... 1 13 4
at Both 19 Quarts of Oats at 6 ... 9 6
at Ephraim Sanford's Hay and Oats ... 5 0
at Thomas Lee ... 0 8 0
at Judge Potter's all night ... 1 8 6
at Gilbert's for 1 bushel of Corn ... 8 2 0
at Canadarque for 1 do of Oats ... 0 3 0
at Hay's 1/4 of Corn ... 0 1 6
at the River for 2 1/2 Bushels of Corn ... 0 13 0
20 Quarts of Oats at 7 2 ...
20 Blend ... 0 6 8
5 Shillings over Cherokee ... 0 5 0
at the River for Oats... ... 1 3 0
An account of what expenses we were from Canada homewards for 4 bushels of Oats at Alay’s School 1:4:0
At Wilbords for Corn and Stalks 0:8:0
At Buffalo all night......  0:19:0
Crossing the Niagara River   1:0:0
8:11:0
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an account of what money I have received since we set out faces homewards
11mo 10 of Oliver Paxton six dollars 2:9
of Jacob Lindley at the river 1:0
of James Wilson for 1/2 of corn 0:12
of Jacob Lindley at Fortannary ... 0:14
of Joseph Hill ... 1:7:7
of Jacob Lindley at Faxes 1:14:0
of do. at Williamsburgh 0:15:0
of James Langstaff 5 dollars $:0:0
of Jacob Lindley at Mud Creek 1:12:0
of Do at the fort ... 0:18:0
of James Wilson ... 0:7:6
of Jacob Lindley ... 0:10:0
of James Langstaff ... 1:10:9
of Oliver Paxton ... 0:13:0
At Fox’s 5 suppers at 2/6 0.12.6
horses 2/6 0.12.6
5 horses all night at 2/6 0.12.6
32 Quarts of Corn and Oates at 4d 0.10.8
5 horses at hay at 2/each 0.10
32 Quarts of Corn at 4d 0.10
5 suppers at
An account of what expences we were from Canada homewards:

for 4 Bushel of Oates at Mr. A. Shood's 1.4.0
for his Son for care of our horses... 0.4.0
his Daughter for Dashing... 0.6.0
at the river & a Bushel of Oates... 0.3.0
5 bridgges across the River... 1.0.0
at Buffalo at Suppers 2 1/6... 0.15.0
6 Breakfasts at 2 1/6... 0.15.0
6 Dinners at 2 1/6... 0.15.0
6 lodgings & nights at 6... 0.6.0
6 horses at hay at 6... 0.3.0
2 a Bushel of Corn... 0.4.0
1 1/2 Bushels of Corn at 8... 0.12.0
at Lanes b horses a day 24 hours... 0.12.0
at Lanes do. still at Buffalo b Breakfasts at 2 1/6... 0.15.0
b Suppers at 2 1/6... 0.15.0
6 lodgings at 6... 0.3.0
3 peeces of Corn at 2... 0.10.0
to a poor family in distress... 0.10.0
at Toronto, b bridgges at 16... 0.3.0
5 hents of milk at 2... 0.2.0
6 things... 0.3.0
at W. Morris for corn and Nath...
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ytf at the Blockhouse

ytf ytf 5 suppers at 2/6 ytf 0. 12 ytf ytf ytf 36 Quarts of Oates at 5d ytf