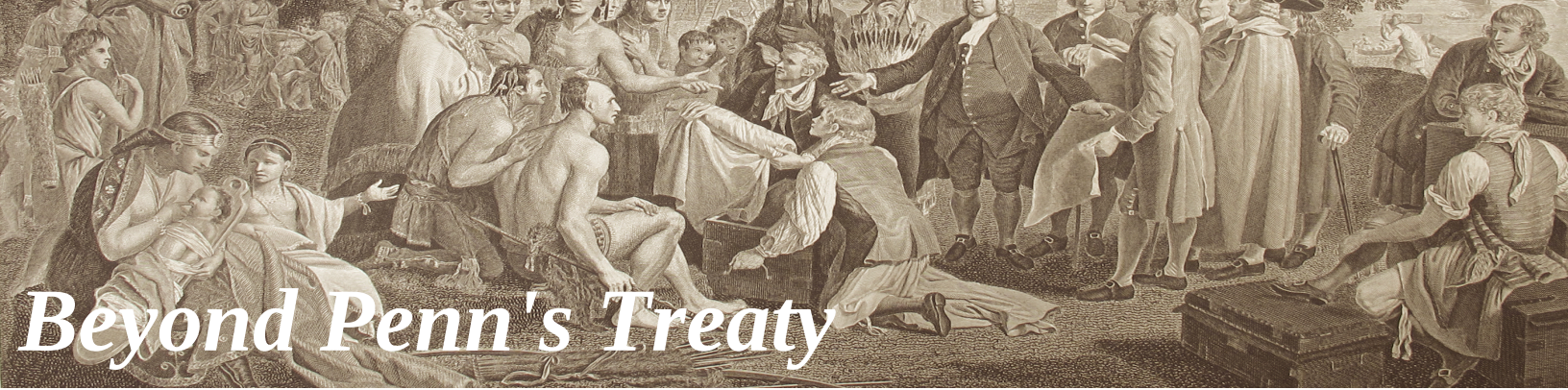




Some Account of Rachel Coope (Journal A)

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SUMMARY:	So-called Journal "A," a copy of Rachel Coope's actual diary. Rachel Coope was born in 1771 and married Benjamin Coope when she was 21. They lived in Bradford, Chester County, until travelling to live among the Allegany Seneca where she had agreed to instruct the women.

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called Cold Spring 3^{1/2} m from our house

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Tayler having ^{been} very unwell several
days, tho. better this morning and we
desirous of having him with us, all
set off at 9 o'clock, taking a little provi-
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Indians were collecting, we took some
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soon fell asleep, near 3 o'clock awakened
the recollection of the parting season
presented and so forcibly revived ^{that} tears
flowed from my eyes, sleep departed.

Thou O my God has at seasons been
pleased in thy unmerited goodness to
make bare thy arm, and in times of trial
afford sweet consolation, as patience
was abode in, under a humble sense
thereof may I a little intercede for a
renewed continuation of thy love.

21st 3rd day A fine ^{taking} morning, after a
smart shower, ~~to~~ breakfast parted
with our brother, and set off at 6, went
11^m to the ^{run} ~~main~~ tavern, fed our horses
I took some refreshment in the waggon,
then pursuing on travelled 8^m, stopt
at Wm Brintons door ~~by~~ him nor
wife not at home, we were willing
to go on. but the daughters and ~~our~~
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22nd 4th day Breakfasted and set off half
past 8, Brother and sister going with us
stoped at the door of J. Gibbons and bid
farewell, proceeded to Lancaster, 9^m
gave the horses a little feed while we got
some necessaries for our journey, set
off brother going a piece to put us in the
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proceeded on our journey ~~and pursuing~~
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before sunset 9^m, Lodged at the black bear
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tience with an eye single to him whose
fatherly protection is as a wall around
those who are sincerely devoted to serve
him wherever their lot may be cast
23^d

5th day. A fine morn. rose early, set
out about 4, crossed ~~cannowago~~ moun-
tains and creek, the hills ~~exceedingly~~
rocky, the road rather better near Mid-
dletown, some of the land good, forded
over sweet arrow creek a very large
water, it ran into the bed of the waggon
~~it was~~ a considerable width. Got to Middle-
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8^m, met with Richard Jones send a few
lines home. 9 o'clock proceeded on our
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^{on foot} both roads a considerable distance found
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go to his house and a very bad road; ^{thought} ~~that~~
best to go 1 m further on to Garner Idings
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such good looking friends settled in the
wilderness, and so remote from meeting
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^{hour or two} ~~time~~ very agreeably, excepting the
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10 or 15 m further and one of his sons
might go with us to the next house ~~where~~
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and I going before giving warning of
the bad places, M Wilson and Ben-
jamin holding the hind part of the
waggon, the banks so steep and ~~rising~~
that one would think it impossible to
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paxton over an elegant stone bridge,
then passed thro Harrisburg a very consi-
derable town, a beautiful situation having
a fine prospect of the river, travelled
y^m close on the bank ~~thereof~~ ^{the river}, a distance
of fine cultivated land on the right hand
the river on the left, a great many low
scent trees in full blossom on each side
together with the prospect of the water
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a storm, crossed a large stream called fish
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creek, put in at David Elder's tavern 10^m
here we were just at the foot of cattalima
or blue mountain, came round it, by
the side of Susquehanna ^{it is} computed by ~~some~~
to be 600 feet high, I could scarce keep my
eyes off it, ~~it looked~~ ^{the prospect was} so wonderful.

24th 6th day set out this morn 20^m part
11, had a very good road a little up hill and
down with some spots of cultivated land
for about 2^m, ^{then} crossed ~~the~~ ^{Clark's} creek and pre-
pared to ascend Peters mountain, the

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bought grass for our horses and tooktyf some refreshment in the waggon. 1/2 past 2 on proceeded on, crossed aytf small creek calld paxton over an elegantlytf stone bridge, then pass'd thru Harrisburg a very considerable Town, & beautifulytf situation having a fine prospect of the river, travelled 7m close on the bank thereof, a distance of fineytf cultivated land on the right hand the river on the left, a greatytf many Locust trees in full bloom on each side together with the prospectytf of the water made it delightful, but after a calm comes a storm, crossedytf a large stream called fishing creek andytf for 3m it is astonishing, to behold just oneytf path along the bank of the river and great rocks hanging from 400 to 600ytf feet high almost over our heads the roads exceedingly stonyytf but not dangerous, we crossed stony creekytf & put in at David Elder's tavern 10m here we were just at the foot of cattatinna or blue mountain, came round it,ytf by the side of Susquehanna it is computedytf by some to be 600 feet high, I could scarce keep my eyesytf off it, it looked the prospect was so wonderful ytf 6th day ytf Set out this morn 20m past 4,ytf had a very good road a little up hill and down with some spots of cultivatedytf land for about 2m, then cross'dytf ytf Clarks creek and prepared to ascendytf peters' mountain, the

ytf ytf

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road good, ^{we} were one hour and quarter going
over it. about a mile up. remarkable to see
several lively springs so near the top; after
we left this mountain, ^{we} crossed a large stream
of water called Powell's creek, and had an ex-
cellent road to Halifax a small town 10^m
some parts cultivated, the grain chiefly rye
some fields of a changeable red, ^{more} with clover
the soil rather gravelly, and of a reddish co-
lour. got breakfast at John Ewigs tavern,
here we came on the river again, proceeded
from H. about 9^m crossed armstrong creek,
~~it began to rain~~ ^{with some} and passed along a very
rough road close on the river at the foot of
Berry's mountain, crossed wishinisky
creek considerably larger than Brandywine
now we began to ~~get~~ ^{among} the pines, a few
places here and there cultivated, the soil not
very productive, poor looking houses, stopped
by the road side to regale ourselves and horns.
10^m, set out again at 2, had a good ^{road} 3^m to
Magantango mountain, 1/2 an hour going
over, crossed Magantango creek over a high
frame bridge, a large stream, the road
turning so much east seemed to surprise
us. but found it was to go thro ~~great~~ ^{between}
in several places between great mountains,
indeed for many miles there is very
little but mountains, got to a dutch
man's a while before sunset 10^m, and
lodged. but every thing looked so dirty
I knew not what to do. however we

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road good, we were one hour and quarter going over it about a mile up, remarkable to see several lively springs so near the top, after we left this mountain we cross'd a large stream of water called powells Creek, and had an excellent road to Hallifax a small town 10m, some parts cultivated, they grow grain chiefly rye some fields of a changeable red, with some clover they grow soil rather gravelly, and of a reddish colour. got breakfast at John Ewigs Tavern, here we came on the river again, proceeded from H. about 9 & crossed armstrong Creek, it beginning to with some rain we pass'd along a very rough road close on the river at the foot of Berry's mountain, cross'd wishinisky creek considerably larger than Brandywine now we began to get among pines upon the pines, a few places here and there cultivated, the soil not very productive, poor looking houses, stoped by the road side to regale ourselves and horses 10m, set out again at 2, had a good Road 3m to Magantango mountains, 1/2 an hour going over, cross'd Magantango creek over a high frame bridge, a large stream. The road turning so much east seemed to surprise us, but found it was to go thro a gap between several places between great mountains, indeed for many miles there is very little but mountains, got to a dutch man's a while before sunset 10m, and lodged. but every thing looked dirty I knew not what to do. however we

prepared ~~for our own~~ a supper, and went to
bed. but the greatest mortification of all
^{was,} the land lady rent two men who were
travellers to the other bed in our room.
our men as usual in the waggon, we
were very quiet, rose before day
25th

4th day Set off at 4 had a very rough
road between mountains 1^m, came to the
reading road at Hounstons tavern, where we
wished to have gotten last night, ^{Green Brier} crossed ~~the~~
C. rapid along thro the woods, except a
small cultivated spot where we saw some
fine wheat growing for a rarity, came
on the bank of Mahanoy & went up
the side of it a considerable distance
between wonderful mountains, crossed
over it, being a very large stream, pro-
ceeded and came to the Mahanoy moun-
tain, ^{5.2 m going over} rather different from the others, we
ascended all so far with leaving the ridge
on the left hand, when on the top made
a short turn and went down with the
ridge on same side, but this we travelled
a considerable distance on the top a
fence on one side and went down in
the form of an X it was amazing to
see the steepness. on the north side
stopped 11^m and fed our horses made some
chocolate for breakfast, proceeded on 1/2 past 9

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bed, but the greatest mortification of all
was, theytf landlady sent two men who were
travellers to the other bed in our room,
ytf our men as usual in the waggon, we
were very quiet, & rose beforeytf dayytf ytf ytf 25th
4th day ytf Set off at 4 had a veryytf rough
road between mountains 4m, came toytf the
reading road at Hioustons tavern, where we
wished to have gottenytf last night, cross'd GreenBororytf revals
& pass'd along thro the woods,ytf except a
small cultivated spot where we saw some
fine wheat growing forytf a rarity, came
on the bank of Mahaney &ytf went up.
The ride of it a considerable distance
between wonderfullytf mountains, cross'd
over it, being a very large stream, pro
ceeded andytf came to the Mahanoy moun
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ascended all so far with leavingytf the ridge
on the left hand, & when on the top made
a short turn andytf went down with the
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see the steepness on the north side
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chocolate for breakfast, proceeded on 1/2 past 9

had a rough road, cross'd Shamokin Co. past thro
Sunbury the capital of Northumberland
County. ferried over the river in $\frac{1}{2}$ an
hour a mile a cross. fed our horses in North
umberland town ^{8 m} proceeded along thro
rather a barren soil. tho' considerably culti
vated, cross'd Schuylburg Co. came on the
bank of the west branch of Susquehanna,
the land good, as also the road, got to
Milton about 6 a small town ^{12 m} put up
at John Brady's tavern. I being very un-
well took a little medicine, soaked my
feet and went to bed before sunset with
out supper. cousin being very kind in
waiting on me. they call'd for their sup-
per. it being a time of frolics a great
many men were there drinking and
fighting most of the night, that we
could not take our usual rest, indeed
it did so impress my mind with sorrow
that I could not refrain from weeping

26th

1st day Set out at 4 travelled seve-
ral m on the bank of the river, good
road, cool morn. considerable white
frost, stoped at David Shannon ^{8 m} got a very
good breakfast and grain for the horses,
as soon as I went into the house I dis-
covered something ailed the land lord, he
he made such heavy moans. and query,

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had a rough road, cross'd Shamokin C. past thro
Sunbury the capital of Northumberland
County . ferryed over the river in 1/2 ytf an
hour a mile across, fed our horses in North
ytf umberland town 8m proceeded along ytf thro
rather a barren soil, tho considerably culti
-vated, cross'd ytf Chilasquaky C. came on the
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the land good, ytf as also the road, got to
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well took a little ytf medicine, soaked my
feet and went to bed before sunset with
out supper. ytf cousin being very kind in
waiting on me, they call'd for their sup
per. ytf it being a time of frolicing a great
many men were there drinking ytf and
fighting most of the night, that we
could not take our usual rest, ytf indeed
it did so impress my mind with sorrow
that I could not refrain ytf from weeping ytf ytf ytf 26th
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ral m on the bank of the river, ytf good
road, cool morn. considerable white
frost, stoped at David Shannonytf 8m got a very
good breakfast and grain for ytf the horses,
as soon as I went into the house I dis
cover'd something ytf ailed the landlord, he
he made such heavy moans, and query'd
ytf

what was the matter, he said he had got about building, and thought so much, that he had got low in his mind. I told him he had a fine barn a good looking place and materials ready for building his house, and had no cause to be discouraged, he said he had been a hard working industrious man, and ~~had been helped~~ ^{helped} through many difficulties by the hand of providence. but all was nothing to him now. we told him that hand that had helped would yet, if we did but trust. he said he had strived all he could but could not help it. if he was as he once was and saw one of us so, he would have thought we might help it, but we knew not till we were tried. he seemed very sensible of his situation and possessed of tender feelings.

Indeed I felt a near sympathy for him and it revived a stronger impression ^{in my mind} of our own weakness than I almost ever felt before unless aided by a power superior to our own. half past 8 proceeded, passed thro a small village, crossed muncie C, got to Wm Ellis's half past 12. 10^m they were gone to meeting it seemed pleasant to get amongst friends having scarcely saw the sight of one since we left Lancaster. This afternoon ^{wrote} home, in the evening the family was collected at Ellis ~~fortread~~ ^{fortread} several chapters in the testament

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wherein a comfortable time of silence was
witnessed to prevail.

24th

2nd day This morning washed some clothes
3 o'clock P.M. set out on our journey, had
a good road chiefly thro the woods, crossed
Lay alsock C. a very large water, got to
Williams port, ^{the} capital of Lycoming C.
7. a 12^{mg} put up at James Winter (Wm
Ellis being ^{there} in business) ~~where~~ we were
comfortably accommodated,

28th

3rd day Started this morn a little after
11 went about 1 m, ^{1/2} stoped at a house to buy
grain for the horses, hearing that we could
not get any further on, while the men
were employ'd cousin and I rode in
to a little house by the ^{road} side, where we met
with some who formerly lived in C. County
Baileys by name, who invited us to eat
breakfast we accepting of their kindness
proceeded on, crossed Lycoming C. very large
passed thro a small village, called Newberry. then
ascended the hill, and went thro a ~~mountain~~
^{very mountainous} wilderness country, 5 m to one Brooks
fed the horses, the men took their breakfast
of a cup of milk and some rye bread, half
past 9. set out again, a very rough road,
6 m to the foot of the Alleghany Mountain,

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wherein a comfortable time of silence ytf was
witnessed to prevail. ytf ytf ytf 27th
2nd day ytf This morning washed some ytf clothes
3 oclock PM set out on our journey, had
a good road chiefly ytf thro the woods, crossd
Loyalsock C. a very ytf large water, got to
ytf Williamsport the capital of Lycoming C.
7h 12m put up at James ytf Winter (Wm
Ellis being ytf there on business) where we were
comfortably accommodated, ytf ytf ytf 28th
3rd day ytf Started this morn a little ytf after
4 went about 1m 1/2 stoped at a house to buy
grain for the horses, ytf hearing that we could
not get any further on. while the men
were ytf employ'd cousin and I stoped in
to a little house by the road side where we ytf met
with some who formerly lived in C. County
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pass' d ytf thro a small village, called newberry. ytf then
ascended the hill, and went thro aytf moun
tainous wilderness country very mountainous ytf 5m to one Brooke,
fed the horses, the men ytf took their breakfast
of a cup of milk and some rye bread, half
past 9. ytf set out again, a very rough road,
6m to theytf foot of the Alleghany Mountain,

fed the horses, and had a rock for a table, some
of the waggons stove together with excellent water
that issued from toward the top of the ~~mountain~~
served to refresh the weary travellers, but no peace
for them nor ^{the} horses because of the little knats.
half past 1 pursuing on, the road being excessive
stony computed to be 6 m. ^{1/2} over, 3 hours ^{3/4} going,
put up at Hookers just at the foot, where
were some of the tallest hemlocks pines, that
I ever saw.

23th 4th day Set out this morn ^{1/4} past 4 af-
ter passing a hill, had a very rough swampy
road along a valley between great mountains
thru ~~with~~ a thicket of amazing tall trees of
different kinds, it being cloudy seemed at
most dark, cousin and I preparing our
selves with staffs, set out on foot, while we
were ~~traveling~~ ^{traveling} along before the waggons ^{we} heard
a noise, looking round to see what was the
matter, beheld as the waggons was going down
a very steep ^{so} excessive muddy place ^{a feather} the bed
pitched out before, and was conveyed under
the waggons in the mud, and a bottle of milk
which we had purchased for breakfast, was
pushed in the blanket that tied it, got out
without any damage, however we took off
the blanket, got a sheet and tied it up
again, I proceeding along crossed a lively
stream of water which followed the

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were ytf some of the tallest hemlocks pines, &c that I ever saw. ytf ytf ytf 29th

4th day ytf Set out this morn 1/4 past 4ytf af-

ter passing a hill, had a very rough swampy road along a valley ytf between great mountains Thro wash a thicket of ytf amazeing tall trees of different kinds, it being cloudy seemed at

most ytf dark. cousin and I preparing our selves with staffs set out on foot, while ytf we were traveling pursuing along before the waggon we heard aytf & noise, & looking round to see what was the matter, ytf beheld, as the waggon was going down

a very steep & excessive muddy ytf place a Feather the bed pitched out before, and was conveyed ytf under the waggon in the mud, and a bottle of milk,

which we had ytf purchased for breakfast, & was pushed in the blanket that tied it, got ytf out

without any damage. however we took of the blanket, got a sheet and ytf tied it up again, & proceeding along crossed a lively stream of ytf water which followed the

the road ~~backward and forward~~ for several
m after crossing ^{it} a great many times, and
coming to it again I perceived a tree
across a little down, which appeared about
two yards high from the water, attempting it
for a bridge, when ^{near the} ~~middle~~ it swagging my
foot slipping, in I went, not much over the
shore top, ^{and was forced to wade} ~~thru~~ travelled a great
distance this morn. but it was difficult
getting along and my feet being wet, con-
cluded to make a fire, ~~and~~ get breakfast
and feed the horses, ^{we then} proceeded, continuing
thru the wilderness, ^{we} came to pine C. crossed
it 13. times in about 5 or 6 m got to Morris's
Mills about 12 o'clock 12 1/2 m from where we
lodged ^{we met with} Francis King's daughter ^{when} at 8 m Ellis
and ^{she} told us we could not get thru the wil-
derness with the waggon, and also the man
that lives here said the same which seemed
discouraging. got dinner, set off half past
2, ^{and} ~~our~~ travelling on foot having a man
tain to ascend got a great distance before
the waggon ^{we} stoped at one Jackson's till
the men come ~~the~~ ^{the} people seemed glad
to see ^{us} tho no acquaintance, ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{woman} said she
was pleased to see us so cheerful, but her
husband, said it would take us six weeks
to get there with the waggon, but told

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the road ytf backward and forward for several
m after crossing it a great many times, and
coming to it again I ytf perceived a tree
across a little down, which appeared ytf about
two yards high from the water & attempting it
for a bridge ytf when near the middle it swagging my
foot slipping, in I went not much ytf over
shoe tops and was forced to wade thro. altho we had not travelled aytf great
distance this morn. but it was difficult
geting along and my ytf feet being wet, con
cluded to make a fire and get ytf breakfast
and feed the horses, we then proceeded, continuing
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lodged, we met with Francis Kings ytf daughter when was at Wm Ellisytf
and she told us we could not get thro the wil
derness with the waggon, ytf and also the man
that lives here said the name which ytf seemed
discourageing, got dinner, set off half past
2, cousin and I ytf travelling on foot having a moun
tain to ascend got a great distance ytf before
the waggon, we stoped at one Jackson's till
the men come who ytf were the people seemed glad
to see us tho no acquaintance, ytf the woman said she
was pleased to see us so chearful, but ytf her
husband, said it would take us six weeks
to get there with theytf waggon, but told

us to call at Moses Wilson's and get his son
to assist, ^{we} proceeded along crooked pine & at
the second fork, stoped a few minutes to see
Sampson Babb. got. James Yarnalls 6^m,
I suppose a relation, his father's name was
Daniel from toward Middⁿ, a while before
sunset and lodged

30th 5th day Set out at 5 o'clock purposing
to breakfast at Moses Wilson, being informed
it was 5^m and the first house, ~~but~~ ^{when}
we came ^{to it} the house was empty, and nobody
to enquire of, however we being a great way
before the waggon, and cold, made bold to
open the door and go in, where we found
fire, put it ~~up~~ together and sat half an
hour warming ourselves till the waggon
came; after conferring together a while conclud-
ed to go on at ^a venture, ~~we~~ ^{having} expected to
get some information of ^{the road at} M Wilson, but
by a draught of ~~the road~~ which our kind
friend J Stewardson had given us, knew we
left the state road, shortly after pursuing $\frac{1}{2}$
m came to a fork, taking the left hand
road went on a piece looking every way
for a house, thro' the woods, ~~and~~ ^{being} excessive

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to ytf assist, we proceeded along & crossd pine Cytf at
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I suppose aytf relation, his father's name was
Daniel, from toward Midn, a while ytf before
sunset and lodged- ytf ytf ytf 30th
5th day ytf Set out at 5 oclock ytf purposing
to breakfast at Moses Wilson, ytf being informd
it was 5m and the first house, ytf but beheld, when
we came to it the house was empty, and ytf nobody
to enquire of, however we being a great way
before the waggon, ytf and cold, made bold to
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fire, put ytf it up together and sat half an
hour warming ourselves till theytf waggon
came; after conferring together a while conclud
-ed to go on at aytf venture, as we having expected to
get some information of theytf road at M Wilson, but
by a draught of ytf the road which our kind
friend Tytf Stewardson had given us, knew we
left the state road, shortly ytf after pursuing 1/2
ytf m came to a fork, takeing the left hand
road ytf went on a piece (looking every way
for a house) thro the woods, ytf over being excessive

road, our 3 men with the assistance of
two more got the axes to work it being
about 1 1/2 m to Boatmen, ^{which} took near two
hours to ^{get} the waggon up where we must
leave it, we endeavoured to persuade
some of them to go with us ^{and} help ^{to} open the
road, ^{but} there being but two families, ^{and} nei-
ghbours near, they very busy planting
corn and out of provision, no mill with-
in 20 m, the woman said she could let
us have plenty of milk and butter but
had nothing else excepting a little fresh
venison ^{which was} a very good relish with our
coffee. ^{having} got our dinner, ^{we} then set to unloading
and packing having two mens
saddles along ^{we} ^{bed} ^{up} in the wag-
gon cover and tied on one horse sewed
up a sheet for a sack filled it ^{and} a
bag we had along with clothing a load for
another, allowing the provision for selves
and horses for the other, night coming on
^{we} got supper put some bread to rise and
went to bed

31st 6th day A clear cold morning very
white frost some clothes I washed last
night being froze stiff, baked bread, got
breakfast, ~~and~~ our horses loaded, set
out on our journey pretty cheerful

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two more got the axes to work it being
about 1/4m to Boatmans which took near two
hours to get the waggon up where we must
leave it, we endeavoured to persuade
some of them to go with us and help to open the
road, but there being but two families and no
neighbours near, & they very busy planting
corn and out of provision, my mill with
in 20m, the woman said she could let
us have plenty of milk and butter but
had nothing else excepting a little fresh
venison which was being a very good relish
with out coffee; having just got our dinner,
we then set out to unload
-ing our waggon and packing having two mens
saddles along with a bed up in the wag
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went to bed yf yf yf 31st
6th day yf A clear cold morning very
yf white frost some clothes I washed last
night being froze stiff, baked bread, yf got
breakfast, and our horses Loaded, & set
out on our journey pretty chearful

go clock having left one bed, our trunks, &c
behind, hoping to get them some time
this summer. ~~After breakfast~~ ^{the land lady pushed} cousin and I over in a stage
travelling till near 1 thro the wilderness
up the pine & being fine grass for the
horses where we let them partake while
we got dinner, I journeyed on till 1/2
past 6 then prepared to take our rest
in the woods, put up some forks and
spread the waggon cover over, after mak-
ing some chocolate went to bed but I
could not sleep much, ^{we} came by the
marks on the trees 15 m

6th m 1st

4th day A clear cool morn. 5 o'clock
set out again, travelled till 8 then stopped
and got breakfast, almost impossible
to tell how often we crossed pine & 1/2
past 9 proceeded, I mounted one of the
horses having the bed for a saddle, a very
boggy rough road till after leaving pine
& then passed thro some good land
near the head waters of the Allegheny
and came down to the foot of a moun-
tain concluding it time to prepare
for lodging, had a good nights rest af-
ter a fatiguing days journey of 26 m
cousin walking all the way, I the
most part, she did it of choice.

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9 oclockytf having left one bed, our trunks, &c
behind, hoping to get them someytf time
this summer, after crossing pineytf C,
the land lady pushed cousin and I over in a canoe
ytf travelled till near 1 thro the wilderness
up the pineytf Cbeing fine grass for the
horses where we let them partakeytf while
we got dinner, 2 journeyed on till 1/2
past 6 then prepared toytf take our rest
in the woods, put up some forks and
spread the waggonytf cover over, after mak
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could notytf sleep much, we came by the
marks on the trees 15mytf ytf ytf 6th m 1st
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near the head waters of the Alleghey
and came down to the foot of a moun
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for lodging, had a good nights rest af
terytf a fatiguing days journey of 26m
cousin walkingytf all the way, I the
most part, she did it of choice.ytf ytf

2nd

1st day cloudy morn 5 o'clock set out,
travelling till 8 o'clock the Onwago & it begin
ing to rain that best to get breakfast &
proceed again, got to John Bell's 12 o'clock
His wife seeing us coming ran out to
meet us with tears running, we were
glad to see her, having been better than
two days and ^{two} nights in the wilderness,
altho the journey has been a little trying
yet I felt something animating and en-
couraging ^{to} revive, and my heart was
filled with a precious sweetness which was
a sufficient consolation for the most
trying seasons, O may I ever abide in the
patience with my eye single to him
who knoweth ~~best~~ what is best for us,
after dinner Benjamin and Wm ^{3 miles} went
to Francis King's to see about a canoe
and staid all night, we staying with M.
Bell her husband not at home

3rd

2nd day cloudy about 10 o'clock they
came, F. King with them, and fetched
some horses for our use and I, ^{we} went to
F. to dinner it looking like for rain
they ~~wished~~ wished us to stay all night, but
we that to get 12 m down the river to
Robert Hoopers, ~~could get~~ ^{hoping} the next day

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ytf 2nd

1st day ytf Cloudy morn 5 o'clock setytf out,
travelling till 8 cross'd the Oswagoytf C it begin
-ing to rain thot best to get breakfastytf 9.
proceeded again, got to John Bell's 12ytf oclock
12m his wife seeing us coming ranytf out to
meet us with tears running, we were
glad to see her, having beenytf better than
two days and two nights in the wilderness,
altho the journeyytf has been a little trying
yet I felt somethingytf animating and en-
-courageing 6 revived, and my heart was
ytf filled with a precious sweetness which was
a sufficient consolation for theytf most
trying seasons, O may I ever abide in the
patience with my eyeytf single to him
who knoweth best what is best for us,
afterytf dinner Benjamin and Wm went 3 miles
to Francisytf King's to see about a canoe
and staid all night, we stayingytf with M.

Bell her husband not at homeytf ytf ytf

3rd

2nd day ytf Cloudy about 10 o'clock they
ytf came & F King with them, and fetched
ytf some horses for cousin and I, we went to
F. to dinner it looking like forytf rain
they & wished us to stay all night, but
we thot to get 12m down the river to
Robert Hoops's.ytf could get thro hoping next day
ytf

reach to Tunesafah ~~and~~ ^{where we were} ~~and~~ anxious to get
~~here~~ set off about 3 P, his son and daug-
hter with us, before we had gone far it
began to thunder and ^{the gust} increased till there
was a very heavy shower, ^{we} stoped at a
little house a while till the heaviest
was over, but the loads being on the
horses I was afraid our clothes would
be very wet. and having nothing but
a foot path, and the bushes very wet
made it disagreeable travelling. but
we got ^{there} ~~there~~ 4 o'clock and were kindly rei-
-eved, but ~~the~~ ^{was} not at home, be-
ing gone to seek provision, several places
we have been at latterly it has been
the case, want of provision, which is
the case here, none for us, no canoe to
take us down, having some with us
got our supper and went to bed

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D ^{off} ~~off~~, and Frances with them set off for
Tunesafah on horse back, leaving us be-
hind, purposing sending a canoe
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the river got 11^m, met Joel Swain and
an Indian with a canoe ^{coming} ~~going~~ for us, ^{we} got
in with them and proceeded, about
12 o'clock stopped at Peter Snider a white
man his wife ^{was} taken captive ^{when} about
3 years old, has lived with the Indians
ever since and cannot talk any en-
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our bread, set off again got to Tene-
sawah 5 o'clock 4^m my dear B was
burning brush 8^m at work with the
planes they all glad to see us and we
to get home
7th

6th day got to washing some of our
dirty clothes, a great many of the ne-
tives coming to see us thro the course
of the day, Corn planters sister said
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desiring the warriors to pay attention
to what should be communicated to
them, then informed the were ready
to hear what we had to say, Henry &
Bail floorplanters son being our
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an epistle from Halliday Jackson to
the Indian warren, likewise a speech
from the young men residing here
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grinding &c, they were also informed
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long and trying we felt peace of
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Brothers Jeweista meaning Quakers

We return thanks to the great
spirit to see you all well, and that
the great spirit has preserved your
women on so long a journey, and
that they arrived safe in our country
we are all glad to see them, and are
~~much~~ pleased to find they are go-
ing to stay amongst us to instruct
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they continuing their conference ^{for} ~~for~~ ^{them}
2 hours longer ~~on the business~~ the young men laid before
~~these temporary affairs~~, broke up in
~~2 hours after~~, and appeared much
pleased with their proposals ~~of our young~~
~~young men~~, which were as follows

Brothers ~~there~~:
You know we have of-
ten talked to you about opening a
good road from this town to Tuners-
sakin order to make it more easy for
your people to come to mill, if you
will now join together, and open this
road, we have concluded to give you
7000 thousand feet of boards; This will
enable you to finish your houses, to
have them ~~warm~~ against next
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boards we will sell them to you
for four shillings per hundred but
we dont intend to trust any,
because we want ^{to keep} the chain of
friendship bright. And if you
want any of your own legs saw
ed into boards or anything, ~~to do~~
~~your~~ our buildings, if you cut
and haul the logs to the mill
we will saw them for one half

Brothers These advantages which
we now propose to you, are in-
tended to encourage you to pursue ha-
bits of industry and sobriety. We
wish you to keep your minds strong
to pursue this path, then we think
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in, and that you continue your good
resolution against spirituous liquors,
we repeat it again be strong in
your minds against this great
enemy and never let him rise up
again. We have all united our ~~mind~~
minds into together in this speech
and shall deliver you a ~~copy~~ ^{copy} that
in order that our memories may
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him understand which was true.
There was a paragraph in the address
from the committee sent by us

referring that when any of them
has done any thing another does not
like, they should not differ but
forgive him that does wrong
for the good spirit forgives
as when we ^{do wrong if we are} ~~are~~ ^{but} ~~forgive~~ for it

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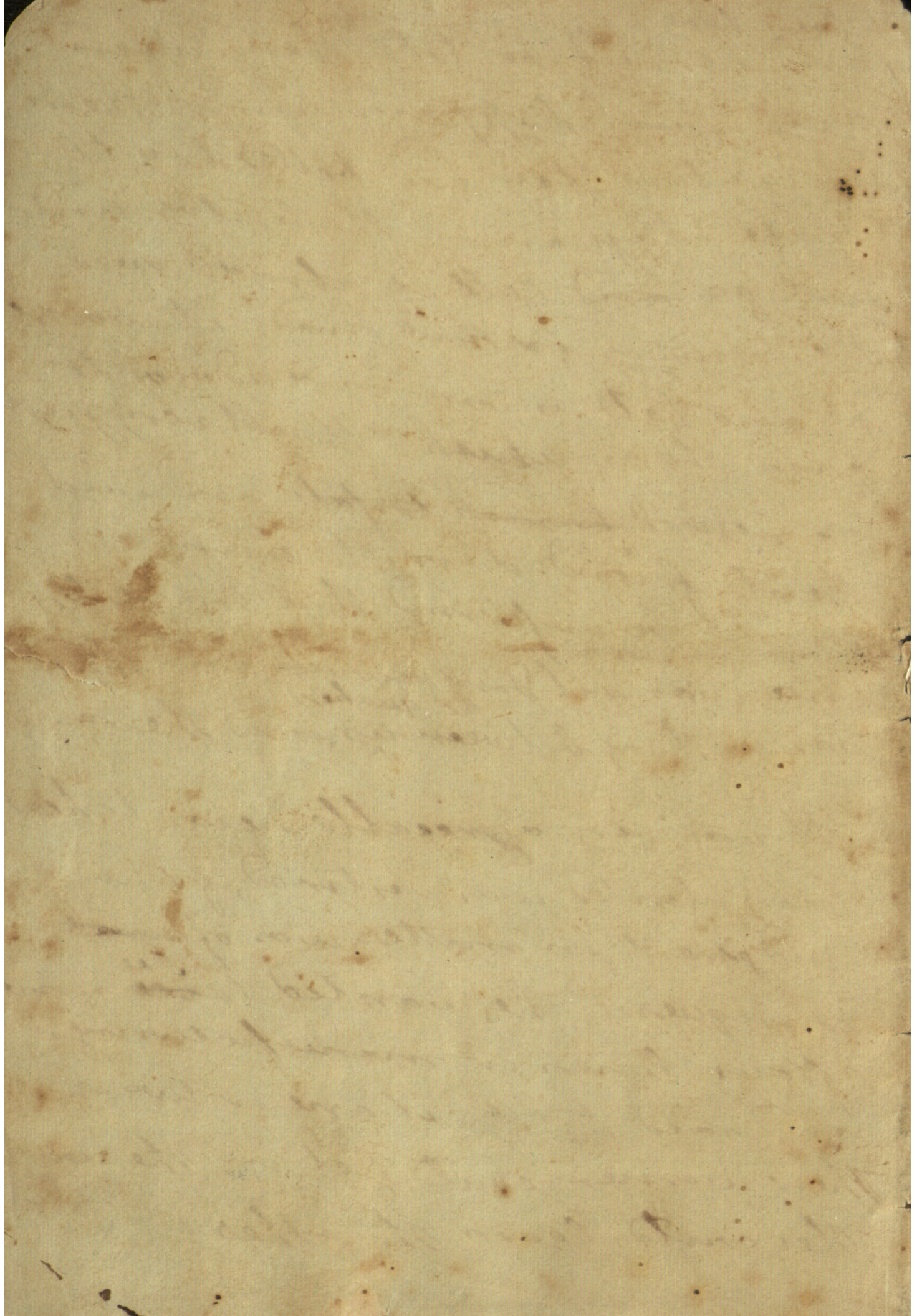
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