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, the 1797, after a long humbling time with my dear wife and children, I left home in order to join a committee of our last yearly meeting appointed the visit some friends in upper Canada and parts adjacent. My dear wife bearing me company as far as Mr. Benjamin Cooper, I went that evening to Nathan Sharpless's where by agreement I met with Jacob Lindley and James Wilson two of the said committee.

13th a pleasant morning the wind southerly, dined at John Scarlets in the forest 20 miles, passed over a rough hilly country up the waters of the Brandywine, much of the land then the Colonies by some good plantations, pretty well improved, passed through the east end of Little Conestoga valley a fruitful spot, the hills abound the forest very steep, and in places covered with stones, from Scarlets to Schuykill 5 miles.
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burgh a smart town, thence among the Mountains up the side of the Schuylkill where the woodlands was wild and romantick and in 5 or 6 miles opened to a fine plantation on one branch of the Schuylkill where we took upon quarters in a good habitation in the house of Mr. Michael Moses the road for the most part pretty good.

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one mile we crossed nearly another
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large as the former. we then Stopped
and fed our cattle and horses, at the Wi-
dow, were much pleased with
our repast having had nothing
since we left the Widow's besides what our bags afforded except
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too far to reach that evening kindly invited us to stay all night, which we accepted of, found his wife a member and very kind
we had a sitting with them that evening, the land from Thomas Lees to
Canadarque is some places very
rich strong land in other places thin,
much of the way is low flat country land
to wet for wheat, but little pine for
20 miles past the mostly heavy timbered.
From Canadarque to this place very
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very flat and wet, the greatest body of timber, Elm, Beech, Sugar Maple 27 miles.

31st. In conference this morning I opened with greatest clearness to appoint a meeting to be held next day at Nathan Harrington's. Friendly man about 12 miles from thence, we then went to Nathan Constable's 5 miles. To with his family, his wife a Mem; thence to Abraham. 5 miles, had a refreshing opportunity with his family. Lodged there, 7 miles.

4th. Attended the Meeting at Harrington's 8 miles. The it was not a time of holding an instructive opportunity. Thence with the family where the meeting was held, lodged of Treasurer Smith's over Mud Creek, his wife a Mem; he was one of the first settlers in these parts, his cabin remains covered with Bark, the logs of his House are chunked but not planed. We had pretty good Beds, otherwise I thought the Openess of the House was a prepara- tion to our lying in the Woods, which we expect shortly to encounter. The land in these parts mostly flat, a deep rich soil, so that the wood are mostly wet and heavy, the chief body of the Timber is Poplar, some of them the finest I ever saw, Ash, Beech, Sugar, Maple.
Very flat and wet, the greater body of Timber chiefly Elm, breech, & Sugar maple. 27 miles.

2d 24, checkPlace in conference this Morning it opened with greatest clearness to appoint a Meeting to be held next day at Nathany Herringdan’s a Friendly Man about 11 miles from thence, wey then went to Nathan Cornstalk’s, 5 miles sat with his family, his Wife a Member; thence to Abraham Lapham’s 2 miles had a refreshing Opportunity with his family Lodged there, 7 miles.

9 miles tho it was not a time of reigning, yet an instructive Opportunity, Dined with the family where the meeting was held, Lodged at Jeremiah Smiths over Mud Creek, his Wife a Member he was one of the first settlers in these parts, his Cabin remains Covered with bark, they logs of his house are Chunked but not plastered. I we had pretty good Beds, otherwise I thought the Openness of the House was a prepartation to our Lying in the woods, which we expect shortly encounter the Land in these parts mostly flat, a deep rich soil, so that the roads are mostly wet and heavy, the chief body of the Timber is Poplar, some of them the finest I ever saw, Ash, Beech, and Sugar Maple. 9 miles.

4 day 25 attended the Meeting at Herringdan’s.
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5th day the 26 attended an appointed Meeting at Nathan Cowstalk's, 2 miles. It was a sole favoured Opportunity of the kind of which we desired that those in religious fires, [illegible] and those who had their minds turned towards friends would keep their seats, to whom council and instruction was administered, the number who were there was perhaps 40, one half of whom were not in membership but divers of them appeared as tender seeking people. went in the evening to Jacob Smith's on Mud Creek 6 miles there we had a religious Op: opportunity with his and his Brother Joseph Smith's family, this Cland: or religious services in these parts 6th day set off for Niagara, fed at [illegible]; 66 miles got to the river 8 miles here we expected to have been supplied with Oates but could neither get Corn or Oates, 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 30 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 the proving several Roads in the course of 2 miles we took a wrong one and after 2 miles traveling when inquiry found we were wrong, had 7 miles to our intended quarters, a good house was a little to the right, but upon trying, could not get quarters, it was now near dusk, a dark Rainy evening and miles of a small path in an unknown Roads to traverse, we had a little moon in our favour, 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 set by the side of a tree and hold our horses in the rain without fire until daybreak was trying; yet through mercy we got safe to our quarters, but the rain was neither hay, nor father from ladder for our
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that it was difficult getting along, over the Woods continuing remarkably thick and abundant of fine tall timber of under stuff, that it was a trying day to ride, for near 20 miles of our road was through a Beech and Sugar Maple land, which is mostly a deep rich soil, and wet, much of the way was very swampy, so that be between the Snow and the Mud, we were in a wet dirty condition, and the progress of Riding down when Night came upon the Snow without Shelter looked very trying, yet we went on pretty cheerful, taking a bit of Victuals in our hands wet and cold as we were, while our horses eat their Corn out of pieces of Bark that lay in places by our path, when Evening came we espied a large Rock, near the Road, which projected both feet over at one side, and the Back part sufficiently secure from the Storm, here upon viewing it we concluded to take up our Quarters, some of us went to gathering Wood, which was wet and Snowy, but to our great disappointment, after we had got our fire so forward after blazing it was.
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3d day the 31st at John Gilbert's who appears to be an innocent exemplary friend, has 5 children at Home of whom are nearly grown up and are hopeful, and three are from home who are in their minority, he has latterly buried his wife & 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 man.

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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 recuperative our coming was unexpected to our friends yet truly acceptable and we were received with open hearts 14 miles to.

3rd day the 31st check Place sat at John Cutlers Gilberts who appeared 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 Minority, 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 a 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 Tounds, him and his wife are exemplary friends and have been pretty innocent Children who are all small. Him and his wife were discovered by Plainfield Monthly Meeting. They appear to be in a tender, thoughtful condition and are desirous to make up with friends. None of their Children have a right.

We then sat at Joel Morris'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 smallpox. Monthly Meeting is in a tender, thoughtful state. Here we met with Abraham Lane, a Single man and a Member. He may do well. He is a Member of Three-family Monthly Meeting.

At Dea. Schuyler's, he and his wife are exemplary friends, and Members of Schuyler and Monthly Meeting. They have several hopeful Children, but none of them have a right of membership. Laided here...
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4th day 1st. He 17th. Sat with Joseph Heaven, him and his wife appear to be steady exemplary friends. They have two children grown to manhood, who are hopeful, the son married John Hilly's daughter, as near to the common practice of friends as circumstances would permit. He lives at home with his father, and they are an hopeful couple.

Our next opportunity was at Joseph Marsh, his wife never had a right among friends but is a tender, open, innocent woman, and a real friend in principle. Joseph was disowned by Plainfield Monthly Meeting for marrying, he is desirous to condemn his out goings and we hope from a right concern the have seen pretty innocent children the oldest not ten.

We sat at Abraham Wobbi's, who with his wife are members of Ringwood 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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5th day 2d of term — Attended a meeting that was appointed to be held at Mrs. Schuyly's, the friends of people generally attending it was pretty large, it was an open time, and Gospel truths were delivered from good authority, some time was spent in endeavouring to strengthen and assist them in bringing things into order, and in the holding of their meetings to the reputation of our profession many of them parted with us in near affection, being much contrite.
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went in the afternoon up the northwestern side of Lake Erie to Phileah Denny's who lay very low, she and his wife are members of Kingswood 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 the 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 case.

Lodged at Daniel Rounds 10 miles.

6th day third & warm Smokey Morning and so thick an Air for several days past that the Sun scarcely made its appearance, went to Bos Schoother 2 1/2 miles, having visited the families of friends, and much the worse off with us in those parts we set off to see the sea families down the
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in a Northward direction from hence in about 8 miles we came to the great River Niagara, thence we went down 1/2 close on its Banks about 16 miles, the Ride was delightful, having the beautifull Stream on our right, which glided smoothly along, a good Road under our feet, and mostly improved and chequered on our left with pretty good improvements, in about 12 miles we crossed a large Stream called Chippaoy a number of good improvements are planted near its mouth, a little below the mouth of this Watts the River begins to hasten its pace, and in about 1 mile it became considerably Rapid the road kept nearly on a level but the bed of the River gradually descend'd until it became very Roman tick so that I have not words to express its grand, and Majestic appearance, its boldness, its rapidity, its clothing, and flying appearance, so that
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were much joied in the seeing us
Its dashing that it appeared looked was all in a foam flying in places twenty or more feet high, looking as as white as a sheet and all this, ten times as much more before we came to the grand perpendicular falls Catarack, the day being very Smoky, and little rainy we had not so full a view of the great falls as desired, on proposing if the day suited to spend a little more time when we returned, as near as I could compute, this very wild, romantick, and foming condition of the river it began about ¾ of a Mile above to the great precipice, we left the River and in about two miles and got to William Lundy’s who was once a Member of Kingwood monthly Meeting but for many years past, disowned, his Wife and Children never had a right we were friendly entertained, but there is but little prospect in sd. family of any Strength to the society arising therefrom to Jeremiah Moore’s 3 ½ miles, who were much Joyed in th seeing us
him and his wife are concerned from Sadlbury Monthly Meeting...seven innocent affectionate children.

5 miles

then sat at Benjamin Hills, he is a member of Buckingham Monthly Meeting and his wife of Sadlbury Monthly Meeting, they are young and I hope may be useful friends, they have four children.

went to John Hills, 1 mile were we lodged; he and his wife are members of Buckingham Monthly Meeting, they have two children at home, members.

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Moore’s is a high, dry,ytf Sandy loam,
mostly improved, from thence to this
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but thinly Timbered, the remainder
flat, heavyytf Timbred and appeared
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biddly & White Oak Timber the most beautiful, both for Quantity and Quality that I have seen since I left home.

14th day the 5th a hot Stormy Morning and increased with the day, snowed in the afternoon, attended an appointed meeting with the few friends in this Neighbourhood, it was a solid instructive Opportunity, Heavenly goodness was near, and the Meeting closed, to general Satisfaction, we had a tendering time in the afternoon in Conference with them concerning their Situation in I hope they gained some strength, they have not as yet been in the practice of hold any meet- ings for Worship, their being but few in number and very scattered, I see felt our minds strengthened to encourage them to press through difficulties and meet together to wait upon and Worship the Lord Almighty, believing it would be to their strengthening would if
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 rightly performed, be of a good favour in the neighborhood

21st the 6th, a pretty morning, and I noticed the latter part of the day, set of to see friends at the Short Hills, stopped and set of John Darlins 6 miles, his wife was disowned by the falls. Monthly meeting and her husband never had a right. They were kind, but not much for use of their oding strength to friends. They have 6 children. 5 miles.

Then set to Joshua Gillams, he was disowned by Middletown Monthly meeting for marrying, his wife a member. They have three small children. Joshua is thoughtful about his situation and desires to be united to friends which we encouraged; we also met with Thomas Gillam he was disowned by Middletown Monthly Meeting, his wife never had a right.
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9 of the clock and 1/2 of Samuel Taylor, he was disowned by Sedgley Monthly Meeting and his Wife by Kingwood 2d they appear pretty hopeful and send Acknowledgments with us to the several Monthly Meeting to Condemn their old going's, they have 4 small Children
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4th day the 2d pleasant day, the snow nearly gone by evening, the roads very wet, about 10 miles deep and heavy like the breaking up of the frost, stoped at John Hills and got dinner; lodged at Jeremiah Moores, 12 miles.

5th day the 9th a pleasant day, walked 12 miles to Thomas Merceyes, 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 with in Canada, having excellent Green...
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We then went to the River, a mile about 3 miles below the great Statorack. The river was not more than 20 barches wide both above and below. 3 fathoms it was. We went in a romantic and narrow passage. The bank on each side was about 100 feet high and in good condition, got our horses thro this morning. Dined at Jeremiah Moore's, attended an appointed meeting held in an house near the great falls, built by the neighbours in general for any who choose to hold a meeting in it. It was a Quiet well conducted Meeting, and Great Truths delivered with good Authority, the Meeting was held for those of other societies. Lodged at William Gundy's 4 in 6th day the 9th a Cold frosty night, Cloudy morning and like for snow, set off for Black Creek. Stopped to View the Great Falls, the ice Southeast blew the fog or mist that stood in the fall of the water, over us, which fell in small
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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 WonderfullThinominyThinominy, we had a cold ride up the River, and got to a little Schoolie s where we lodged 21 miles we have now visited all the families, or nearly so, of friends or such as one had a right, had four Meetings amongst them, feel easy to set out once homeward but how we shall get along must be left as it has been too threatening all day for snow, and this evening it is falling very fast.

We found residing at Black Creek pretty compact, the two families were about 40 or 5 miles from the rest, 7 families, who were in membership with friends, and appeared very orderly with a number of hopeful children divers nearly or fully grown up making in the whole 38 persons, and five families who profess with friends
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to expect that before long there will be a road opened between these places which will not contain more than 14 or 15 miles.

7th of the week 11th a rainy Morning not more snow fell last night than about two inches deep, wrote a number of letters to some friends in this neighbour. Land, and feeling our minds easy to return, we made preparations to pass homewards, the had not the season been so far advanced we would have been easy to have stayed a few days longer, about 11 O'clock we left our tender friends at Black Creek with hearts full of gratitude that we had been amongst them, and some of them bone us company as far as of the River, where we arrived about 2 after two O'clock having rode about 8 miles down the Beech on Lake Erie, we were free in number, and the wind blowing high and
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when we got safe on our shore lodge.
12th day, 15 miles.

1st day of the 12th, we lay last Evening
near the town, and their falling much
rain, it was so plainly heard, that the
difficulty of passing through the village
where there are a number of large
creeks, without bridges, and no house to
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our accommodation here has been pretty good except our Lodging, which was a narrow frame scarcely room for two to lay on their Back, with Boards instead of Packing bottom with a very thin Strawbed yet Oliver Gasston and myself has Occupied it three nights pretty comfortably and expect to try it the fourth, it is in an upper Chambers next the Roof.
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3rd day 1, a blustering night, but I pretty pleased. Morning, all in health, and with an early start set off cheerfully homewards, came to the water that turned us back yesterday. The very rapids crossed pretty readily, here lay a poor family in distress, they came from Buck County and were going into Canada,Rain, and high waters had detained them several days in this wilderness; their journey had been tedious, and their money spent, and what was more trying their provision was run out, and no place to supply it. Still they got through, they were encamped by the side of the rapid stream that we had just crossed, we endeavoured to comfort them, letting them know they were nearly through, where there was provision to be had, and an immediate relief spared them a small loaf of bread, and gave the children some fish pieces of cake, and for their further supply, gave them two Dollars, our sympathy and kind help very much affected the Poor Woman and we parted with her in bathed in
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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 taking our quarters, having had a frozen frozen day to ride and likely to be a very cold night. 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, here we hoped a very cold night, as cheerful and pleasant, as could be expected, feeling more for our horses, than ourselves, the Woods afforded little but snow and leaves, we therefore both last night and this, after giving them some Oates tied them up.
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18 day the 17 & Cold frozen night, and a snowy day, the morning was trying and discouraging, set off by the way of Williamsburg 14 miles through beautiful wheat country, not much under timber, then we got coffee for breakfast for the first time since we left Hurly thereon to Danville 15 miles over a very beautiful rich country we thought much of it superior to any we had over and very curiously situated having on a high steady ridge or Mountain on our left and the Conneffragy a Branch of the Dan on our right, a Beautiful Vale, the timber hill and Vale was like a den with abundance with every large Walnut, Shellbark Hickory with a mixture of White Oak Ash & the whole of the 15 miles abound with lively streams rushing with rapidity down from the mountain that every Plantation man or Planter of the Land with pleasure be sufficiently supplyed with water, lodged at Samuel Faulkner's where we met with very good accommodation
6 day the 17th checkPlace

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at noon day, the, a 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 diffi-
culty we got round or over some
of them, and in some places though
up on the Mountains, we were
ready to the horses bellies in mud
and for 18 miles in this wild roman-
tick scene, not so much as one cabin
was to be found, the it alternated with
deer, bear, and wolf tracks, we got
to Bath with great industry in the
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 these Mountains were so loaded with spruce and hemlock that at noon day, tho a 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 tress blown across the path that it was with the greatest difficulty we got round or over some of them, and in some other places tho high up on the mountains, we were nearly to the horses bellies in Mud and Ice and for 18 miles in this Wild roman-tick scene not so much as one Cabin wasy to be found, nor I suppose ever will tho it abounded with Deer, Bear, and Wolf Tracks, with other Wild Beasts we got to Bath with great industry in the ytf
Dusk of the evening, weary, cold, and hungry, but lighting at the foremost tavern, could get no hay for our horses, which upon inquiry was the designation of the other public houses, we therefore were under the necessity of riding six miles further to Mud Creek stream 1st day the 17th still continued cold and snowed kettles all day, went to the post where we got out Breakfast then thence up the waters of the Susquehanna to the Widow Lindsey's where we intended to have taken up our quarters, but they had no pote, very little corn, and but poor hay, we therefore proceeded 5 miles further up the Tioga to Halfway the but poor accommodations, 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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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 had 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 there 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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24th day the 20. started just as day appeared, a cold frozen morning. We saw a loaf of bread to make use of provisioned. We should have went desire we to be supplied with some bread to lie in 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 stop'd at Lamb's the last house in that settlement but one, fed our horses and got breakfast, and then with industry reached the blockhouse by sunset our living of date has prove, 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 checkPlaceytf Started Just as day appeared, a Cold frozen Morning.
We wanted loaf of bread to make use of provided not knowing but we should try 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
other had we better to eat with our 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 the George River, and we had it to cross eleven times to day and once yes: in 25 miles frequently Belly deep and sometimes more 25 miles, and where we left it last, it was nearly of large as Bandywine, I had like to have forgot to note that after we had fed the second time which was at Petersfond Camp 15 miles, where there is no house, cleaning the snow of the Graps to give our horses their Oates which was trying to us in so Cold a Con-
dition we remade, to them in the Snow and partake of our little Morfall, Day few miles after this, when we were conti-
nuing 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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Children, two of whomytf rode with the Mother
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one with the Father, on a large pack
of something and two by themselves,
Some of them without stockingscold as
it was, to see that those 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 animates, and
thought we had no cause in our well
provided state, to entertain the least
discouragement; the family above note
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
water 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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of something, and who by themselves,
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eminences the first was so thickly enclo,
with hemlock, that it afforded very little
view through some openings the tops of the mountains appeared.
Prospect the other 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
rose 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 lan-
ey they looked like improved farms, hav-
ing many places the appearance of Square
fields, with hedge rows, and divisions, and
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
Trees of the Air.
At the foot of the Laurel
Hill a mile
in the snow, there being no house, here our
Road led us down a beautiful Branch of the
Lehigh, the very much choked with
drift snow, some of our Company had the
curiosity to count how many times we
crossed it eight miles, where it united
with the main Branch, and the made about
28 times, and the Lehigh itself we crossed.
over, on which there were three remarkable
eminences the first was so thickly enclosed
with Hemlock that it afforded very little
Prospect, beneath our feet, through some openings the top of the mountains around appeared the other way
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cy they looked like improved Farms, hav-
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regions will ever be the habitation of man for any
thing but for the Wild Beasts of the Forest and the
Fowls of the Air, fed at the foot of the Laurel
hill 9 miles in the snow, there being no house, here our
Road led us down a beautiful Branch of the
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drift wood, some of our company had the
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crossed it eight miles, where it united
with the main branch, and the made it about 28 times, and the Lycoming itself we Crossed
perhaps ten times more, these waters make a brake through what is called the Alleghenies, and the vale in many places, particularly before we come to the main stream, is not more than 8 or 10 paces wide and the mountains rise on each hand remarkably high so that our traveling was almost literally swimming. After 10 miles here we got our dinner, having Bear Meat and Potatoes fried up to gather, Tea without Sugar, with good Wheat Bread & Butter, in nine Miles from hence we finally left the Lycominga stream, we thought about as large as two of Brandyswine, and in five Miles we crossed the Lyallock a lovely stream, perhaps nearly as large as two of Lycoming and got to Samuel Wallace's, where we were kindly and hospitably entertained, and the contrast was very great, very great between our entertainments 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 staves, except boards instead of sheathing. Bottom, except when we lay in the Hudson. Drosh, they mostly appear dirty, uniformly without any sheet over us, but in lieu thereof a rough coarse Blanket, our meal has been steadily good Bowling sometimes pretty good, our Bread for 100 or miles, with some small exceptions has been indifferent. Buchwheat cakes, 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 stock 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 completed, which counted a piece of Philosophy worth labouring after.

4th day there a Northeast Wind, and a Cold Wet Morning, our horses, and our Selven being weak and wanted somewhat and being among friends here upon
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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 Lanestaff, was free to go with him for company, we parted with great nearness of heart felt effect on, having traveled in much Brotherly love, united in the same cause, Brothers in Jeopardy, and Devils, 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 undertook a journey thereof to bid each other farewell.

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

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6th. 25 a Northwest Wind and pretty clear. Went to Bethesda Creek Meeting 16 Miles which was a comforting refreshing Opportunity and my soul was enabled to Worship in Spirit and in Truth.

Dined at John Eagles near the Meeting house and with industry got to bed at 10 P.M. Also that Evening having the opportunity of going to Lingos 12 miles lodged at John Eagles where we were kindly entertained his wife being a neat housewife, both of whom and Bed evinced it.

7th. The 24 attended the Monthly Meeting at Bethesda, which was a long refreshing time in the forepart but life gradually rose under the Ministry of D.L. till I thought I had ever 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 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 secretytf 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 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 seldomytf experienced the like, it was a memorable time, and ended well, and theytf Business of the Monthly ytf
Meeting was transacted in a good order; there are a large number of pretty exemplary concerned friends belonging to this Meeting, I believe there is no monthly Meeting within the compass of our yearly Meeting that takes in so large a scope of country as this, and the members are still spreading wider; we were informed there are upwards of one hundred and eighty families within its compass, and I fully believe it will be right and conduce to the cause of Truth and righteousness for a division of the Month Meeting to take place before long, also for a preponderate to be established at Fishing Creek, Dined at John Loyds and lodged at Charles Chapman's 2 miles.

15th day the 26 a clear day and northwesterly wind, we had the opportunity of seeing three Wild Deer, out of the friends Boardhouse we lodged, they
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passed very quietly along, we also saw another large Buck coming up the road toward us, as we were riding to Roaring Creek Meeting, which we attended. It was large, and I hope fine. A suitable dinner at Nathan Lees near the Meeting house, and Lodged Bezelle Hayhers, 4 miles he lives on the edge of what is called the little Mountain, his house is the last we come to in Roaring Creek Settlement.

2nd day there 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 Roaring Creek Valley, the Susquehannah down as low as Northumberland, and over the Tops of Munfey Mountains. Quite to the Allegenies, we were fully convinced when on the top of this Mountain that we were in a colder region, than when on the Plains, for
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House is the last we came to in Roring
Creekytf Settlementytf ytf ytf ytf
we set off we ascended what is called theytf
little Mountain, of which to theytf Westward
there is a grand, and very extensive
prospect, we overlookytf all Roring
Creek Valley, the Susquehannah down
as low as Northumberland, and over
the Tops of Munsy Mountains Quite
to the Allegenies, we were fully con-
-vinced when onytf the top of this Moun
tain that we were in a Colder Re-
gion, than whenytf on the Plains, for
ytf

2nd day the 27ytf checkPlaceytf a Clear Cold Morning, soon after
when we left William Ellipses we presently ascended the Munsey Mountain; it was a cold Northeast wind, but not in the least froze on the Trees until we began to ascend this eminence where the trees became more or less cloathed with ice, and when we got to its highest eminences the young Pines were so loaded that many of their Tops were bent to the ground, and when we descended into the Valley the Ice on the Limbs was not to be seen, but when we got on the Top of this Mountain, which was two days after, and bath day, yet the twigs of the Trees were still much covered with fleet; and the deeper Snow much more than in the Valley, we got to Michael Moyer's that evening, he heeds pretty good accomodations, and the cheapest of any that we met with,
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halfyt of any that we met with, ytf ytf ytf
3rd day the 28 a clear Cold Morning Schalkhill nearly covered with floating Ice, went to Morrice's Lee to Break fast 15 miles were we were kindly hospitably entertained Lodged here 15 miles

4th day the 29 attended the Monthly of Maiden Creek which was a time of refreshment to my Mind, Lodged 1 Penrose City 1/2 miles

5th day the 30 set off early this Morning homewards, a Clear Cold day, Staged to see Francis Pomion who was very anxious when we came to Schalkhill it looked very trying to ride it, by reason of the great 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, but the Ferryman after considerable exertion failed getting the Boat over, so that we had to encounter the Frozen rugged Stream, and through mercy got safe through my Mind was
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solation, and on looking over our four, I found thankful that I had given
up to the service, and therefore felt the sweet reward of peace filled it with.
led my mind into Contrition, and true thankful nes for the present favours.
got to Isaac Coates a little within Evening where we were received
with open hearts 12 miles.
12:00 p.m. 1st after a tendering opportu
nity this Morning, wherein we had

to experience Ancient goodness
and to acknowledge that we had
been helped through many difficul
ties and so far brought safely
back had been made near and
dear to each other, under a deep
and renewed sense of gratitude
having we bid each other farewell.
was much comforted, as I rode home-wards this day, with Heavenly consolation of good-ness, and on looking over our Jour-ney, felt thankful that I had given up to the Service, and now returning felt the sweet reward of Peace fulfilled my Mind into Contrition, and filled it with true thankfulness for the present favour. got to Isaac Coates a little within Evening where we were received with Open hearts 18 miles. After a tender opportunity this morning, wherein we had experience Ancient goodness near and to acknowledge that we had been helped through many difficulties and so far brought safely back, had been made near and dear to each other, under a fresh and renewed sense of so great a sorrow we bid each other farewell.
and set off to our several habitation, where I arrived in the afternoon. I was lovingly received by my dear wife and children whom I found enjoying a good state of health for which I am very thankful, and my own preparation while out, I feel truly thankful, having been from home just seven weeks, and traveled by contumation near one thousand miles.
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except when we lay in the Woods on bark,ytf
the mostly appeared dirty, uniformly with
out any Sheet onytf over us, but in its place
a rough Coarse Blanket, our meal has beenytf
steadily fryed Veneson, sometimes pretty good
nor Bread for 100 orytf more Miles with some small
exception has been indifferent Buckwheatytf
cakes, our drink almost ever since we left
home, Water, Bohea Tea isytf much used in Canadaytf andytf
which they drink very strong, they have plenty of sugar Ma-
-ple andytf make their own Sugar, tho in many
places were out, that our Tea wasytf frequently drank
without, which was our situation in many
placesytf Since

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ytf 4th day the 22 a Northeast Wind and a Coldytf
Wet Morning, feeling our Minds drawn f
to do, we concluded to attendytf the Meetings
belonging to Catewissee Monthly Meetingytf
and our horses as well as ourselves wanting
rest we lay bytf to day, tomorrow being their
meeting at Munsy in Coarse, the, next day to be at Fising Creekytf
and 7 tho to attend their Monthly Meeting at
ytf Catewisseeytf ytf ytf ytf
Big Spring
Buttermilk Fall
White Oak Plains
through the do.
to Toneawandy
to the plains
to Stony Creek
to Buffalo
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ytf ytf ytf Exytf Samuel Leeytf 4.6ytf ytf ytf doytf James Langstaffytf 1:10.0ytf wheaytf 0.9:0ytf ytf ytf horses at some picking ytf 0.2.6ytf ytf ytf Lodgingytf 0:1:0ytf ytf ytf horses at hay one night and 8 Quarts ofytf Cornytf 0:19:6ytf ytf ytf Crossing Niagara Riverytf 4/eachytf 1:0:0ytf ytf ytf For 0
on boards instead of latching buttons. except when we lay in the dodson bark, the mostly appears dirty, uniformly with out any sheet over us, but in its place a rough coarse blanket, our meal has been steadily frozen beens, sometimes pretty good. our bread for 100 or more miles with some small exception has been indiffent buckwheat cakes, our drink almost ever since we left home. water, tea is much used in canada, with their drink very strong, they have plenty of sugar maple and make their own sugar, tho in many places were out that our tea was drank without which was our sitution in many places since 14th day the 22 a northeast wind and a cold wet morning, feeling our minds draw to do, we concluded to attend the meetings belonging to catewispee monthly meeting and our horses as well as ourselves wanting rest we lay by to day, tomorrow being there meeting in charge the next day at fishes creek and the next day to attend their monthly meeting at catewispee
Michal Mosyers
Geo: Raver 16 quarts of oates
1 pint of Cyder
1: 2: 3

1: 13: 4

Mud Creek
Bath 19 quarts of Oates at 6

Lindley's York money
0: 14: 0

Painted Post for
4 sheaves of Oates
0: 2: 0

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to Samuel Lee ...... 4.6

do James Langstaff .. 1.10.0

do James Wilson ... 0.6.8

do Oliver Poole ... 1.17.6

Jacob Lindley at Batte York Money ...... 1.12.6

do for 2½ Buffels of Corn ... 0.13.0

do 5 head of oxen ... 0.6.0

do 18 Quarts of Corn and Buckwheat ... 0.9.0

to somerekkind ...... 0.8.6

Lodging ...... 0.1.0

at Buffalo 5 Supper and Lodging ... 0.14.6

to horses at hay one night and 82quts

of Corn ... 0.19.6

to Crossing Niagara River 1 each ... 1.0.0

for Dales of the River ... 0.3.0

4.16.6

Jacob Lindley ...... 4.10.5½

Settled all the above accounts
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Received since we set our faces homewardly 11mo 10 of Oliver Pasen six dollars 2:30 of James Langstaff 1: 10: 9 of Oliver Pasen 0: 15: 0 of James Langstaff.
Michel Mosyers: 123
Ge. Harrer 16 Quarts of Oates 40
1 pint of Lyder Royal
At James Rylds all night 1164
James Langstaff paid 1:10
16 lb. of Oats at the Blackhouse 0:6:8
At Samuel Bartletts 5:15:7
At Lindleyn York Money 0:14
At the Counted Pot for 4 Sheaves of Dates 0:2:0
At Mud Creek 1:13:4
At Beth 19 Quarts of Oates 0:9:6
At Ephraim Sandford Hay and Oates 5:0
At Thomas Lees 0:8:0
At Judge Potter's all night 1:8:6
At Gilberts for 1 Bushel of Corn 0:2:0
At Canadaurque 1/2 do. of Dates 0:3:0
At Hayers 1/4 of Corn 0:1:6
At the River for 2 1/2 Bushels of Corn 0:13:
20 Quarts of Dates 0:6:8
2 Hatchets 0:3:0
5 Kordags over Cheversly Waters 0:1:0
At the River for Dates 1:3:0
An account of what expenses we were from Canada homewards for 4 bushels of Oats at Alayf School’s 1:4: 0
At Buffaloe all night

Crosing the Niagara River

Settled all the above accounts

An account of what money I have received since we set our faces home

11one-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 Donestary 0:14

of Joseph Hill 1:7:7

of Jacob Lindley at Foxes 1:14:0

of do. at Williamsburgh 0:15:0

of James Langstaff $5. dollar 2:0:0

of Jacob Lindley at Mud Creek 1:12:0

of do. at 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 0:15:0
ytf ytf At Fox’s 5 suppers at 2/6 0.12.6ytf ytf ytf horses 2/6ytf 0.12.6ytf ytf ytf 1 Bey
5 horses all nightytf at 2/6 ytf 0.12.6ytf ytf ytf 32 Quarts of Corn and Oates at 4dytf ytf 0:10:8ytf
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An account of what expenses we were from Londen home-wards.

For a Bushel of Oates at Mr. Shoddy's 1 l. 10 s.

Save his son for care of our horses. 0 s. 4 d.

The Daughter for washing at the river. 0 s. 6 d.

1/2 a Bushel of Oates 0 s. 3 d.

5 bridges across the river 1 l. 0 s.

At Buffalo b Suppers 2 l. 6 s. 0 s. 15 d.

6 Breakfasts 1 l. 6 s. 0 s. 15 d.

6 Dinners 1 l. 6 s. 0 s. 15 d.

1 lodgings 2 nights at 6 0 s. 6 d.

1 horse at hay at 6 0 s. 3 d.

1/2 Bushel of Corn 0 s. 4 d.

1 Bushel of Corn at 8 l. 0 s. 12 d.

At Lanes a horse 24 hours 0 s. 12 d.

At Lanes do. mil 0 s. 12 d.

At Buffalo b Breakfasts 2 l. 6 s. 0 s. 15 d.

b Supper 1 l. 6 s. 0 s. 15 d.

6 lodgings at 6 0 s. 3 d.

3 pecks of Corn at 2 f. 0 s. 10 d.

To a poor Family in distress 1 l. 16 d.

A Tonner or b bridges at 16 0 s. 3 d.

1 pint of milk at 8 0 s. 2 d.

1 do. at Willmore for corn and stalks 0 s. 3 d.
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ytf at the Blockhouse ytf

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