Joshua Sharpless (1746-1826) 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 mo 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 to visit some new 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 Sharpley's where by agreement I met with Jacob Lindley and James Wilson two of the aforementioned Committee.

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I landed and a little above the place called Tobacco the bottom was very level and the land in general good.

28th. Leaving Tobacco, we crossed the creek twice, the bottom was very open, the trees a little uncommon, and the land in general good. We then turned a little to the right and continued up the creek, passing a small group of buildings and a large and high mound.

Loyalport 9 miles from Housatonic, and took our dinner there.

Stonington 6 miles from Loyalport, and found our roads good.

Three miles more, we have reached Creek. 38 miles this day, this day traveled finely.

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Then mounted the hill which proved very high, we first passed through a Chief Ridge about 9 m then entered a vast forest 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 passed through 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. Claire's 15 miles.
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upon conferring together we thought best of going to see some of our members hereaway up and enquiring of our landlord he informed us of one but more lived at Meldereek about 10 or 12 m off, we then turned our faces that way and in about 9 m traveling we stopped at a certain Job Howling to enquire the way, he told us it was to for to reach that evening kindly invited to stay all night, which we accepted of, found his wife a member we had a sitting with them that evening, the land from Thomas Lee to Canadarague is in some places very rich strong land in other places thin much of the way is low flat tilled to wet for wheat but little pine for 20 m past the mostly heavy timbered from Canadarague to this place very deep rich land, for the most part the

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9th October, in conference this morning I opened with greatest clearness to appoint a meeting to be held next day at Nathan Harrington's. A friendly man about 12 miles from thence, we then went to Nathan Constable's 5 miles, D. 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.

4th day I attended the meeting at Harrington's 6 miles, the it was not a time of reaping, yet an instructive opportunity, thence with the family where the meeting was held, lodged with 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, the Logs of his House are Chunked but not Flat and we had pretty good Beds, otherwise I though the Openness of the House was a preparation to our lying in the Woods, which we expect shortly to remove. The land in these parts mostly flat, a deep rich soil, so that the woods are rich, wet and heavy, the chief body of the Timber, is Poplar, some of them the finest at Jesse's, Oak, Beech, Sugar, Maple.
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5th day the 26th check Place attended an appointed Meeting at Nathany Cornstalks, 2 miles, it was a Solid favoured Opportunity, at the Close of which we desired that those in religious profession with and those who had their minds turned towards friends would keep their seats, to whom Council and instruction was administered, the number who staid was not perhaps 40, one half of whom were not in membership but divers of them appeared to ten der seeking people, went in the Evening to Jacob Smith’s on Mud Creeky 6 miles here we had a religious Opportunity with his and his Brother Joseph Smith’s family this Closed our religious services in these party 16 miles got to the River 8 miles here we expected to have been supplied with Oates to take carry us to Buffalo 80 miles but could neither get Corn or Oates, we then went back about one mile and with difficulty got one corn, we had ytf
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7th day 28th got up very early and set off as soon as we could see the path, in hopes of a pretty pleasant day, the sun made its appearance about gone so yet it presently hid it, and the clouds grew thick, and the sky very overcast like evening, the snow began to fall and in a few hours the limbs, and young limbs became staked.
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ate their Corn out of pieces of Bark
that lay in places by our path, when
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feet over at one side, and the back part
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2nd day 30 set off early to cross the Niagara went 100 or more feet to the falls a beautiful stream, i.e., to confluence with the lake which offered a majestic appearance, the breakers rolling on the shore like that of the Atlantic we rode down the beach 3 or 4 miles to the Narrows of the Niagara, there was neither boat nor house on the side we were, but by waiting an hour or more, the boat came, which took three of us, and by ten we all got safe over, it is a bold rapid stream half a mile wide and appeared dangerous a mile over were we crossed, and we were informed that a few hours of high Westerly winds would blow the water of the lake so to the end where the river flowed, that it would raise, it immediately took feet, we rode down the shore on
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the Canada side several Miles, a pleasant ride, being beautfied with the River, on one hand, and good improvements on the other, and in some 3 or 4 miles we left this delightful prospect to encounter an insurable swampy road, with some firm stone land, and in 8 or 10 miles arrived at Mr. Schuyler's, one of our friends, which was truly satisfactory to us all, being clean, dirty, and wanted recruiting our clothing was uncaptured our friends. Truly, 1 1/2 miles of stables and a cutting was located with open hearts by day the 31st at John Gilbert's who appears to be an innocent exemplary friend, has 5 children one of whom are nearly grown up and are hopeful, and three are from home who were in their minority, he has lately buried his wife 8th 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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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, thoughtful condition and are desirous to make up with friends. None of their children have a right.

We then sat at Joel Morrista, 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 flame, a monthly meeting is in a tender thoughtful state, where we met with Abraham Lane, a single man and a member, and may do well, he is a member of Threeby Monthly Meeting.

Sat at Anna Schuyler, him and his wife are exemplary friends, and members of Kingston Monthly Meeting, they have several hopeful children but none of them have a right of membership, lodged here.
Then sat at Danielyf Pounds, him he and his Wife are examplary friendsytf and have nine seven pretty Inocent Children who are allytf small, him he and his Wife were dis-owned by Plainfieldytf Monthly Meetingytf they appear to be in a tender thought-ful condition and are desirousytf to make up with friends, and have sent acknowledgments by us none of theirytf Child-ren have a right we then sat at Joelyf Morries, he has never had a right among friend but weytf think he is hopeful and in a thoughtful tender state, his wife wasytf disowned by Shrewsberryytf Rahway Monthly Meetingytf they have 4 small children is in a tender thoughtfullytf State, woman here we met with Abrahamytf Lane a Single Man and a Member, and who may doytf Well, he is a Member of Shrewsbury Monthly Meetingytf Sat at Asa Schuyliesytf him he and his Wife are examplary friends, and, Members ofytf KingWood Monthly Meeting, they have several hopefullytf Children but none of them have a right of membership, Lodged here ytf ytf ytf
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Our next Opportunity was at Joseph Marshes, his Wife never had a right among Friends, but is a tender, Open, Innocent Woman, and a real Friend in Principle; Joseph was dismissed by Plainfield Monthly Meeting for Marrying; he is desirous to condemn his outgoings, and we hope from a right concern, the have seen pretty Innocent Children, the Oldest not ten.

We sat at Abraham Wolferst'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 Burrel'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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terday and today, traveled about 20 miles, and lodged at Asa Schuyler's, who bore us company to the families we have Visited, Last night.

5th day 2nd inst. Attended a Meeting that was appointed to be held at Asa Schuyler's, the friends & friendly People generally attend ing, 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 Meet ings to the reputation of our profession, many of them parted with us in near affection, being much con troled.
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went in the afternoon up the north-west side of Lake Erie to Percival Dennis's who lay very low, he 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 firm and is an excellent road covered with Timber, and what to me appeared very curios were the elevations that were frequent along the side of the Lake, some of them 40 or 50 feet high 10 or more paces 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 Todd's 15 miles. 6th day third a warm Smokey Morning and so thick an Air for several days past that the Sun scarcely made its appearance, went to Ross School 2½ miles, having visited the families of Friends, and such the part of us in those parts we set out to see the few families down the
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in a Northward direction from hence in about 8 miles we came to the great River Niagara, then we wound down to close on its Banks about 16 miles, the Ride was delightful, having the beautiful Stream on our right which glided smoothly along, a good Road under our feet, and mostly improved and checkered on our left with pretty good Improvements, in about 12 miles we crossed a larger Stream called Chippaway 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 descended until it became very Roman, so that I have not words to express its grand and Majestick appearance, its boldness, its rapidity, its clothing, and flying appearance, so that
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Glasgow long two

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feet flying in lace or more.

and "along" and "as much as a shoe"
ytf Its dashing that it appeared ytf looked was all in a foam flying in places twenty or more ytf feet high, looking as as white as a sheet and all this, and ytf ten times as much more before we came to the grand andytf perpendicular falls Catarack, the day being very Smoky, and aytf little rainy we had not so full a view of the great falls as weytf desired, on proposing if the day suited to spend a little moreytf time when we returned, as near as I could compute, this very wild, ytf romantick, and foming condition of the river it began about ¾ of aytf Mile above to the great preci-pice, we left the River and in about two miles and gotytf to William Lundy’sytf who was once a Member of Kingwood month -ly Meetingytf but for many years past, disowned, his Wife and Children never had a right, ytf we were friendly entertained, but there is bu[t] littleytf prospect in sd. family of any Strength to the societyytf arising therefrom[.] ytf 25 Milesytf ytf ytf to Jeremiah Moore’sytf 3½ miles, who were much Joyed in th seeing us ytf

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**Lie and his wife are concerned from Sadbury Monthly Meeting**

**Children**

5 miles

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17th day the 5th a bit 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 which they gained some Strength, they have not as yet been in the practice of hold any Meetings for Worship, they being but few in number and very scattered, we felt our minds strengthened to encourage them to persevere through difficulties and meet together to wait upon and Worship the Lord Almighty, believing it would be to their Strength.
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rightly performed, be of a good favour in the neighbourhood.

2nd of the 22nd the 26th, a frosty morning, and ended the latter part of the day, set off to see friends at the Short Hills, stopped and sat 1/2 mile. John Darling 6 miles, his wife was disowned by the falls Monthly meeting and her husband never had a right, they were kind, but not much profit of their aiding strength to friends, they have 6 children 5 miles.

then sat at Joshua Gillam's, he was disowned by Middletown Monthly meeting.

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This have been a cold unpleasant day.

Began to snow about 10 O'clock and continued till Evening, the prospect looked discouraging to be near 500 miles from home 300 of which was through what may be called a wilderness the road small but not much used, yet he felt a good degree of resignation—lodge at Coach Snigley's 1 mile never a right thought his wife was divorced by Bucking ham they are friendly people and have six children the oldest perhaps 20.
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great River, and has in that distance ten feet Aed and Fall, it is truly an awful sight to view the River from the Hill door, now leaving this Wonderful Phenomenon, Phenomena, we had a cold ride up the River, and got to Alma between Schooners 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 towards someone, and now, 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, 2 families, who were in membership with friends, and appeared pretty orderly with a number of hopeful children driven 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 containing 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 neighborhood.

And feeling our minds easy to return, we made preparations to go homewards, tho' 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 been us company as far off the River, where we arrived about 2. after two O'Clock having rode about 8 miles down the Beach on Lake Erie, we were fine in number, and the wind blowing high and
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1st day of the week 12th. we lay last evening neat the roof, and their falling much rain, it was so plainly heard, that the difficulty of passing through the Ganges where there are a number of large creeks, without bridges, and no horse to stop at provided we could not stop, presented with all its discouragements, which led into an enquiry whether we had too much hurried out of Calcutta and upon the most strict examination, nothing remained painful as an omission, but it would have been more easy to most of our Minds.
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another much larger body of water ahead we therefore, upon a Council agreed as the most safe expedient to return to our late quarters and wait until tomorrow.

Our landlords house stands on a pleasant elevated spot having a rich fertile meadow in front, enlivened by the Buffalo to its influence with Lake Erie, the stream is perhaps larger than Brandywine, and the lake itself. When the wind is high in the month of June, it so raises the waves in this end of the lake that it flows up the Buffalo like a flood tide.

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 straw bed. Yet Oliver Paxton and myself has occupied it three nights pretty comfortably and expect to try it the fourth, it is in an upper chamber next the roof.
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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 the we had an hour of ten, 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, here 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 had last night, and this, after giving them some Dales 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 of 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 giving them some Oates tyed them up yf
till morning.

5th day the 16, a cloudy frozen morning the but little snow fell last night we found the Tirost added to the difficulty about 25 or more miles of the road between Buffaloe and the Geneefee is through a succession of deep Swamps and this morning on our first sitting we had plenty of those difficulties to encounter. Being in places between belly and knee deep and being froze over almost hard enough to bear, it was exceeding difficult and trying to the Horses, fed at Willards 14 miles thence to the Geneflee 12 miles, Lodged at Foxes near by, here we got good entertainment accommodations for man and horse which was very grateful after so trying a Journey, the country from Buffaloe to Genef I describe as follows from Buffaloe to tumbling creek 4 miles mostly flat heavy timber, to Stony creek 9 miles
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6 day the 19 a cold frozen night and a snowy day, the morning was trying and discouraging, set off by the way of Williamsburgh 14 miles through beautiful wheat country, not much under timber, here we got coffee for Breakfast for the first time since we left Shaks bene there to Danville 15 miles over a very Beautiful rich Country we thought much of it superior to any we had ever and very curiously situated having an high steady ridge or mountain on our left and the Conneasugay a Branch of the Shenendo on our right about a Beautiful Vally, the trees hill and Valley was like a rocky hill, abounding with very large Walnut, Shelled Bark Hickory with a mixture of White Oak Ash set the whole of the 15 miles abounds with lively Streams rushing with rapidity down from the mountain that every Plantation on St reporting of the land with pleasing be sufficiently Supplied with Water lodged at Samuel Faulkners where we met with very good accommodation
6 day the 17th check Place 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 or Mountain on our left, and the Connesscragy and 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.
7th day the 18 a cold frozen Morning but we were cheered with a Clear Skin the rest of the day which we esteemed a favour, having but few such days for near three Weeks, there are two Roads from this place to Bath, one flat much of the way down the Waters of the Cohocton there 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 I never rid, it was about 15 miles we had to encounter this Pike and mostantick scene where which with all the Industry we could use cost us six hours hard Travelling, the whole way was continued Mountain one after another, perhaps half or more of a mile up, and almost immediately so steep
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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, 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 tick 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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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 Situation of the Publick Houses, we therefore were under the Necessity of Riding Six Miles further to Middletown 30 Mile the 19th still continued Cold and Snowed betimes all day, went to the Post where we got our Break: past thence up the waters of the Susquehanna 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 Tygote Valley to 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
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than belly deep, and we feel 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 Block
house, 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
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we have Crossed four Large Streams of the Susquehanna in 14 miles 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 who had just come from Blockhouse. They informed us the road there was so bad that it cost them two days hard traveling, which and that we could not reach there in one day though but 35 miles. This information was very discouraging, for their was no stage or house short of 23 miles of sd. Blockhouse yet upon considering their circumstances we concluded to make a trial of going through in one day, and if we failed to lie in the Woods, Cold and Snowy as it was.
24th day there started just as day appeared, a cold frozen morning.

We saw a loaf of bread to make use of which we should have been desirous to be supplied with. We went 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 for us. By them we stopped at Lambs 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 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, rei...
2nd day the 20th checkPlace 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 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.
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and our bag was full of nothing for
Buckwheat Lake, 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 Ty.
orge River, and we had to cross
eleven times to day and once yes:
in 25 miles
yesterday, frequently Billy deep and
sometimes more 25 miles, and where
we left it last, it was nearly as large as
Bandywine, I had like to have forgo to note
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 Grasp to give our horses their Oates
which was trying to go in so Cold a Condi-
and to wait our turn to ride, in the Snow
and partake of our little Moraff, Day
a few miles after this, when we were on
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children, two of whom rode with the mother!
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a Man and his Wife, and five small
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 stockings cold as it was, to see that those in their distress, much helpless, and lumber condition, had surmounted all the difficulties as to badness of Road, that there before we, we felt our spirits animate, and thought we had no cause in our well provided 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 water we had crossed, and they would have to encounter the same trials this night as they could reach no house. 3d. day they set off as soon this morning as was safe, in hopes we should be able to reach a friend's 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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on which over, there were these two remarkable eminences the first was so thickly enclosed with hemlock that it afforded every little through some openings the tops of the mountains appeared to microed the other lead just as we began to descend from off the Laurel Hill. this prospect was truly grand, we appeared to be above the tops of the Alleghanies which role up in a very romantic and wild appearance, the view was very extensive and those elevations appeared to be almost without timber, so that with the help of fancy they looked like improved farms, having 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 Towns of the Air. at the foot of the Laurel Hill a mile in the snow, there being no house here our road leads us down a beautiful Branch of the Lehigh and the very much choked with drift wood, 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 23 times, and the Lehigh itself we crossed
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perhaps ten times more, these waters make a brake through what is called the Allegenies and the vale in many places, particularly before we come to the main stream, is not more than 8 or 10 pearches Wide and the Mountains rise on each hand remarkably high & steep so that our traveling was almost literally sneaking under the Hills and Mountains, fed Kyle’s 10 miles here we got our dinner, having Bear Meat and Venison fried up to gather, Tea without sugar, with good Wheat Bread & Butter, in nine Miles from hence we finally left the Lycoming a beautiful Stream, we thought about as large as two of Brandywine, and in six Miles we Crossed the Loyalsock a lovely stream, perhaps nearly as large as two of Lycomony and got to Samuel Wallace’s, weary, where we were kindly, and Hospitably enter-tained, and the Contrast was very great was very great between our entertainment here and what we have latterly met with, our Beds every since we came from Asa Schoolies Canada, have been a small proportion of straw mostly on
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exceptions, has been indifferent Buchwitz
cakes, our drink almost ever since we
left home has been water, Bohea Tea is
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meetings on this side the Mountains, ex
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love, united in the same cause, brother
in Jeopardy, and Perils, both in the
Wilderness and among great Waters, now
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and among our friends, our hearts
were enabled to help the Lord for his
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thereof, to bid each other farewell.
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Ellises 2 miles, went to Fishingytf
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6th 28 a Northwest Wind and pretty clear, Went to Fishing Creek Meeting 2-5 Miles, which was a comforting refreshing Opportunity, and my soul was enabled to worship in secret, dined at John Creeke near the Meeting house, and with industry got to late. Wished that Evening, having the Delaware to Land 15 miles, lodged at John Dody where we were kindly entertained by his Wife being a neat housewife, both her father and Bed ensured it.

7th day the 24 attended the Monthly Meeting at Katespree, which was a long exceedingly time in the forepart, but life gradually rose under the Ministry of Mr. J. 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 comfortingytf 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-
issee 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
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to the cause of Truth and right-
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By Meeting to take place before long, also
for a preparative to be established at
Felching Creek, Dined at John Loyds
and lodged at Charles Chapmans
2 miles

1st day the 26 a clear day and northwestern
wind, we had the opportunity of
seeing three Wild Deer, out of the
friends Boardshane we lodged, they
Meeting was transacted in a good degree of right order, there are a large number of pretty exemplary 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 will conduce to the promotion cause of Truth and righteousness for a division of the Monthly Meeting to take place before long, also for a preparative meeting to be established at Fishing Creek, dined at John Loyd’s and lodged at Charles Chapmans 2 miles.

1st day the 26th a clear day and northWest Wind, we had the Opportunity of seeing three Wild Deer, out of the friends Poarch where we lodged, they
post ed very quietly along, we also saw another large Buck coming up the road toward us, as we were riding to Roring Creek Meeting, which we attended. It was large, and I hope fit to dine at Nathan Lees near the Meeting house, and Lodged Bezaleel Hayhers. 4 miles 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 they 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 overlooked all Roring Creek Valley, the Susqueannah down as low as Northumberland, and over the tops of Munrsy Mountains quite to the Allegenias, we were fully con-

vinced when on the top of this Mount-
tain that we were in a colder region, than when on the Plains, for
passed very Quietly along, we alsoytf saw another large Buck coming up the road toward us, as we were ridingytf to roring Creek Meeting, which we at-
tended, 4ytf miles it was large, and I hope pro-
-fitable dined at Nathan Lees near the Meeting house, and Lodged at Bezelleel Hayherst 4miles he lives on the edgytf of what is called the little Mountain, hisytf 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-
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4th day the 29th attended the Monthly of Maiden Creek which was a time of refreshment to my Mind Lodged at Pennooity 1½ miles

5th day the 30th set off early this Morning homeward, a clear Cold day, Stopped to see Francis Pomrin who was very curious when we came to Schullhill 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, and 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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ytf Catewisseeytf ytf ytf ytf
Big Spring 3
Butternut Fall 6
White Oak Plains 20
through the do. 5

to Tonawanta 8

to the Plains 6

to Stony Creek 28

to Buffalo 12

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ytf ytf ytf Exytf Samuel Leeytf 4.6ytf ytf ytf doytf James Langstaffytf 1:10.0ytf
wheatytf 0.9:0ytf ytf ytf horses at some pickinytf 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 C.
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ytf Michal Mosyersytf 1 : 2 . 3ytf ytf ytf Geo: Raver 16 quarts of oatesytf 4: 0ytf ytf ytf 1 pint of Cyde of Oatesytf 0 . 2 . 0ytf ytf ytf at Mud Creekytf 1: 13 . 4ytf ytf ytf at Bath 19 quarts of Oates at 6 :ytf
Dr. Samuel Lee 4.6
Dr. James Langstaff 1.10.0
Dr. James Wilson 0.6.8
Dr. Oliver Paxton 1.17.6

Jacob Lindley at Pater
York Money 1.2.6
for 2 1/2 Buffalos of Corn 0.13.0
5 Baridges under canvas 0.6.0
18 Quarts of Corn and Buck
Wheat 0.9.0
Horses at some rocking 0.8.6
Lodging 0.1.0
at Buffalo 5 Supper and Lodging
Horses at hay one night and 82 Quarts
of Corn 0.19.6
Crossing Niagara River 4 each 1.0.0
for Gates of the River 0.3.0

4.16.6

4.10.5½

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
received since we set our facesytf home-
wardsytf ytf ytf 11mo 10ytf of Oliver Paseton sixytf dollarsytf 2:30ytf ytf ytf ytf of J
Micah Mosleys: 1.2.3
Geo. Rawes 16 Quarts of Oats 4.0
1 HINT of Cyder Royal
at James Rykes all night 1.16.4
James Langstaff paid 1.10
16 lb. of Oats, at the Blackhorse 0.6.8
at Samuel Bartletts 5/15/10
at Lindleys York Money 0.14
at the Counted Post for 4 Sheaves
of Oates 0.2.0
at Mudd Creek 1.13.4
1 Barth 19 Quarts of Oats 9.6
Ephraim Sandford hay and Oats 5.0
at Thomas Lees 0.8.0
at Judge Potter's all night 1.8.6
Gilberts for 2 Bushels of Corn 2.0
at Canadarque 1/2 do. of Oates 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 Oates 12
2 Hatchets
5 Sherdens more Chancly Harps 1.2.0
at the River for Oates 0.6.8
0.3.0
An account of what expenses we were from Canada homewards for 4 bushels of Oats at Alayf School’s 1:4: 0
At Buffalo all night
CROSSING THE NIAGARA RIVER
settled all the above accounts

an account of what money I have received since we set out for Stirling

1110 of Oliver Paxton six dollars 2.00
of Jacob Lindley at the river 1.00
of James Wilson for 1/2 of corn 0.12
of Jacob Lindley 2 fences 0.14
of Joseph Hill 1.77
of Jacob Lindley 2 fences 1.14.0
of do. at Williamsburgh 0.15.0
of James Langstaff 5 dollars 2.00
of Jacob Lindley at Mud Creek 1.12.0
of do. at the fort 0.18.0
of James Wilson 0.76
of Jacob Lindley 0.10.0
of James Langstaff 1.10.9
of Oliver Paxton 0.13.0
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for 1 Buful of Oates at Almshody's 1.4.0
the horse for care of our horses 0.4.0
the Daughter for dressing 0.6.0
at the river at 1 Buful of Oates 0.3.0
5 bridges across the river 1.0.0
at Buffalore 6 dinners 2/6 0.15.0
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lodgings 2 nights 0.6.0
6 horses at hay at 6 0.3.0
2 a bushel of corn 0.4.0
1 Buful of corn 0.4.0
at lanes 6 horses at hay 24 hours 0.12.0
at lanes do. still at Buffalore 6 breakfasts 2/6 0.15.0
6 suppers 2/6 0.15.0
6 lodgings at 6 0.3.0
5 pecks of corn at 2f 0.10.0
to a poor family in distress
at Tennyson 6 bridges at 16
5 punts of milk at 6
wine things 1 do.
at W. Brown for corn and walks
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ytf at the Blockhouse
tyf ytf 5 suppers at 2/6 ytf 0. 12 ytf ytf ytf 36 Quarts of Oates at 5d ytf