

Monday Sept 20th... Started from Somers about 1/2 past 2 o'clock and came out  
to Mr P. Vincents and staid all night got there about 1/2 past sundown  
Had a good supper and breakfast in the morning They took George N  
to be my husband and we had a good deal of fun over it had  
a very good wind Miss [unclear] respects to Han and wanted  
her to send her a [unclear] out into her head-dress.  
Sarah McLaughry [unclear] some pieces of her dresses  
to Hannah Geo [unclear] of the wagon and the wheel  
went over it last [unclear] did not entirely spoil it.

Started from Mr [unclear] well about 4 or 5 miles west of  
Fox river & camped out of chewing material and they  
[unclear] brought some home the night  
[unclear] were going and in salted us  
before every body as [unclear] George N shot a rabbit and we  
enough to ask if it [unclear] salted it stuck on on a stick & put it into the ground and boiled him  
for breakfast he fasted first rate George N & George N thought they  
would not tie up their oxen at night & so will have to suffer the consequence

Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Sept

George N started off today before breakfast hunt up the oxen  
that runaway last night & we will have to stay here till he comes  
back with them we had a call this morning from our nearest neighbor  
a very pleasant woman and another woman with a big sack this is a  
very pleasant place lots of hazel brush I must go to work and  
await Georges arrival with the oxen [unclear] in even George came  
with the oxen just noon one yoke found their way into a  
Dutchmans ear for which he charged \$5.00 and they  
did not look as if they had had anything to eat they tried  
hard to get away after we got home or rather to the camp  
we soon got [unclear] began to move again I have  
walked more to [unclear] our neighbors wished  
us the best of luck me to send her a character  
Laper that she [unclear] we reached our journey's  
and I promised [unclear] we should travel she paid  
me a compliment [unclear] tell my belly what it [unclear]  
I really hate [unclear] place we never there

long it seemed quite like home. now here we are about  
a mile east of Geneva camped in a little low place  
and we look like a party of Indians Margaret is preparing  
to get supper we have not one to do made in the tent  
I we are all going to sleep tonight for the  
first time we have  
roads as we could ask

It was very cloudy and  
say I got up some knitting  
and a good deal we are  
southwest of Geneva  
feet are quite sore I  
down in the road  
got tired out George  
I guess he won't stand at all  
on the camp ground about

Friday 4th

Rained some during the night last night everything  
was quite damp this morning and cold too we did not  
get started till about 10 o'clock started off of the  
beloit road and went southwest into Elliptical  
Rockford don't suppose we have a hundred  
miles to go by George's side we are quite  
and can't travel very fast he thinks he will have  
to get them shack we have camped pretty early  
in a log cabin like house no seats excepting some  
benches that can be made round it got a  
in it by which we can put our things  
I should think the  
it has been a  
I will bring in  
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Sept 25

after we took breakfast this morning in our log house  
we picked up our traps and started on again passed  
tent and went toward by about to Rockton crossed Red  
River and camped on a bank very late George had  
to take the afternoon to get some hay we  
had a visitor in the morning blab chips enquired  
where our cattle were afraid they would be  
thief and could not sleep thinking about it

clear and warm. mostly wandering around  
seeking what I could Margaret baked after supper  
George & myself and and gathered hazel-nuts  
Then Mary and got a pitcher of milk George  
Gale went off to see and George & I told  
us some yarns about a man that lived on Dutch  
while we were being thus entertained some  
fine young Gentlemen passed by singing, they  
up goncher, they're camping for Nebraska, which  
pleased me very much George came and we all  
went to bed (I wrote a letter to Robert which I  
had almost forgotten) Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

Got up and got out early and started out through  
Harrison I stopped and bought some hairpins  
George bought some tobacco of a man who nothing that  
owned all there was in Harrison He directed  
us a lot out of our way and George & I thought he  
would like to shoot him went six miles beyond  
Harrison and passed by a School House  
in the mean time a boy and his  
might had a

Started from  
Town. I went through  
and 2 1/2 miles beyond

The tongue bolted forward and we could not go any further  
so turned in and pitched our tent in a stubble field  
at our supper in a place that looked like a barn-  
yard and then went to bed) Sept - 29<sup>th</sup>

Got up and got our breakfast in our barnyard. Manager  
bought some bread & some milk of a Dutch man  
gave 10 cents for the flour and then went back to  
Ephraim & got the flour also bought a pig  
one for which he paid 10 cents we did not  
get started till quite late in the weather  
is very hot and it is heavy with a wind  
Freepport camped on a brook in  
a matter of a few miles  
Freepport  
waiting for the  
but found some and one  
course towards Cherry Grove 15 miles from Freepport  
with a grove of miles of cherry grove and camped on the  
slopes - - -

Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>

Cherry Grove found it to be a very small  
place and went on southwardly and passed Mt Carroll and  
camped <sup>near</sup> the fair ground - they had had a fair the  
day we had camped in the evening of  
going left and they told us where to go and get  
some more provisions and then went on  
and before we had  
to Camp  
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yourself

1640-1700

Monday Oct 27th

Went over a great deal of prairie had an awful bad road  
went through St Charles and camped on the timber within 11  
miles of Winterset very stormy yet I wonder how long the  
rain will last

Thursday Oct 28th

Went over Clinton River went over 4 miles of prairie traveled  
around Middle river and camped the other side  
today when we were by spells all day and a good  
deal of rain

Went to the timber and camped on the  
prairie had a very bad road today  
stopped raining and looking at side of hill

Friday Oct 29th  
Rained but not much rain till about 10  
o'clock and then it rained  
day went 10 miles across Middle river  
ford the other side the oxen slipped a good deal com-  
ing over the bridge

Oct 31st Saturday

I stopped by middle river and cooked all day looked like rain in  
the morning but cleared off before night rained a little today  
had company this forenoon a lady and her little girl of she  
don't know a considerable than she at least is mistaken

Nov 1st Monday

Went 16 miles found a very good road put up  
at Clark's station <sup>crossed a branch of Grand river</sup> <sup>some</sup> <sup>spenty</sup> married folks  
They were just putting up a person's house very  
cold and windy rained considerably during  
the night Tuesday Nov 2nd

Left Clark's station had a very level road went  
about 18 or 20 miles & put up with some hoosiers after  
dark rather cold wind of gold rained some during the day

Wednesday Nov 3rd

Rained a little all day had a very bad road quite hilly traveled 12 miles  
and reached Quincy about dark put up with some

Thursday 7 Nov<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>

Snowed very hard all the forenoon went 12 miles passed  
Middle Madaway river and came by the west madaway  
had a very bad road quite cold

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>

went about 2 or 3 miles and left the stage road  
took a road that a man said was a shorter one to  
go to Frankfort missed the road thought we should  
go back on the stage road again went back &  
Says saw a woman that told us the road  
turned about and went back got onto the road  
and camped on the prairie in going 12 miles  
gained 6 good days travel I suppose we are  
within 8 miles of Frankfort eat a cold supper &  
went to bed without a fire

Sat Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

crossed Little and big Turkey went through Frankfort  
crossed about 12 or 13 miles and camped on the prairie  
a little off of the road and within about a mile & half  
of the west wishinabolan river sprinkled a little snow  
and some little tonight quite chilly tonight

Sunday Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

snowed a little all night last night very cold in the morning snowed  
all day a little further the wishinabolan river crossed 8  
or 10 miles and camped in a grove pretty near walnut creek

Monday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

stopped today for Des. No oxen found they appear to be sick  
a little & their oxen we see sold some yarn and  
a brass to our neighbors

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of Nov

Left that place traveled 2 or 10 miles and  
crossed about a dozen creeks had a very  
hilly road staid with some Pennsylvanian  
folks by the name of Thompson