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## MAJOR WILLIAM WILLIAMS' JOURNAL OF A TRIP TO IOWA IN 1849.

[William Williams, brother of Judge Joseph Williams, chief justice of Iowa, journeyed from his home in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, to the West with a view to taking up land for future settlement. No record of the first part of the trip has been found, but this journal relates his experiences and impressions from St. Louis, Missouri, to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and on the return trip to his home. The original journal is in a leather-covered book, 4 by 6 inches in size. The notes were originally made in pencil and later traced in ink. The journal contains many sketches of plants, flowers, animals, Indians and scenes particularly noticed by him. These were likewise done in pencil and later traced and colored. He very soon returned to Iowa, remained for some time in Muscatine, and in August, 1850, was appointed sutler of the new military post at Fort Dodge. Upon the removal of the troops in 1853, he planned a town on the site of the post and in 1854 located and surveyed the town of Fort Dodge. At the time of the Indian depredations in 1857, Major Williams commanded the Spirit Lake Relief Expedition. He was continuously identified with the interests of Fort Dodge until his death in 1874.

Through the courtesy of his daughter, Mrs. John F. Duncombe, who has possession of the original journal, and of Mr. H. M. Pratt of Fort Dodge, who kindly assisted in copying and editing, we are enabled to publish the journal.—  
EDITOR.]

[*May 19, 1849, 4 o'clock, Sat.*], took passage on Steam Boat Kate Karney, Capt. Wickley, for Keokuk, Iowa, about 60 passengers on board. the improvements on the Missouri Side for Some Miles up from St Louis, very fine. on the Illinois Side it Continues low, Subject to overflow. Some beautiful Islands,—passed the Mouth of the Missouri River which presents a Singular appearance. that

Water forces itself half way across the Mississippi; its Water is very Muddy and the Mississippi very Clear, the two Waters keep their own Side, dont mix untill they get nearly down to St Louis distance—miles. Wisconsin River has two mouths, a long Island between. distance to upper mouth ———.

Arrived at Alton, Illinois. this is a fine Town, beautifully Situated and appears to be a place of importance. arrived here after dark. find a Well paved Levee—and Steam Boats moored. a great Crowd at the wharf. population Said to be 1,800. took on Several passengers. Went to bed, passing in the Night Grafton, Illinois River (mouth), Gilead, Harrisburgh, Clarksville. in the morning found we were Near Louisiana, Missouri.

Louisiana, Missouri Side, is a very thriveing little place on an elevated Bank with gentle Slope from the Water. just above it a high Mound Shaped hill. buildings Some of them quite new & good, brick, built in good Style—The population is about 250 to 300. a good landing here and room for quite a City. from this place up to Hannibal the River is beautifull, Studded with Islands—

Hannibal, Missouri, Marion Co.—is a most beautifull town, Situation on the River & the County seat Palmyra is 12 miles distant—Hannibal is the best built town I have Seen of the Size—population 3,000—It is Situated on a rising ground, gradually rising from the River, flanked on the upper Side by a high bluff. Streets wide & well paved. buildings generally Brick—Modern style. the people look inteligent & Active—this is a great point for the Shipment of Pork—the banks for Some distance above this place on the Missouri side are high ground, The Illinois side low and inundated. the River here is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile wide.

Marian, Missouri Side, a small & poor place about 150 inhabitants. tis situated on a very extensive flat all subject to inundation; here both sides of the river low, The Illinois side generally low from St Louis up, Missouri side varying—generally high banks.—this day, *Sunday, May 20th*, passed 2 Steam Boats Sunk. fine day, high stern wind, River rough, Sailing nearly North.

Quincy, Illinois, County seat of Adams County now in view, about 4 miles distant. this is one the largest towns in the State; except Chicago, tis largest. population 6,500. stopped here to put out freight & passengers. the town situated on a beautiful Bluff—6 flouring Steam Mills & 2 Steam Saw Mills, an Odd Fellows Hall, a Masonic Hall. trade Pork, flour & the produce of the Country—Land in this quarter is worth from \$15 to \$30. Said to be the garden of the State from this point to the Illinois River. this place has sprung up tis said in the last 12 years—I think it would be hard to find in the U. S. a more desirable place to live than this is. The town is most beautifullly arranged, the buildings

all in fine Style—the Streets wide & Superbly paved & Sanded & Shade Trees throughout, generally Locust, now in full bloom. The Country in the rear for many Miles nearly level, beautifully improved. a very fine Levee here on the first bank. on second bank on which the town Stands is faced by a ridge of Mounds or elevations presenting a fine View of the River, and at this time are seated under the Shade trees groups of well dressed Gentlemen & Ladies looking on at the arrival & departures of the Steam Boats below. from this place they have a View of the River both up & down for many miles. tis Certainly a beautiful place. the people appear Orderly and intelligent. This is one of the best Pork Markets in this Country.

there has been Since January 20 or 30 Cases of Cholera here—LaGrange, Missouri Side, a small town, population about 200, situate on the bank of the river, high bluffs in rear. this appears to be a Shipping point—

Canton, Missouri, Situate on an extensive bottom. a Small place about 150 population. a great many Negroes here. River wide here. great excitement, Crowds at the landing enquireing about the fire at St. Louis<sup>1</sup>—so at all points along the River. Cholera here.

Tully, Situated about one mile above Canton on same flat. population about 400. some good buildings here. large Pork houses here. Negroes numerous. Here two Indians came on board who belonged to Wisconsin Bull falls. they came down Wisconsin River with a raft. are fine looking fellows, Speak tolerable English, names I. B. Dubeé & Basel Dubeé—They Say they are all going to move this fall to the Winnebago Country. they are Minomenies. Alexandria, Missouri Side, Situated on a level Bank. population about 400. rather an ordinary looking place. put out some freight here. nearly opposite on the Illinois Side Stands Warshaw—

Warshaw, Illinois, is a fine looking town Situated on a high Bluff on second bank from the Mo. side where we are. I suppose it to contain about from 1,000 to 1,500 inhabitants. buildings look very well—a good looking Levee & Warehouses down on the first bank. from this point we have a view of Keokuk 4 miles ahead. along here the Illinois Side is the more elevated. Here the Des Moines River empties into the Mississippi on the Missouri Side. tis about as Wide as the Connemaugh, Pa—or Kiskeminetas but is navigable. arrived at Keokuk. feel unwell.

Keokuk, Iowa, is situated on a high bluff say 100 feet high. tis piled up on a number of knoles, the top of the bluff being uneven.

<sup>1</sup>A terrible fire has devastated St. Louis. It is supposed to have been the work of incendiaries. Six squares of the business portion of the city are in ashes. \* \* \* \* \* Several steamboats were burned at the wharf—among them the Montauk, Red Wing and Alex. Hamilton. Bloomington—Iowa Democratic Enquirer, May 19, 1849.

the number of inhabitants about 2500. The river here is wide. I am obliged to stop here as the Packet Boat Stops. will take Boat Time & Tide (if not too many German Emigrants on board) to night. very unwell. this town is at the foot of the rapids. lower rapids on the half breed tract formerly belonged to the Sacks & Fox Indians—four Churches, viz.—Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic & Baptist. 2 divisions of Sons of Temperance, 1 section of Cadets, a Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows Lodge, 2 printing presses. One Steam flouring Mill. The Pork trade is great. 36,000 head of hogs Slaughtered here last Winter—

The River Des Moines is the line between Missouri & Iowa—went to bed very unwell. will go on Time & Tide when she comes up—Symptoms of Cholera. very uneasy.

*Monday Morning, May 21st.* got up, found the Time & Tide gone up. Several who set up to watch for her Still here. they found when she arrived that She was literally filled with Dutch Emigrants and several cases of Cholera on board—they refused to go on her & did not rouse those of us who depended on them. expect the Oragan up to day.

9 oClock in Company with three others hired a Waggon and Set out by Land for Fort Maddison by Way of Mont Rose—passed through a most Splendid Country of Prairie Land called the Half Breed Tract. this is the first Sight I have had of the Prairie lands, tis beautiful. Arrived at Mont Rose. dont feel Well this Morning. this place is a small place purhaps 200 Inhabitants. on the opposite Side, Illinois, Stands Navou The Famous Morman City of Jos. Smith. tis quite a large place and a very pretty situation on a high bluff, Containing tis said now about 5,000 inhabitants, formerly did contain 7,000 Mormans. buildings are generally good. I have a fair view of the famous Morman Temple. tis a splendid looking pile 130 feet by 90 feet and 80 feet high. tis good Work. Built of White Coloured Marble. altho very much injured it still presents a fine appearance. Walls uninjured. all here agree that the Mormans were an injured & abused people—Say all difficulties arose from their numbers being great and able to Controul Election, &c &c. between Keokuk and Madison 24 miles I passed through the most beautiful country, Prairie Lands with timber groves interspersed. tis a perfect garden—for the first time I Saw Prairie Hens. they are as large & plump as our large Sized fowls—they fly very much like our Pheasants—Saw a great number of other birds new to me. they are about the Size of the Cow Bird, in colour Something like our Thrush except they have 2 Black Stripes on each side of the head—the Prairies are here Covered with flowers of Red, Yellow, Blue & White Colours. I am already satisfied this is the best & most beautiful Country in the World. We have had a delightful breeze all forenoon. arrived at Madison, Lee County, Iowa—

Madison, Lee Co, Iowa, is Situated on an elevated piece of table Land backed by a bluff of Some 150 feet high. there is better than 1500 inhabitants. buildings generally tolerably good Appearance. on a point above town (upper end of the Town is where Fort Madison formerly Stood)—They are building the State Penitentiary here; tis about half finished, built of very handsome Free Stone neatly faced. above the Main entrance is very neatly cut in relief a heavy Chain Work. it does not appear to be a place of great business, perhaps to near Burlington & Keokuk being about 14 miles from K. & 18 miles from B.— the half Breed Tract including from this place to Keokuk is in dispute which no doubt retards its improvement. the Country is beautiful. the Bank on which Madison Stands is very extensive & would afford room for a large City—I am obliged to Stay here untill to-morrow noon for the Stage unless a boat Should come up. 5 oClock in the evening, sitting at the Window at the Eagle Hotel (W. C. Steepe proprietor) from which I have a view of the river for Miles, two pretty Islands in front of me about the middle of the River which appears here to be considerably over a mile Wide. It looks here more like a Lake, being to the eye in the distance land bound all around. the Illinois bluffs stand up in bold releif on the oposite Shore—a very heavy Storm is approaching in the West. tis gathering & comeing up the River which runs nearly due West from this point—it looks very black and angry, thunder loud and flashes of forked lightning playing with great rapidity. Wind becomeing Very Strong, the Waves on the river very high, topped with White Caps—The Scene terrible & Sublime—a ferry Boat is on her way, makes for the Island, is caught in the Storm, she is tied up, the Clouds break—The torrents of rain forced on by wind is comeing up the River, raiseing a white foam on the face of the Water—the distant hills or bluffs are no longer Visable on the back ground, tis Close upon us, Wind, Rain, thunder and lightning is terrific. in the Street are Some people moveing, 2 waggons, 4 or 5 Women, Some Men & boys driving Cattle & Sheep. great efforts are Making by the Citizens to Save them from the Storm—they are barely saved from its force—but the poor Horses, Cattle & Sheep are left to its force—tis on us, tis terrible—we have no such Storms in Penna. it is over—Lasted about 15 minutes. all calm again. Clear in the West a beautiful Sunset—

I find a Masonic Lodge here, 2 divisions of Sons of Temperance— One Section of Cadets of T—one of daughters. not a liquor selling Establishment in the place. tis the most uniformly Temperate place I was ever in. the further I ascend the Mississippi the more Temperate. No Cholera here.

*Tuesday, May 22.* fine Morning. no Boat up yet—I feel anxious to get up to Burlington as I am informed my brother Jos. is there holding Court. the Supreme Court met there yesterday. I find

every person is acquainted with him. Steam Boats—Archer and Wisconsin has just passed down. rafts of Logs—laths—boards & Shingles are now arriving here, all from the Wisconsin River. the raft men are fine, hearty looking fellows. they are originally from different States & some half breed Indians,—half Indian, Half French. The Sons of Temperance here are Sweeping all before them. I am informed they have Initiated as Many as 30 of a Night.

I am wearied lying here, have put in my time talking to a German from the City of Navou—

The Mormons have all left. Sold out all their property to a French Company<sup>2</sup> who will no doubt make it a great place. He tells me they are establishing all Mechanical branches. about 700 have arrived in all there. there is to be 25,000 made up of French & Germans from the Rhine. they are buying Lands all around Navou on the Illinois Side.

Our Landlord W. C. Steepe is a W. W. Ward, a little pompous Englishman—1 o'clock took the Stage for Burlington by way of Skunk River ferry. My Traveling Companion Since I left St. Louis, Mr. Keith, Mercht. of St Croix, Wisconsin—a very clever Fellow & a Mason & Odd Fellow—We Stick together—left after dinner in Stage for Burlington, about 32 Miles by Land. felt very unwell—very much debilitated. passed through a most beautiful and rich Country particularly between Skunk River & Madison. I think the Prairie called Green Bay Bottom is the most beautiful Sight I ever have seen. tis a Prairie about 9 or 10 Miles in length & from 3 to 4 Miles Wide. Skunk River bottom is well timbered. the River is a Stream about like the Loyalhanna. Country rolling from this River to Burlington. arrived at Burlington about 5 o'clock P. M. where I found my Brother. The Supreme Court was sitting (Judges Greene and Kinney, associates) Burlington, Des Moines Co—stopped at The Barrett House, proprietor Fletcher. met Jas. Clarke & his brother from Greanbe

This town Originally called Flint Hill—The Indian name was Shoquokon, Flint or Rock Hill. beautifully elevated Situation on the West Side of the Mississippi River. a place of very considerable business. the town is very well built. houses are very good, generally tasty, Brick dwellings. a great many handsome residences on the More elevated part of the bluff. the number of inhabitants between 3,000 & 3,500. a splendid country back of this South & West. I find a great many people Crossing at this place, with them Ox teams, eight Oxen to a waggon & the Waggon built to float over Rivers. they are generally from Michigan & Indiana & Illinois—all bound for California—entire families, Men Women & Children—all a hardy looking people.—this place is situated on the West Bank of

<sup>2</sup>The Icarian Community, founded by Etienne Cabet, settled in Nauvoo in 1849, afterwards removed to Adams county, Iowa.

the Mississippi River. Was the first Seat of Government after the formation of the Territory of Iowa. the view of the City is extremely picturesque from the River. the Main part of the City is situated like an amphitheatre formed by the surrounding hills, beautiful buildings & private residences on the eminances around. from the location of Burlington it must always be a place of Considerable trade. the City is well built on modern Style. a very inteligent population. there are a number of Churches—Presbyterian, N. School & Old School, Baptist, Congregational, Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist. a goodly number of Steam Saw Mills, flouring Mills, founderies, &c, a Masonic Lodge, O. F. Lodge, two Devisions of Sons of T. Cadets Sisters, &c, &c. people remarkably Temperate.

I found my Brother Joseph holding Court here, him & his associates, Judge Kinney & Greene, both young Looking men—the Lawyers in attendance appear to be able & respectable looking men. About 40 Lawyers in attendance. the great half breed Tract Cases are on hand involving at least \$1,000,000 worth of property—great interest manifested. 4 or 5 excellent Hotels. The Barret House where I stop is an excellent house, Fletcher, proprietor; would be a Credit to any eastern City—tis a very extensive Concern & the arrangement very extensive, excellent—I have been here 2 days & 2 nights—was treated by being present at the practiseing of an excellent Band—Brass Band Composed of the Young Gentlemen of the City. Met with Lieut Buoy of the 16 Regt. a young Lawyer who knew Wm. in Mexico.—The River here is over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of mile wide and Steam ferry Boats constantly plying between this and the Illinois Shore—the Illinois Shore lies low opposite this for some miles up & down the River.

*Thursday the 24 May.* left for Bloomington which is 60 Miles above. took Steam Boat, Anthony Wayne,<sup>2</sup> 11 oClock forenoon. James Golden, Blacksmith, formerly of Hollidaysburgh died at Burlington the day before I arrived—Several Citizens have died within a few days, all of Cholera, among whom was a Mr. Jones just returned from St. Louis, one of the most extensive Merchants here—Country along from this place up to Bloomington generally along the River high Bluffs on the Iowa Side and low prairies on the Illinois Side—

Oquawka, County Seat of Henderson County, Illinois. 13 Miles above Burlington is a pretty looking little place, Containing over 500 inhabitants. buildings look fresh. a very good Court house, looks well from the River. tis located on the Margin of a Very extensive Prairie which extends as far as I can see. I am informed, with the

<sup>2</sup>THE BOATS, THE BOATS.—Our favorite, the Bon Accord, regularly supplies us with papers from below. She always passes here on her downward trip on Tuesday.

The Time and Tide for like attentions has our thanks.  
The Anthony Wayne also is entitled to our thanks for like favors.  
Bloomington—*Iowa Democratic Enquirer*, June 9, 1849.



interruption of one bluff that it runs in about 7 or 8 miles from the town, that the Prairie extends back for near 50 Miles. our passengers are Composed of the Lumbermen from Wisconsin, St Josephs, Turkey River, &c, and one young Lawyer by name Brown—from D. of Columbia bound for Minnasoie, St Pauls,—in all about 30 passengers. the Lumbermen are Composed of Shrewd Scotchmen, Yankees & half breed Indians—Menomonies—Oquaka is built on the Site of an Old Indian Town—Saw here a Very beautiful Indian Bark Canoe very prettily modeled & painted in their way. Keithsburg.

Keithsburg, Illinois, a small town commenced about two years ago, perhaps 200 inhabitants. rather a promising town—some good houses. it has the appearance of an Active business place Situated on the upper end of a bluff on a level or flat. this town is the County Seat of Mercer Co. Illinois—

New Boston, Illinois Side, is situated on an elevated Bank which Stretches or lies along the River for some distance above and below the Town. The population about 200 to 250—opposite this on the Iowa side is the mouth of the Iowa River which empties into the Mississippi by two mouths, an Island between. The Iowa River is a beautiful River, clear & rapid and navigable, with good Stage of Water up as far as Iowa City, 90 miles from its mouth.—a great many Islands in the Mississippi from Burlington up, and the Banks of the River on both Sides generally lined with thick growth of timber. The Iowa River is about 300 Yds wide. a good deal of lumber Comes down it—

Point Louisa or Wallace's Old Landing, 15 miles below Bloomington, a Small place, a shipping Point—from this point up to Bloomington there is a great many Islands. about 7 Miles below Bloomington the most beautiful Prairies open out on the Iowa side and the Island called Muskatine Island is splendid land formed by a slough that puts out from the River. this slough is full of Wild Ducks, Geese, &c. & on the Prairie Snipe, Prairie Hens & Woodcock—as most of the Slough & Island along here are.—I arrived at Bloomington at Seven oClock. find it to be a very considerable town, excellent Landing, a great crowd on the Wharf.

Stopped at the American House, Borelands. Mr. Boreland accompanied me up to My Brother's. found Mary & the family all well and very glad to see me. found Kennedy, Wm. & Joseph to be fine, promising Young men. Georgianna is a charming girl. Set up late talking with the family—12 oClock retired to bed.

*Friday morning May 24 [25].* after a good Sleep got up and after breakfast took a look at the town. very much pleased. Joseph's residence is on an elevated site which commands a view of the River for Miles up & down—

Called to see Ann Brown, Black Girl. found she was married & has three very pretty little Black Children. She was the most de-

lighted creature. Showed me her children, boasted of her husband & She calls her Oldest child Mary after sister Mary & little Mary, & her son she calls William after myself, & She Says She often has told her husband that she would like to give us one of them we took such good Care of her. She looks Well, dont See that She has changed Much. Met with Col. Thos. Isett, called to See . . . . . also Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Boreland, Miss Culbertson. The town all in mourning caused by the death of Some of their most worthy citizens, particularly Miss Parvin,<sup>4</sup> whose remains was brot up from St Louis this morning in the *Oswego*.<sup>4a</sup>

Bloomington is a fine town, one of the most important points in the State. its Situation on one of the great bends of the Mississippi has great commercial advantages; is the seat of justice of Muscatine County. Contains about 2000 inhabitants, is the Natural depository for a vast amount of trade from the Surrounding Country, has many neat Residences & Several Spacious Brick Mercantile Establishments—a large Steam Mill, One Smaller One, two printing Establishments, 6 churches, 4 Physicians, 8 Lawyers, a neat Court house & Jail, Masonic Lodge, &c., with a due proportion of Merchts., Mechanics, &c. and 2 Divisions of Sons of Temperance, 1 Section of Cadets, Odd Fellows Lodge. the town is very prettily situated, in part on a level on the river for two streets back, when the ground rises and the remaining Street is elevated in benches, the whole Standing in a rise enclosed by a range of high bluffs which runs around it in a Semicircular form, forming beautifull Sites for residences. from the bluffs there is a beautifull View of the town below and of the Mississippi for Miles up and down. all steam Boats land here, passing up & down and as the Country improves above and back of it, it must increase the trade & importance of the place. wrote home to Wm.

*Saturday, May 26.* cloudy, some rain in the Morning, promised to clear up about 10 o'clock. walked about, took a view of the Town. Several Steam Boats arrived. everything appears new. find Several of the Citizens are yet but Strangers. I like the appearance of things very well. much yet to do in gradeing Streets, &c. &c.

*Sunday, 27 May*—Another Cloudy day & cold. Went to Presbyterian Church in the forenoon, herd Mr. Pratt preach, rather a promising preacher, rather diffident (young). Evening went to Methodist

<sup>4</sup>In St. Louis, of cholera, on Sunday 20th inst, at the residence of J. P. Mulford, Miss Lydia Harris Parvin, daughter of John A. and \_\_\_\_\_ Parvin, of this place, in the 18th year of her age. Bloomington—Iowa *Democratic Enquirer*, May 26, 1849.

<sup>4a</sup>REGULAR PACKET.—From St. Louis to Burlington, Bloomington and Rock Island. The staunch and elegant passenger and freight steamboat, OSWEGO, Thomas S. Battelle, Master, will run as a regular packet from St. Louis to the above named ports during the season. Bloomington—Iowa *Democratic Enquirer*, May 26, 1849.

Church, herd Mr. Harris<sup>5</sup> preach. he is an Englishman, rather a Strong man, fine Voice and preaches with great Confidence.

Mr. Pratt's text 5 Ch. Math.—Ye are the light of the World. Mr. Harris' text 24 Ch. Math. 29 to 35 V. inclusive. The Methodists are the largest Congregation here & Very respectable. the Presbyterians has a Small Congtn. but very respectable—The town appears very Orderly on Sabbath day.

*Monday, May 28.* morning Clear, promise of a pleasant day. rode out today with Mr. Wallace to look at the country lying between Bloomington & Ceder River. for the first 1½ Miles the broken river bluffs continue well timbered; passing this we enter upon the Prairie, a most delightful region, an undulating Prairie for twenty Miles all arranged in Squares or oblong Sections, half Sections or quarter Sections of Land, Some of which are handsomely improved. Joseph's Tract lies in this Prairie, a very pretty place. the lanes wide & beautiful. as we approach Cedar River tis more broken & again Timbered. Saw two Prairie Chickens and a great variety of flowers on the open part of the Prairie; the whole is a perfect garden. Visited the Odd Fellows Lodge this evening. Recd a letter from William, greatly relieved to hear from home.

*Tuesday, 29 May.* 10 oClock, clear & pleasant Morning. Started with Kennedy for Tipton, Ceder County. passed through a beautiful Country, Woodland & Prairie alternately, 25 Miles to Tipton. Saw a number of Prairie Hens and Quails also a Species of Squirrel precisely like our Common Gray Squirrel—Something less in size and head a little longer, Colour Same. they Burrow in the ground in the Prairies.—we passed through a Very extensive Prairie—something near a Circular form—would I think Measure in Circumference 70 or 80 Miles. a beautiful View, undulating, with Small groves interspersed, about 7 miles wide, some places purhaps 10 Miles. Surface undulating and the Shadows of the Clouds passing over them gives the whole the appearance of a Vast Lake ruffled by the wind. Some places you have a View for 20 Miles without interuption, the whole enclosed in the distance by the distant bluffs of the Surrounding Streams Covered with timber untill Colour is lost in the distance, the whole Covered with flowers of deep red, yellow, Purple & White. wish my friends at home could be here to enjoy the sight.

Arrived at Tipton, 2 oClock. Stopped with Jno. Culbertson. found here also J. C. Betts & family, J. Ennis & son. Tipton is a very pretty little Town, the County town of Ceder County, Situated in the center of the County & the seat of Justice; Contains about 3 or 400 Inhabitants. the town is Situated on a beautiful Prairie, about the Centre of it. Prairie about 6 Miles wide — purhaps 10 in length,

<sup>5</sup>John Harris, pastor Methodist Church, 1847-48, 1855, 1857. *History of Muscatine Co. West. Hist. Co. 1879.*

timbered all around it; about 5 Miles from Cedar River. the town is all frame buildings painted white, which gives it a very neat & airy appearance. tis very healthy—people very Orderly & plain. Majority, Methodists & Congregationalists. good Schools all through this country, filling up Very fast.

rode out this evening with a Mr. Friend to look at some unentered Prairie Land. he Conducted me to Some delightfull locations about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Miles from town. fixed on three quarter Section—Worthy of attention. intend going to the East of this about same distance,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Miles, to Morrow where he thinks I will like it better. I find difficulty in getting as much together as I want, being cut up in 40 & 80 Acre tracts, also in getting timber & water on the tracts. I go to morrow with a hope I shall be able to include a good Stream of Water. no prettier Country in the World,—a perfect garden. my greatest trouble is I find that Speculators have every where Secured the best of the Woodland. the only plan is to select good Prairie Land, well watered & buy 20 or 40 acres of Wood Land to Supply it. any quantity can be bought at \$5 p Acre. The Woodland is generally on bluffs. The Prairie Land is far preferable for farming purposes—you can Select the most beautiful farms of 160—280 or even a whole Section that will every foot of it be like a garden.

*Wednesday, 30 May.* after breakfast Started in Company with Mr. Friend, Kennedy & Jas. Ennis to view some government Land. traveled East about 3 Miles to the great Prairie. very much pleased with the Land, Selected  $\frac{3}{4}$  Sections, if I cant please myself better. Swamped in a slough today. dined with Jeremiah Betts & family. Started for home to Bloomington 1 oClock. Saw a great many qualls, large snipes & Rabbits today. The land Selected here is about to the Eastern line  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Miles, to Western Boundary  $1\frac{1}{4}$  Miles, lying on and including Sugar Creek.

Started for Bloomington at 2 oClock. reached home for tea.

*Thursday, June 1st.* rode out with T. Isett to look at the Country. Isett has put me on a plan of finding all the Government Land in Musketine County. intended to ride out North to look at a peice  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section with Mr. Boreland but was prevented by rain—rained all evening—Telegraphed home, not being able to do it sooner the Battery being out of order.

*Friday, June 2d.* rode out with T. Isett, Selected 2 qr. Sections 6 Miles from Town, on the Prairie. caught in a Storm, got wet, returned by one OClock, remained in the house, evening wet.—Rev'd Johnston<sup>e</sup> called, agreed to go to Iowa City in the morning—if clear—this night is a fine clear night. have a fine view of the river from Joseph's door; two Steam Boats in view, their fire & smoke as they sail along has a fine effect. the scene before me is very fine.

<sup>e</sup>Rev. G. J. Johnson was pastor of the Burlington First Baptist Church at its organization, April 1, 1849. *History of Des Moines Co. West Hist. Co. 1873.*

*Saturday, June 3d.* Foggy morning. set out at 8 o'clock in company with Rev'd Mr. Johnston of Burlington. having heavy rains yesterday, found the roads bad, particularly in the neighborhood of Cedar River.

Cedar River is about as large a Stream as the Kiskeminetas. Steam Boats are now running up it for some distance. passed through a most Splendid Country, Prairies from 10 to 15 Miles Wide, rather more flat than the Prairies in Cedar County. fine roads from Cedar River to Iowa City. arrived at the City about 4 o'clock, 33 miles. put up at Mr. Crummy's<sup>7</sup> Hotel; a very excellent House & very pleasant Landlord.

The City is laid out on the margin of a very extensive Prairie 15 Miles Wide, Situated on a lovely rise on the Iowa River, a Stream Something like the Conemaugh in Pa. The City is well built up but Scattered,—a number of very fine Churches, Baptist, Old School Presbyterians, New School Presbyterians, Universalist, Catholic, & a very fine building called the Mechanics Association Hall in which Schools are kept and in which the Sons of Temperance & Masons meet. The State House is a splendid Stone Edfice not yet finished, and a very extensive Enclosure or grounds enclosed around it. the Streets are Wide & beautifully laid out. population over 1,500. a great many beautiful building scites around it and a number of Very handsome residences & improvements. have here also Two Methodist Churches, The Episcopal & Radicals, 8 Lawyers, 7 or 8 Physicians. found the Crummy family exceedingly kind & interesting. they are particular friends of Mary & Joseph's. I like the people here better than any part I have been in. everything looks more like home. found many of the first men here very kind & friendly, particularly Doctor Lowe,<sup>8</sup> Secretary of State Bunn,<sup>9</sup> Col Willhams,<sup>10</sup> late Secretary, both Masons. attended this evening their Masonic Lodge, a very good one. there is also here an Odd Fellows Lodge.

*Sunday morning, June 4th.* a fine Morning—went with the Ladies Mrs. Clarke & the Miss Crummys to Methodist Church, Text 2d Chronicles, 4 Chapter, two last verses of the chapter, a very good Sermon preached.

Afternoon went to Baptist church, heard a very good preacher, Mr. Braybrook of Gelena. at 7 o'clock in the evening went again to hear Mr. Johnston of Burlington, Baptist. had a very elegant discourse, text in Ecclesiastes upon the duties of Preachers & hearers.

*Monday, June 5.* rode out through the Country over the Iowa River opposite to the city in Company with Mr. Clarke,<sup>11</sup> a young Lawyer, son in law of Mr. Crummy. do not like the Land so well as that

<sup>7</sup>John Crummey, landlord of Crummey House.

<sup>8</sup>Dr. Enos Lowe was Receiver of Public Monies at Iowa City, 1849.

<sup>9</sup>Josiah H. Bonney was Secretary of State, 1848-50.

<sup>10</sup>Col. Jesse Williams was Secretary of the Territory of Iowa, 1845.

<sup>11</sup>William Penn Clarke.

in Ceder Co. & that in Muskatine between Bloomington & this City, altho tis all good. afternoon attended to business at the Land office then turned in with the Ladies, Mrs. Fails, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Brown & the two Miss Crummys in Compy with Doctor Lowe, Col. Jesse Williams and Mr. Clarke & Mr. Fails, spent the evening with them and went again with them to hear Mr. Johnston preach. heard an eloquent sermon, text was John, 3d Chapter, 18 V, Condemn'd already. after sermon in Company with the preacher, Mr. Johnston, we all went to the Crummy House and was very agreeably entertained. They have an excellent choir here Composed of a Union from the several Churches. Mr. & Mrs. Fails<sup>12</sup> are the leaders. they use Bass Viol & Violins. I have so far been very much pleased with the people; they are plain, cheerfull and hospitable.

*Tuesday, June 6.* took Breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Fails. Mrs. Fails is a fine Woman, a Yankee, a great Manager & leader, formerly a teacher at Fort Atkinson, I believe of Domestic Economy. a great friend of Mason Williams. She is a perfect Major, can entertain Company with any Woman I ever saw.  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9 o'clock started with Rev'd Johnston, Rev. Archibald & wife of Devenport for Bloomington. had a Very pleasant ride. reached Bloomington 4 o'clock. found all well. recd William's letter of the 22d May, very much relieved to hear all is well at home.

*Wednesday, 7 June.* fine morning. when at Iowa City I located for Wm. of Land  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a Section near Tipton, Ceder Co. and  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section Near Bloomington, about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  Miles out on the Tipton road.

Went to the Court House to day to hear their proceedings in Court. Judge Grant<sup>13</sup> of Devenport presides. No associate Judges in this State. the Bar here rather thin, best Lawyers are Mr. Woodward, Whitaker and Butler. balance, 2 or three, Very ordinary indeed. Woodward is the best read man by far. not much business in any of the Courts. Agencies & Collections principle business and Speculateing a pretty good opening for a young Man. a very heavy rain this evening.

*Thursday, June 8th.* clear & cool Morning after a very heavy rain last Night, Sun Warm, Streets drying fast. as I have to remain till Joseph can return I have Concluded to go up to Galena in the first Boat & see that part of the Country.—

*Thursday, June 8th.* Cont'd at & spent the Evening at Joseph's with Mr. and Mrs. Senat and Mrs. Popp, a German Lady. was entertained by Mrs. Popp playing on the Guitar & Singing. She Sings well, has Sung in the Operas, has a fine Voice indeed. Sings well.

6 o'clock in the evening took passage on the Oswego Boat, Capt. Battelle, for Devenport, Rock Island & during the night passed

<sup>12</sup>Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Fales.

<sup>13</sup>1847. In April, James Grant was elected District Judge of the Second Judicial District. Wilkie's Davenport Past and Present. 1858.

Rockingham. arrived at Devenport between 11 & 12 o'clock in the night, after touching at Stevenson, took Lodgeings at the Le Clare House,<sup>14</sup> Landlord Mr. Gayle.<sup>15</sup> a Splendid house.

*Friday morning, June 9th.* very clear, warm morning. took a look at the town and Surrounding Country. Devenport is Situated on the Iowa Side of the River on a Very extensive flat of Land, gently rising from the River Mississippi for a Mile back, when the bluffs rise to considerable hight affording most beautiful Scites for improvements. This is a charming place; buildings good but in Some parts Scatterd; Streets very Wide and beautified with Trees on each side; Some very pretty residences; a great deal of taste displayed. we have a fine View of the River both up & down. the population is about from 1,100 to 1,200. the town has the appearance of a More Ancient town than any I have seen on the Mississippi. directly opposite on the Illinois Side lies Spread out in full view Rock Island and Fort Stevenson, a Town that appears to be a place of business, containing a population of 1,800 or 2000. has a clean neat appearance from this Side. Devenport is the County Seat of Scott county. Supports two Lawyers, four Doctors, has Seven Churches—Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregationalist, Baptist, Campbelites, New Presbyterians, Catholic, Episcopal. Catholic & Congregationalists & Methodists are the most numerous. No Cholera here—a healthy place. in Sight a little above is Fort Armstrong Situated on Rock Island, a very delightful place 3 Miles long & better than a mile wide. Thomas Drum lives at the Fort, also Doctr Hewett of Williamsburgh lives there. Hiram Price lives in Devenport. Met with John Rouser here. he is a Justice of the peace; Hiram Price, Acting Recorder.

Rock River enters four Miles below on the Illinois Side. this River is navigable for 50 to 70 Miles up from Mouth. two large Steam flouring Mills that Manufts 620 Bals of flour per Week, One Steam Saw Mill. abundance of Iron back of this, 40 Miles in Jackson County. liveing, everything, cheaper in this Country than in Penna. Eight or ten stores here, good ones, Some groceries, 3 Drug Stores, One Regular Hotel,—2 *Doggaries*, One Odd Fellows' Lodge, One Masonic Lodge, One Devison of Sons of Temperance. a very Temperate place, more so than Stevenson. in Stevenson One *Masonic Lodge*, One *Chapter*, One Odd Fellows Lodge, One Division Sons of T—

<sup>14</sup>Le Claire House. It was built in 1839, at a cost of \$35,000, by Antoine LeClaire, and was at the time a marvel of beauty and magnitude; and was not excelled anywhere in the Mississippi Valley. It was for a time Davenport proper,—inasmuch as it was the rallying point for all residents of the city, and during the summer was a resort for visitors from St. Louis and other southern cities, who came here with their families to ruralize, hunt, escape warm weather and yellow fever. Wilkie's Davenport Past and Present. 1858.

<sup>15</sup>Mr. Gayle's name not given in the list of landlords. A William H. Gayle was a Davenport pioneer of 1840.—Ed.

a very fine college<sup>16</sup> at Devenport under the Direction of the Congregationalists; a Very fine building, beautifully situated on the bluffs in rear of the town.

rained this evening. Steam Boat Wisconsin<sup>17</sup> came up this evening. too much Crowded, did not take passage. 10 oClock Steam Boat Dr. Franklin,<sup>18</sup> Packet, came up bound for falls of St Anthony. took passage on her for Galena. Boat Crowded with passengers. passed in the Night Parkhurst at the head of the Rapids, Camanche—Iowa Side.

*Saturday, June 10.* Sun rise arrived at Albany, Illinois, a small place, apparently new; Some good buildings, good warehouse, population about 100, fine country back of it. passed Fulton City on the Illinois side, situated on an extension flat, a promising looking place about 250 inhabitants;—& Lyons, Iowa Side, a small place, population about 75 to 100, pretty situation. country along here very pretty on both sides—

Sabula, Jackson Co. Ia. situated on an Island on the Iowa Side of the Main channel. Situation is high & beautiful; Town scattered, one or two Warehouses, a Hotel & a very pretty situation. Island 2 or 3 miles long & appears to be over one Mile Wide. two Miles to Sevannah.

Sevannah on Illinois Side, situated on the River bank on a narrow strip of flat land which puts out into a beautiful valley where the town stands; about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile wide, rather low for health. town has rather a dull appearance, building very common frames. but one brick building in this place. population I suppose to be about 300. took in 3 or 4 passengers & about 50 sacks of corn here. a great place for Wooding.

about 11 oClock cleared up & sun came out after a dull cloudy morning, very pleasant. amused myself in looking at the country on each side of the River. the Iowa side is decidedly preferable; the bluffs put in closer to the River here & a great many Islands. the Illinois side for Some distance is a high bluff of bare Sand banks. the Iowa Side covered with a luxuriant growth of timber. I have all this forenoon amused myself in looking at the fish jumping out of the Water, Pike, Salmon & Sturgeon. I have seen Sturgeon four feet, I think, long and Pike from 2 to 3 feet. Salmon generally appear to be from a foot to 18 inches long. passed Apple River, a small River on the Illinois side. took 40 bals. of flour in.

<sup>16</sup>Iowa College. The first building was erected (near Western Avenue, between Sixth and Seventh Streets) \* \* \* \*. It was a small, one-story brick edifice, with a plain cupola. \* \* \* \*. The trustees were incorporated under the statute, June 4, 1847. Wilkie's Davenport Past and Present. 1858.

<sup>17</sup>The officers of the Wisconsin favored us with St. Louis dates of the 18th. Muscatine—*Iowa Democratic Enquirer*, July 21, 1849.

<sup>18</sup>Dr. Franklin, No. Two.—A new, fast and elegantly furnished boat. \* \* \* \*. We advise those who travel to try the Dr. Franklin, No. Two. Bloomington—*Iowa Democratic Enquirer*, June 9, 1849.



a great many passengers on Board. we have Representatives of every state nearly on Board, Several Scotchmen, half breed Indians & traders. we have 4 Pennsylvanians bound for Minnesota. All intelligent, hardy young men & very orderly & decent in their deportment. The scenery here is beautiful. Some beautiful locations on the Iowa Side. we are sailing now along Jackson County in that State.

Bellview, Jackson Co., Iowa, a flourishing town 12 miles from Galena. this is a choice location; tis situated on a high bank & flanked by the highest bluffs I have seen in the State. the scenery around the town is very romantic, the Rocks jut out & are piled up in grand Confusion. in the rear of the town is most beautiful ridges covered with a fine groth of timber. there is here a Splendid flouring mill, Some Warehouses, Taverns, Stores, & population I suppose about 350, a good ferry and a number of Waggon & people Crossing from the Illinois Side into Iowa to settle. there is now on the Bank 6 or 7 Waggon and Something like fifty Emigrants.

Fever River, ascended this River 8 miles to Galena. this River is about as wide as the Schuylkill but much deeper. there is a great many Islands in the Mississippi at the Mouth of this River, along this River on the right side the hills put into the River in the Shape of Mounds bare of Timbers. as we ascend, both Sides of the River assumes the Same appearance. this River is Very Crooked, arrived at Galena 1 oClock.

Galena is Situated on the two sides of Fever River with a draw Bridge Connecting. the Town is built on Steep bluffs on both sides of the River resembling Mounds, one towering over the other & forming numerous revines & Mounds. the River Street narrow & the buildings fronting it generally built with their back Walls to the hill. the Town off the river St presents a Scattered appearance for a Mile & an half along the River. Many of the highest hills are beautifully improved. buildings generally good with a great Many Splendid residences overlooking the Town. Many of the Streets are very Crooked as they follow the revines amid the hills. The population over 6,000. there is five Presbyterian Churches, 1 Methodist, - Baptist, One Lutheran, 2 Catholic. the business of the place is brisk; a great Many drays and Ox teams hauling Lead, a Merchant informed me the principle trade is the Lead. Over 700,000 Bars of Lead is Shipped from this place annually. the surrounding Country is full of the ore and furnaces all around at the distance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 6 & 8 Miles.

regular lines of Steam Boats run up this far. the River is not Navigable above this place.—their wharf here has quite a business appearance; the pig lead is piled up Very neatly as high as my hed and Stands all along the wharf in Squares of about 20 piles in a Square, and in the sun presents a fine appearance. I walked out  $\frac{1}{4}$

Mile to a furnace. while our Boat was discharging & taking on freight & procured Some Ore. I am much pleased with the City of Galena. Their Churches are Splendid; indeed, there is as fine Blocks of four-Story buildings here as are in any City Eastward. their business houses arranged in Complete City Style. the City may be said to be located in a trough with the River in the Center and amid the hills on each Side, half concealed & half disclosed, you see that the various Streets follow the reveses among the hills.—5 oClock P. M. Boat turned & put down again, then up the Mississippi.

There is an Excellent Temperance Hotel here. a large Devn. of Sons, Masonic Lodge,—O. F. Lodge, good Schools under the School Laws of Illinois. arrived at Debuque after dark. this appears to be a considerable place, the County Seat of Dubuque Co., Iowa. after discharging some freight proceeded up the River. 10 oClock went to bed.

*Sunday morning, June 11th.* Morning Clear & fine. begins to feel a change of Climate, tis much cooler, a pure, Sharp breese. now about 3 miles above French Town, an old French Settlement about 15 miles below Prairie DuChein. passed in the night Peru, Cassville & Prairie Le Porte, small and unimportant places—likely to go down since the removal of the Indians. the River & Surrounding Country is beautifull here. immediately on the River along here there is on both sides from One to two Miles of Bottom and that backed by high bluffs piled up in the form of Cones, bare of timber except here & there a Solitary one or two hills all green & beautiful. passed Mouth of Turkey River in the night near Cassville. we now have Wisconsin on the right hand & Iowa on the left. the Country on both sides is beautifull.

landed at McGregors<sup>10</sup> Ferry, Iowa side, Clayton Co. directly opposite we have in View Prairie Du Chein and Fort Crawford. The Fort looks exceeding well from this point; very extensive improvements. the buildings painted white as chalk, the Town above—both are Situated on a very extensive Prairie that runs up & down the River as far as the eye Can reach and from One to two Miles broad. on the back ground a continued range of high bluffs from 200 to 300 feet high and perfectly green with but little timber

<sup>10</sup>The following note was made by the writer in the back of the journal:—Ed.

"Alex McGregor of McGregors Landing, Clayton county, Iowa, I found on visiting it the second time, to be a decendant of Rob Roy McGregor. He has settled there and Several of the Old Clan are gathering around him. He showed to us the original Seal and Signet of Rob Roy, T. W. B. Hemings. One of which is the ancient Clan Seal. The inscription is in Gaelic.

Triogal Ma Dh'ream. or  
I am of royal descent, &  
Een dhn bait spair nocht. or  
Slay and spare not.

engraved on a blood stone from Loch Lomond in Perthshire. Helen McGregor, his daughter, is a fine bouncing girl, a little proud of her ancestry."

on them. the timber is in Small groves of Cedar & Oak which dots the hill sides. the bluff Slopes towards the Prairie by falling off in broken ridges or Mounds nearly the shape of Cones, growing smaller & change to the form of an Oven as they close in upon the Prairie. the whole Scenery is delightful. This is an ancient French town or Settlement.

crossed the River to Prairie Du Chein and took in 400 Bals. of Flour. a fine Steam Mill here. on approaching the Shore I saw the first Indian. he came down to the bank of the River and took his seat on the Grass to look at the Boat landing. after landing he came on board with his interpreter, the famous old man Reed, a native of Kentucky who has been a great many years with the Indians, Married to a Squaw and in the employment of the American Fur Company. The Indian is a chief of the Winnebagoes; Name, Ouna-kot-a-ka, or Big Bear; a large fine looking Indian dressed in Calico, Short Buckskin leggons, Red Blanket over his shoulders; a very pleasant looking yet degnified fellow. immediately opposite to this place in Iowa on Turkey River was their late residence. they were not long since removed pretty much by force to the West Side of the Mississippi near St Peters and are very much dissatisfied. say they have no good hunting ground there. Many of them have returned to their former home and this chief's business is to gather them up & induce them to go home. He says tis hard to leave their former hunting grounds & the homes of their Fathers but he wishes to have no trouble with his great Father, the Presdt. Poor Indians! I have had a long talk with this Chief through his interpreter. he is a noble specimen of the Red Man. he says the last winter has been very hard on them.

The Town Prairie Du Chein is Scattered over the Prairie, population over 500, made up principally of French Creoles, half Indians & negroes, a mixed race generally. The American Fur Compy. has a large Store here.

The Fort Crawford stands on a rise in the Prairie & is a very tasty improvement. The English of Prairie Du Chein is "The land of Dogs," being originally inhabited by the Dog chief, Dog. Village formerly in great numbers. a few very pleasant French Families here.<sup>20</sup> The Wisconsin River empties in below this place about 4 miles.

5 oClock afternoon, from P Du Chien up to the line of Iowa State, (upper Iowa Rivers mouth). the bluffs have been growing higher & higher, presenting to the River the appearance of the Gable end of houses and a Solid Rock front. the hills here look generally like a Cone cut in two with the flat side presented to the

<sup>20</sup>Carver found a considerable town on the Mississippi near the mouth of the Wisconsin, called by the French "La Prairie les Chiens", which is now Prairie du Chien, or the Dog Prairie, named after an Indian chief who went by the dignified name of "The Dog." Flandrau's History of Minnesota. 1900.

River. on the Wisconsin the Shores are generally low & the hills about a mile back continue to have the appearance they have at P Du Chien.<sup>21</sup> description of the bluffs on the Iowa side along Allamakee Co. for 20 miles below the Minnesota Line, Iowa River.<sup>22</sup> the flags<sup>23</sup> represented mark the Graves of distinguished Winnebago Indians. they are flying on the hills. that are, I suppose 350 feet high. Allamakee & Winnesheek Counties was the great Settlement, also Clayton Co., of the Indians. passed here Capila Rock<sup>24</sup> where there Stands a Singular Rock, an Indian God painted up by the Indians & worshipped by them. the Capila Mound or Rock stands a short distance above on the Iowa side.<sup>25</sup> on the Wisconsin side stands the Old Indian Village Winnesheek. Winesheek. innumerable pigeons here on the low grounds & Islands. arrived at the mouth of Bad Axe,<sup>26</sup> the old Battle ground of Black Hawk on the Wisconsin Side.<sup>27</sup>

we now have Minnesota territory on the left side and Wisconsin on the right. I find a great change in the temperature of the atmosphere. our course all day has been from N. W. to North. the country back from the River, both sides, is level, a great part of it putting off into rolling Prairies. to me tis a very interesting country. the scenery & general features of it entirely new to me. never could a country be better adapted to the life the Indian leads, the hills and revenes furnishing shelter for them during the winter and the country back the finest hunting grounds. good Timber all through this country along the streams. A great many Islands in the River from Bad Axe up for some distance. the sun is setting and a beautiful sunset it is. Our course now is nearly due North. close to our Boat a Cat 3 feet long just jumped Clear out of the Water. a great many fish in the River here, Sturgeon, Pike, Pickerel, Bass, &c. passed Coon Slough here. the River is very narrow & rapid. the Country back on both sides of the River is a Mineral Region. about 40 Miles back on the Wisconsin region is a Copper Mine & on the Iowa Side Lead all through it, also Iron. went to bed 10 oClock.

*Monday, 12th June.* this morning cloudy, looks like haveing rain. found myself on getting up approaching Wabbisha, an Indian town. Sous or Sioux. tis situated on a very extensive Prairie. looks as tho it was 15 miles long & 4 or 5 Miles Wide. there is a Village of Some twenty five Bark Lodges or houses and above it a short dis-

<sup>21</sup>Original journal shows sketch giving the appearance of the hills around Prairie du Chien.

<sup>22</sup>Original journal has sketch showing shape of the mounds around Prairie du Chien.

<sup>23</sup>Referring to sketch in original journal, probably of Ft Crawford.

<sup>24</sup>Painted Rock, Allamakee county.

<sup>25</sup>Original journal shows sketch of Caplin Rock and Indian God ravines filled with fine springs.

<sup>26</sup>Battle of Bad Axe, August 2, 1832.

<sup>27</sup>Original journal shows sketch of battle ground of Bad Axe.

tance about 10 or 12 Tents. the little Indians are running about the lodges the old ones sitting about. some few by pairs are seen in the distance apparently hunting their Ponies, and Cattle are grazing in flocks over the Prairie. the Prairie is a beautiful One, belongs to the Sioux yet, not purchased of them. about a Mile above the Village there is an enclosure of Pickets and a Mound, the Grave of one of their Principal Chiefs.<sup>28</sup> passed in the night mouth of Black River—Wisconsin & Root River. River of the Mountain passed this morning. on the Minnesota Side the White Wolf River.

Indian Graves along the Shores built over with logs and a post set at the head painted white & red with a round head Striped red & white—marked in Picture writing. the Sous or Sioux Indians are a noble looking race. in this district what they call the lower Band reside. passed Zumbra or Drift River Minnesota Side. immediately above the mouth of this River is an Encampment of Sioux and has the appearance of a Sugar Camp. the young Indians appear to be naked, jumping, clapping their hands & hooping at us as we pass, Men and Squaws setting about their lodges looking on.

the river is very full of Islands for some distance above Drift River. indeed, untill we approach Lake Pepin the bluffs still have the same appearance that they have from Prairie Du Chein up to Bad Axe, but stand back further from the River. The Musquitoes are very bad here when we approach or lay to the Shore to Wood. they are very anoying in the timberlands along the river, also what they call Buffalo Gnats are bad. I feel sensibly the change of Climate; the air is quite cool and braceing. very pure & delightful Water in this country. must be a very healthy Country.

I find all kinds of people pushing up for the new territory. we have on Our Boat French, Germans, Pennsylvanians, Ohioans & from Illinois, N. York, Massachusetts, Maryland & Virginia. Majority from Penna. & Illinois. (now Wooding 12 miles below Lake Pepin). Young Davis of Chester Co. Pa. defeated here—his retreat to the Boat, &c.<sup>29</sup> passed Wabasha, The Half breed Village, built up in French Style. a great many Indians on the bank of the river looking at the boat. here I see the first Indians on horse back scampering over the Prairie below the village, and above, droves of Indians comeing over the hills in Indian file with great loads on their backs.

The Half breed tract includes all on the Minnesota Side from Drift River up to Red Wing. the neighborhood of this village is the most beautiful Country in the world for beauty of location. the Prairie on which the Village is, together with the surrounding hills, cant be excelled. This tract runs along the river for 50 miles

<sup>28</sup>Original journal shows sketch of Sioux village and the surrounding hills.

<sup>29</sup>Evidently a note made by the writer which he intended to elaborate and did not.

and includes all the Territory for a day's journey back. tis not yet purchased of the Indians. when it is it will afford the best opportunity for speculation. tis just at the entrance of Lake Pepin. it commences & runs down the River for 50 Miles. all the country back is a Mineral Region. the Prairie on which the Village stands affords a scite for a City that would contain 1,000,000 of a population, with a most splendid Bank that never will overflow, and on the back ground a beautifull range of hills covered with splendid groves of timber of beautifull foilage. The half breed Indians are a mixture of French & Indians. they are generally lighter coloured than the full bloods. there is a great many full bloods in here, men, Squaws & children. lying about on the bank of the River the young lads are very lively, cut a great many capers and generally very fantastically dressed.

as we enter the Lake Pepin the Water is very rapid. Lake Pepin is an enlargement of the River; it opens out to the width of from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 or 5 miles wide. passed mouth of Chippaway River just before entering the Lake. it comes in on the Wisconsin side. Lake Pepin is 22 miles long & from 4 to 5 miles wide. some splendid country on each side, peticularly on the Minnesota side. the most beautiful Cornelion is found on the bank of this Lake. at the head of this Lake on the Wisconsin side Stands the famous Rock called the Lovers Leap, or Maiden Rock, the tale of the Lovers leap or Indian girl jumping off of it is founded here. tis said to be a fact. her People wanted her to marry a Trader, and rather than do it she threw herself off this rock. tis a perpendicular Rock 300 feet high, at the termination of a bluff that puts into the river. stands close to the River or Lake. face smothe as follows:<sup>31</sup>

on the Minnesota side the half breed tract continues. on the Wisconsin side is the tract of Country known by the name of the Carver Claim.<sup>32</sup> passed Mouth of Rush River on the Wisconsin side. I am indebted to a Mr. James McPhail, long a trader & resident of this Country, now lives on the Willow River Lake St Croix, for names of places, &c.

The Islands for 5 or 6 Miles above the Lake are alive with Pidgeons. there are millions of them on all sides. A very heavy rain, —the river is rising very fast. passed the Crow Wing Village of Indians. they appear to be cultivating considerable ground.<sup>33</sup> a

<sup>31</sup>Original journal shows two sketches—side view of Maiden Rock, and front view showing the Lover's Leap.

<sup>32</sup>The first traveler and author visiting and describing Minnesota after France lost her American possessions was Jonathan Carver. Starting from Boston in June, 1766, Carver traveled to the strait of Macinac and Green Bay, and then by the canoe route of the Fox, Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers to the area of Minnesota. Here he spent the following winter with tribes of the Sioux. At his return east, begun in the spring of 1767, he made a treaty, as it may be called, with two of the Sioux chiefs, who formally granted to him a large tract of land on the east side of the Mississippi, including the area of the present site of St. Paul. Minnesota in Three Centuries, p. 281. 1908.

<sup>33</sup>Original journal shows a sketch of Red Wing, a Sioux village.

great many men, Squaws & young children & dogs on the bank of the river looking at our Boat, two young Indians courseing their ponies. all the grown Indians have their blankets over their shoulders but many of the young ones are naked. tis a novel sight to me. there is 22 Lodges and a Missionary House, Catholic, in this Village.

this evening's clear, a very beautiful sun set. we have left the Mississippi and entered the St Croix River, now sailing up St Croix Lake after passing up a narrow neck from the mouth or outlet. This Lake is about from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 miles wide & about 30 miles long; the most beautiful sheet of Water I ever saw. tis as smoothe as glass and as clear as Crystal, with rock bound shores nearly all the way up. the bluffs are about one hundred & fifty feet high with a gradual slope to the water's edge. tis the intention to run up to Still Water & Marine Mills above the head of the Lake 12 miles.—the point where this River empties into the Mississippi must become an important point, a fine location for a town. there is now there a very good settlement, a store, warehouse, &c. &c.

in ascending this Lake our course is due West it runs from West to East, the night is cool & clear. cant sleep, the Boat is full of musquetoos, haveing received a large supply where we last Wooded on the Mississippi. passed Willow River's mouth 6 miles below Stillwater. a warehouse & some buildings here. arrived at Stillwater, discharged freight & passengers here. Stillwater is at the head of the Lake. a very brisk place; is the rival of St Paul's. population is from 3 to 500. buildings very good, frame, all painted white, a large warehouse, good wharf, &c. &c. discharged freight & passengers here.

pushed up the river St Croix 12 miles fruther to Marine Mills, discharged more freight here & some passengers. good Saw Mills here; a place of some business, particularly in the lumber trade. returned down to the Mississippi, haveing run up the St Croix about 50 miles. The Marine Mills are owned by a Compy., built on what was called by the Chippawas, Fall River; fine water power. tis 25 miles from this point by land across to St Peter's on the Mississippi. above this place 20 miles is the Falls on the St Croix, good water power above the falls not yet taken up. this River is the devideing line between Wisconsin & Minnesota, Minnesota on the West and Wisconsin on the East bank. this is certainly one of the finest regions in the world. tis the best watered country I ever saw, perticularly the Minnesote side. water of the purest kind appears to be gushing out of every hill side. the whole country is beautifully deversified with hills & valleys or Prairies, beautifull Lakes all through it and fine water power. Bear Lake is a most delightfull country; indeed, all the country lying between the St Croix & the Mississippi is delightfull.

*Tuesday, June 13th.* foggy morning. found the Boat moored at the Marine Mills, discharging a great portion of her freight and about 50 of our passengers. this is a great Lumber Country—very large rafts floating down this morning, all kinds of lumber. left the mills for the Mississippi again. at 8 o'clock a. m. returned to Still Water.

Stillwater is the County seat of St Croix Co., Minnesota, situate one mile below the head of Lake St Croix, a very thriving town. they are building very fast. there is now about 60 houses, population about 500, 2 large Hotels, the Minnesota House & the St Croix Hotel. they are putting up a good Court House, building all frame, neatly painted White; location a hill side rising gradually from the lake with an Eastern exposure.<sup>34</sup>

The Signification of Minnesota is troubled or Muddy Water, a Sioux Name.<sup>35</sup>

fine fish in the Lake, Specked Trout, Pike, Pickeral, Herring, Bass, Sturgeon, &c. &c. along the shores of this Lake & White Bear Lake, 9 miles from this, in low Water the most beautiful Cornelion are found in great quantities. I have procured a few but the Water being now unusually high the shores are too much covered. this is a Mineral region, Iron, Copper & Lead found in the Country on each Side. See some very rich Specimens of Copper Ore at Stillwater. proceeded 20 to 40 miles back on the Minnesota side, arrived at foot of the Lake St Croix 9 o'clock night, after lingering all day since 11 o'clock towing out a number of rafts becalmed in the lake. put up the Mississippi for St Peters.

Rush River—below the Mouth of this Lake is a splendid Stream of Clear Water fed by Springs and is said to be the greatest Trout Stream in the World. they catch Trout here weighing from 1 to 9 pounds. the Country along this Stream is also said to be one of the best districts in Wisconsin as to soil & timber. there is in the East a wrong impression of this Climate. it is in about the same Latitude with Albany, N. Y. from what I see every thing is as far forward as Penna. I believe I would prefer it to that part of Missouri I have seen. Certainly is a much more healthy region. but Iowa in my estimation is the Star State. went to bed.

*Wednesday, June 14th.* awoke early, found our Boat landed at St Pauls discharging flour. I took a walk up the steep bluff and

<sup>34</sup>Original Journal shows a sketch of Stillwater and a map of Lake St. Croix.

<sup>35</sup>The word is composed of two Sioux words, "Minne," which means water, and "Sota," which means the condition of the sky when fleecy white clouds are seen floating slowly and quietly over it. It has been translated, "sky-tinted," giving to the word Minnesota the meaning of sky-tinted water. The name originated in the fact that, in the early days, the river now called Minnesota used to rise very rapidly in the spring, and there was constantly a caving in of the banks, which disturbed its otherwise pellucid waters, and gave them the appearance of the sky when covered with light clouds. Flandrau's History of Minnesota, p. 48.

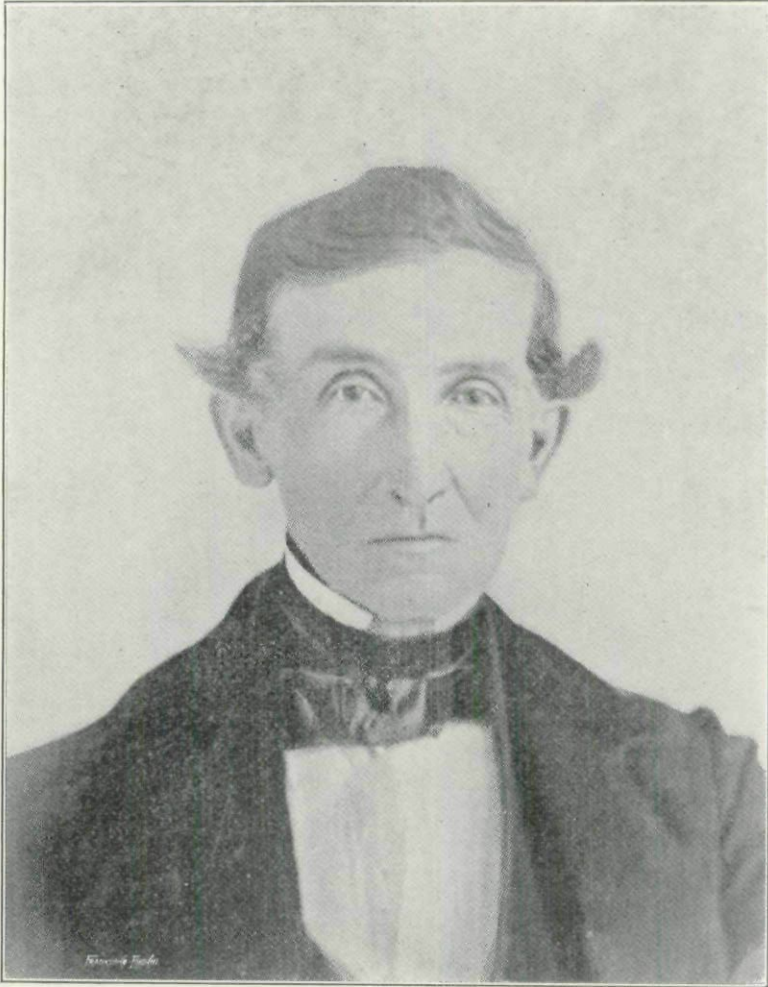


took a view of the town generally. the upper or new town is laid out on a wild looking place situated on high bluffs which have a steep face to the River & Rocks projecting. the lower, or Old French town, is composed of about 10 or 15 houses, some of the bark roofs. in this part is found Half breed Indians & French and Canadian French. this part stands on a lower ground just above a ravine where Carvers Cave is. site of the upper town is more broken & it stands on a succession of benches of land. there is a great many people here. many of them have for a covering their Waggon & tents. there is two large frame Hotels going up & a great many small frame buildings scattered among the bushes, for the greater part of the ground where the new Town stands is not yet grubbed out, full of Hazel bushes & Scrub Oak. they are asking as high as \$500 for lots. I think they will have a great deal of work to do here before they will have things as they should be. there is a Slough 100 yard wide between the town and the river, over which they have built a causeway to get from the River to the town. between the River & the Slough there is barely room for three or four Warehouses. two are here erecting.

the great objection to this place is that the bluffs are too high, 100 feet high generally & almost perpendicular, so with the exception of about 100 to 150 yd. opposite the upper town, & there tis quite Steep, particularly at the Second bank. they are building fast. I suppose there is now in an unfinished state at least 40 small, frame buildings. the population is a very mixed one some of the most intelligent & some mixed with the Indian French. I would judge from appearance that the active, shrewd population that is putting in here will soon expel all the old inhabitants. they are like oil & water, wont mix. I think they cant live together, wont mix. I am surprised to see the intelligent lady-like appearance of all the females here, liveing many of them in huts, cheerfull & happy. the Majority of them are from St Louis, Illinois, N. York, Maine, Massachusetts, Virga, & Ohio.

Gov. Ramsey & Judge Meeker<sup>30</sup> inform me tis a most splendid country all the way down on the opposite side of the River till it joins State of Iowa. Latitude about the same as Plattsburgh, N. Y. a great many Indians here, tradeing. the country around is not yet settled to any extent. have to get all provisions from the lower Country. everything high here, boarding \$3 p. week & that generally pork & beans. the town has sprung up principally since the opening of navigation this spring; population said to be about 1300. the place has a new & scattered appearance. it will eventually be a place of importance but it will be sometime hereafter, not till the country around fills up and improves the fine Land &

<sup>30</sup>Judge Bradley B. Meeker was Associate Justice of the Territory of Minnesota.



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add support to the Town. at present everything is on the Swell & reaction must take place.—

1 oClock left for St Peters which is Seven Miles above. Carvers Cave just below town is an interesting place. there is also a large Cave about a mile above town. the River from this up to Fort Snelling is high bluffs & Rock bound shores. Water now very high. St Peters,<sup>37</sup> opposite or rather below Fort Snelling, is a small place with a tradeing house, &c. of the Fur Company. here also three or four good Stone buildings in one of which Governor Ramsey has his residence.<sup>38</sup> at present the Town is situated on a bluff at the mouth of the St Peters River. population about 100 to 150. a great many Winnebagoes and Chippaway Indians here, about 400. tis quite an interesting sight, men, Squaws & children encamped all about this region, the squaws in Canoes rowing about, catching pine logs & lumber that has come down the river washed off from the owners by the high water, for which they get 50 cts a log from the owners. the Men & young children sitting along the banks of the River, wrapped up in their blankets, giving their directions to the Squaws. here We have them young & old; the quite young ones are naked, some of the men well dressed, fine looking fellows. all are wrapped up in their blankets with feathers in their heads & generally red legons. the squaws have on generally Blue Skirts with a Calico garment very much like the Josey's<sup>39</sup> worn by our Ladies. I think the Chippawa's are better looking Indians than the Winnebagoes.

crossed over to Fort Snelling and all our passengers went into the Fort. was very kindly received by the officer of the day, Capt. Page. there is 3 Companies of the 6 Reg. of Infantry here, a fine looking body of men, Col Loomis, Commdt.<sup>40</sup> was treated to music by their excellent Band in Number 16. they play'd several Marches, Waltzs & wound up with "there is No Luck about the House" With variations. tis a splendid Band; I never herd so good a *Kent* Bugler as their leader is.

left the Fort, run up to Falls St Anthony. the Mississippi & St Peters is high. great sport to see the squaws rowing for life to get out of the way of the Steam Boat, & the Indians along the

<sup>37</sup>\* \* \* a point called "St. Peter's," (since known as Mendota.) On May 27, [1849] Hon. Alex Ramsey, of Pennsylvania, who had a short time previously been appointed Governor of the Territory, arrived with his wife, but being unable to secure proper accommodations at St. Paul, went by invitation of Hon. H. H. Sibley to the mansion of that gentleman at Mendota, where he remained a few days. Williams' History of St. Paul, pp. 39, 216. 1876.

<sup>38</sup>In 1834 \* \* \* Mr. Sibley commenced his residence at Mendota. \* \* \* It was a large comfortable dwelling, constructed of the blue limestone found in the vicinity, with commodious porticos on the river front. Flandrau's History of Minnesota, p. 45. 1900.

<sup>39</sup>Joseph,—a name given in the 18th century to a lady's riding habit or great coat, buttoned down the front, and with a broad cape. Josey,—a curious diminutive and degraded form of the word and garment, was used in the middle states. Earle's Costumes of Colonial Times.

<sup>40</sup>Gustavus Loomis, Lt. Col. 6th Regiment, Sept. 22, 1840, to March 9, 1851.—Heitman.

shore shouting and waving their red Handfs, the crew of the Boat answering. I never had an idea what an Indian Shout was before. they are all a merry set of fellows & the engineer can start them to shouting when he pleases by letting off his shrill whistle from the engine. It tickles them exceedingly. tis truly an interesting sight to see them sitting along the shore, fishing, others hunting in the low ground, and again from two to 6, 8 & 10 in Indian file winding their way over the bluffs & hills. then on the Prairies that open out along the River you see them on horseback, some paceing along, others going as hard as their ponies can go. tis a wild & romantic scene. See the men where you will, on foot or on horse back, they have their blankets around them. nearly all the inhabitants I have seen from the mouth of Lake Pepin up to St Paul are mixed French & Indian or Indian. poor Indians! their burying Grounds are to be seen all along the shores. tis a delightfull country, tis no wonder they think hard and are unwilling to leave it. fine Prairie Land and a much greater proportion of Timber Land.

there is the finest Timber on both sides of the Mississippi from the mouth of Lake St Croix up to St Peters & on to falls of St Anthony. the falls of St Anthony 7 miles above Fort Snelling is a very wild and romantic Country. there is rapid water for some distance above the main Falls which is 16 feet perpendicular. it appears to come from a country considerable higher than that below the falls. it puts off immediately below into an extensive Prairie there where just above the falls is a Grist Mill, Saw Mill and again a few other Scattered buildings, principally inhabited by Half breeds, Canadian French & some few Yankes from Maine.

5 oClock retd from Falls, took the Boat again & put down the River for St Pauls. the finest country lies along the St Peters River, perticularly on the West side. the opposite side is a good deal cut up with Lakes & Sloughs and not so well timbered as tis on the Iowa or West side. arrived at Point Douglass, a very pretty situation at the mouth of the St Croix River where it empties into the Mississippi. about 15 houses, three very fine buildings, inhabitants principally Scotch. Stopped to Wood; took 30 cords of Wood. persecuted dreadfully by the musquetoos; did not get any relief untill a hard thunder storm came up when all the staterooms & doors & windows were opened & the wind blew them off. passed Steam Boat Senator upward bound. went to bed 10 oClock.

*Thursday, June 15th.* fine morning. found we were in Lake Pepin taking in tow several Rafts, in all eight large Rafts of Lumber & Logs. this Lake is very hard on the Lumbermen. When calm there is no current and when the wind is up they are in danger of haveing their rafts broke up. we are now towing eight large rafts, two on each side & four in the rear of the Boat, running

at the rate of from 2 to 3 miles pr. hour. there is about 300 men on these rafts. the whole makes quite an imposing appearance. the Raftsmen have everything raised on their Raft that will catch the wind, Boards, Blankets, &c. &c.

The Famous Pilot & Rafter is in command of the Fleet, Name Joe Peron, a half breed. He is a noble fellow, keeps all his men in fine order; will not suffer any man to drink liquor. no body of soldiers are better drilled. he commands with the air of a Comadore. The Wind is very high and Lake very rough. he has his canoe & occasionally rows from raft to raft, directing & examining them. some danger of Logs seperating, they are so bound about by the waves. the timber is very heavy, most of the Logs 3 feet diameter. the rafts attached to us & under his controul is worth, all judges agree, \$20,000. over 2,300,000 [feet]. there is an immense Lumber trade on these rivers all off U. S. Land. most of the men on these Rafts have been up in the Pineries for 6 months past.

tis evening, Sun setting, have been all day laboring on this Lake (Pepin), saving Rafts & towing them through. we are now within two miles of the mouth. gathered some Corneloin to day when the Boat run in near to shore. the water, however, is too high over the beach; too high to get at them. the country along this Lake is certainly the finest in the world as to Scenery, soil and mineral productions as lead, copper. on the Iowa side, perticularly along Minnesota Side, for some distance you will have the bluffs close to the river in all variety of forms that fancy could invent, Mounds, squares, oblong, comes, and riseing gradually from the Lake, then open out into a lovely Prarie, coverd with a carpet of green, decorated with every variety of flower, reaching back from one to two or three Miles back from the Lake, and 5 or 6 miles Land with another line of beautifull bluffs in rear of it. all over these beautifull Prairies & bluffs there is to be seen spots of one, two or 4 Acre of Timber so arranged as to look as tho art had placed them there. altho there is no improvements on the Land, being the Indian Reservation, One cannot dismiss the idea that it is all cultivated & beautified by men of taste, yet tis all nature's handywork. no white man is on it. all that is to be seen of mankind is the noble & dignified Sioux Indians on their fine horses, galloping over the Prairies, 2 3 & 4 in a company. they are about to propose a sale to the U. S. this season. If this Land be purchased of them by the U. S. & put into market, it will be worthy of attention. tis of all countries I have seen the most beautifull along this Lake, and I am informed tis all so from the Iowa line up to Minnesota for many miles back from the River; indeed all the Land between the St Peters & Iowa.

We have several Catholic Priests on board. I have been struck with wonder at the number I have seen of them along the upper

Mississippi from Cairo up. they are in every town, and every point you recognize their presence by the erection of a Cross. in every Indian town you see them and the cross erected on some house built by them. they are from all countries, German, French, Spanish &c. but the French appear to be most numerous. by conversing with them I find some of them have only been 6 mo. or a year in the Country. they all wear black, long-tailed frocks, single breasted and buttoned up close to the chin. they appear to have a general meeting place at Prairie Du Chein, as I find them traveling up & down to that point; down from the Winnebagoes above the falls of St. Anthony, from the Chippawas up the St. Croix & from Fort Snelling & St. Peters among the Sioux. very stormy. Boat cut loose from the Rafts after moveing them about a mile above outlet of the Lake. Lake very rough, the Boat rocked about very much. went to bed 12 o'clock.

*Friday, June 16th.* got up, found a very cold morning, must have been very heavy rain North of this. found we were at the mouth of Black River, Wisconsin side, a very fine Stream, not so large as Chippawa but deep Water. a great deal of lumbering done up this River; the best lumber Country in this region is up this River. Prairie La Cross is a most splendid Prairie, the scite of an Indian Town formerly, now settled by whites. about 8 or 10 houses here. the sun is coming out, 7 o'clock, we will yet have a fine day. saw the first drunken man this morning I have seen since I left Rock Island. he is an Englishman, a miner. Captain refused him a passage. arrived at Bad Axe. One of the best districts in Wisconsin lies between Bad Axe and Coon River and Kickapoo.

Particles of gold found in the sand at Prairie La Porte, Cassville & Beleview had been washed & proved sufficient quantity to indicate its presence in this region. the search had been made from a small bag of buckskin containing some grains of gold about as large as a grain of wheat. It was found on the Island opposite Prairie Du Chein, on the site of an old Indian town, which give rise to the supposition that the Indians found it some place near landing below the mouth of upper Iowa River.

Capeli former home of the Winnebagoes, many of whom are returned from their new home on the St Peters and are loitering around the graves of their Fathers. some, tis said, have raised the bones of their dead & took them with them. Capeli is a French name; English is Cape of Garlic. first settlement of the French they found garlic here on the low ground around it.

Prairie Du Chein. bought two pair mocossins of Fur Company. passed mouth of Wisconsin River below P. D. Chein. it winds around the Prairie bluffs & empties in about 4 or 5 miles below. tis at mouth from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile wide. Clayton County, Iowa, opposite is over run with speculators in Land Warrants. they have

recently located nearly all the wood Lands with warrants. the settlers are very much enraged. say Actual settlers who are coming in are driven away by them.

arrived at Prairie La Porte (or Door Prairie) situated on a beautiful Prairie on the Iowa side, Clayton Co., 20 miles below Prairie Du Chein, population about 200. this is a delightful situation for a large town; tis elevated 20 feet above high Water and a fine landing. immediately back of this for miles is a fine mineral region. arrived at Cassville, Wisconsin—Iowa side, situated on an elevated flat about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile wide, backed by a long range of high bluffs faced with limestone Rocks. tis a very pleasant situation, population about 200, one very large 3 story Brick Tavern. appears to be a place of some business, a depot for the lead region back of it. a great quantity of Bar Lead piled up here. took 150 bbls, flour and 25 tons of Lead. delayd here from 2 oclock till dark. 9 oClock went to bed.

*Saturday, June 17.* awoke this morning, found we were lying at the wharf in Galena. a beautiful morning, promises a warm day. several cases of cholera here, one or two deaths. alarming accounts of cholera at St. Louis.

New Albany on the Illinois side, a very pretty situation. below for some distance affords most lovely scites for building.<sup>41</sup> river very wide here, has the appearance of a Lake. passed Wapsapinican River, division between Scott and Clinton Counties, Iowa. fine Land up this River, well timbered. on the Illinois side is situate Maridocia, Baire & Yellow Bank. a little below Mr Brackenridge of Pa. has settled & enclosed 3 miles square on the Iowa side in Scott Co. Camanche above this in Clinton County, Iowa, there is a large Prairie along the River. tis said you can from this point travel through to the Rockey Mountains (by winding a little) without passing through 100 yds of timber Land all the way. passed Cordovia, or City of Rocks, Illinois side, small place very prettily situated on a point of limestone Rock.<sup>42</sup> this appears to be a solitary Rock as a beautiful Prairie commences a short distance from it in its rear. on the rock it looks as if there was scarcely soil enough to work. the Rocks or Stratas lie horizontally, falling off gradually to the River thus<sup>43</sup>

opposite is a beautiful, rolling Prairie where formerly stood the great Town of the Iowa Indians. tis said they were there during the summer season. thousands of them congregated at this place<sup>44</sup> and along the Wapsepinecan River. passed Parkhurst Iowa side, a small place, 10 or 15 houses. directly opposite, Illinois side, stands Port Byron, quite a brisk looking place, some good Brick Ware-

<sup>41</sup>Original journal shows sketch here.

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houses, population about 300. this place, owing to its being a better landing, has rivaled Parkhurst. both are situated above the head of the rapids, 20 miles above Rock Island.

La Clere, Iowa side, a new town at the head of the rapids about a mile below Parkhurst, is building up very fast and generally of Brick. population now I suppose about 150 and several New buildings under Way. Situation beautiful.

Moline, on Illinois side, at the head of Rock Island, is a beautiful place. contains a population of about 700. the buildings are very good. tis truly a Temperate Town; the proprietor who laid it out has from the beginning made it a condition in the sale of every lot that no spiritous liquors shall be sold, the purchaser or his assigns penalty the forfeiture of the property—Consequently tis said there is no liquor sold in or about the place. everything about the place looks neat and orderly.

Arrived at Rock Island & Devenport. parted with some friends there. took on some passengers & pushed on. arrived at Bloomington at 9 oClock. found all well, But quite uneasy lest something had happened me.

*Sabbath, June 18.* fine morning went to Methodist church with Mary and Mrs. David & herd a very good sermon, Text Exods. 20c. 8v. "Remember the Sabbath day". Met Col. Jesse Williams, had more perfect understanding with him. hard rain this evening, kept the house.

*Monday, June 19.* fine morning after the rain. bad news from St Louis. Cholera greatly on the increase; deaths from 60 to 100 pr day. people comeing up from St Louis hunting boarding, flying from the cholera. very warm day. Joseph arrived at home this evening. spent the evening at Mr. Boreland's, present D. Lowe & wife, Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. David, Mary, Joseph & myself. News that Mrs Battelle has ret'd from St Louis & was dying with the Cholera.<sup>45</sup> Jos & Mary sent for. party dispersed.

*Tuesday, June 20.* promised to be a very warm day, little moveing. to day exceedingly warm, all engaged in the preperation for Mrs. Batelle's funeral. the Capt. being away from home a great deal of sympathy for the family expressed. wrote home to day. I am again thrown back from a start for home owing to Capt Batelle's absence & the distress of him & his family when he does arrive. I begin to feel very anxious to get off. a Mr Dewart arrived here to day on the Boat. had not more than settled down at the Hotel when a despatch by Telegraph from St. Louis reached him, calling him to hasten home, that his brother was just dying with the cholera. poor fellow, he is in great distress.

<sup>45</sup>Died, on Tuesday morning last, the 19th, in this place, Mrs. Grace Ann, consort of Capt. T. S. Battelle, aged about 30 years. Muscatine—*Iowa Democratic Enquirer*, June 23, 1849.



*Wednesday, 21st.* This day spent in the house pretty much. it had been so very warm that I all day kept in. in the evening went with Jos. & Wm. & Georgiana to singing society. herd some good singing. returned home & went to bed about 10 oClock.

*Thursday, 22d.* Another very sultry day. most pleasant place to be found is at home. at Joseph's. preparing to start for home to morrow. Mrs Popp give us some music this evening. this day, if possible, has been the warmest yet.

*Friday, June 23d.* this morning looks for rain. tis something cooler. bad news from below. they Telegraph from Burlington that the Uncle Toby is comeing up, full of Emigrants & that they have buried 8 between Navou & Burlington & have over 20 more Cases on board when they left Burlington. the deaths reported in St Louis during the last week is 528. tis asserted the truth would say nearer 1000.

The Uncle Toby Boat arrived about 11 oClock. did not Land. kept off to the oposite shore. A melencholly sight to see her pass, full of desease & death. she has lost 27 passengers between St Louis & this place. The Capt. was either dead or dying when they passed this place. they stopped on the Island below town & I suppose was engaged burying dead.

4 oClock in the evening took Boat Doctr. Franklin No 2 for Albany. arrived at Devenport. there found the Boat Uncle Toby had put on shore all her passengers. tis said when she arrived there ten were dead & two had died after they were landed. balance of two hundred & fifty were lying on the beach below Devenport in the open air, many of them sick and dying. horrible Scene! a child died this evening on our Boat, three or four affected with Cholera. I have delayd for fear of getting on Cholera Boats, but after all I have found it on board of the Franklin. tis extremely warm on the Boat this evening. don't intend lying down as I get off about 2 oClock. Spent the evening very pleasantly with a Mr. Douglass, Madam Cazeneau,<sup>40</sup> wife of a Mexican Genl. Cazeneau, taken at Mel Reno Del Rey; a very accomplished Lady, traveling with a party of Ladies & Gentlemen, keeping out of the way of Cholera. they are on their way to N. York by way of the Lakes. several persons on board complaining this evening. strong symptoms of Cholera prevailing amongst them. went to bed 12 oClock.

*Saturday morning.* found the Boat tied up to the Shore, being obliged to stop owing to the very dense fog. could (not) see to run. I fear I will miss the stage in consequence of it. 8 oClock. Boat started, the fog haveing in some measure dispersed. folks who were complaining generally better this morning. I arrived at

<sup>40</sup>On another page of the original journal appears the note—"Jane M. Cazneau, wife of Gen'l Cazneau, Mexican Army, taken at Mel Reno Del Rey."

Albany, Illinois. there left the Boat. found the ill fated Boat Uncle Toby at the wharf. the citizens very much excited.

took the stage for Chicago. passed through Coma, Sterling and arrived at Dixon after dark for supper. suffered this day very much from heat. Coma is a good looking village, situated on a delightfull Prairie. good water power here on one of the tributaries of Rock River. There is a very extensive flouring mill, belonging to an Eastern Company, here. Sterling is a very promising Town, County Seat, Situated on Rock River, population about 600, situation a very pleasant one. Dixon is a very beautiful town situated on Rock River, population I suppose to be about 1500.

found myself about 8 o'clock landed at the Hotel kept by Wm Latshaw & Welty. met here Rachel Latshaw, Mary Latshaw & Rachel's Sons and daughters, Wm. Jos. & two sisters. Rachel looks well. She has become very large & fat. She & Mary was very much astonished & very glad to see me. I found her sons to be very clever business doing young men. the daughters are fine young women. One of them favours Nancy Cooper very much.

about 11o'clock took the stage again, and after a very tedious & cold ride all night arrived at Breakfasting house on the Margin of a lovely prairie on Indian Creek. next arrived at Aurora on Fox River for dinner. Aurora is a very promising place. The Fox River here affords great Water power. there are many fine Mills and manufactures here, at present nearly compleated a very large Woolen Factory. the place promises to be a place of some importance. The Country around it is a lovely country & well improved. passed this morning through a very fine country. Sunday morning.

*Sunday, June 25.* this day promises to be very warm, roads very dusty. oppressed with heat and dust all day. the country through which we have passed to day were generally low Prairie. I think the Land inferior to the North & Western part of the State. arrived at the City of Chicago 10 o'clock at night. went to bed. found it exceedingly warm. could not sleep for the cries and lamentations in some families not far from the City Hotel where I lodged. between their lamentations & the heat & the idea that I was in the midst of those dieing with Cholera, I was kept from sleeping nearly all night.

*Monday Morning, June 26.* got up. morning very warm. find there is a good deal of Cholera in the City. took passage on the splendid Boat, Key Stone State, for Erie, Pa. met John Denniston at Breakfast, took a walk with him through part of the City. tis a beautiful City, very level. they are building & extending it very fast. The population at present is said to be about 25,000. the trade is very extensive. the greatest objection to the City I find to be their plank streets & side walks. I discover in many places

the water lodges under the plank walks and in this warm weather I can smell it. the streets are wide and arranged beautifully with young trees. take it all in all, tis a beautifull City.

Boat sailed 9½ oClock. very soon we found ourselves far out in the delightfull Lake Michigan, the most splendid sheet of Water I ever beheld; tis clear, of a bright sea green Colour & but gently ruffled this morning by the most refreshing breeze. I have not felt so comfortable this two weeks as I do on this floating palace, glideing along on this delightfull Lake, cheered by the delightfull, cooling breeze and the music of a fine Band of Musicians, good Company and the thoughts of home. I feel that when I next step on shore at Erie I will be in hailing distance of home, which I long to see. arrived at Little Port, 40 miles distant from Chicago, Situated on the Lake Shore; a place of considerable business, population about 2000. next passed South Port, 10 miles, in Wisconsin, also a place of considerable business in the Lumber & Grain business, population about from 1800 to 2000.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is situated on the western Shore of the Lake. tis a beautifull place. the only objection is the landing is not so good. the Boat cannot get 200 yds off the shore. all Boats of any Size have to receive and discharge freight at the termination of piers or causeways run out into the Lake. there is a beautifull Prairie of Velvet green runs into the Lake in front of a good part of the City. the City stands principally on high ground on rear of this flat with a gentle slope as it recedes from the Lake. It is a place of great business. I think from appearances better business place than Chicago. its situation for beauty & health is decidedly better; tis not so flat. on the back ground the country is rolling & beautifull, studded with pretty improvements and residences as far as the eye can see. the City has a great many large & fine public buildings in it. the population is over, I am disposed to think, 20,000. I like it better than Chicago. the country above & below the City along the Lake Shore for a great distance is beautifull. The River Milwaukee puts in to the Lake here, which I find is the cause of the difficulty in getting in close to the city. I think by cutting through the narrow strip of Prairie connecting the River and the Lake would enable Boats to get up closer.

Lake Michigan is a beautifull sheet of Water. tis 400 miles long, 60 miles on an average Wide & 900 feet deep by the deepest soundings. so reported by the engineers of U. S. after supper the Band took their seats in the Gents Cabin and commenced playing on Violins, Bass Viol & Guitar. when the Danceing commenced, between each sett of Cottilion they give us a song in full chorus. the evening till eleven oClock was spent in this way very pleasantly indeed. our company are composed of the best Society of Ladies & Gentlemen. The Band is Composed of Eight Black fel-

lows, most excellent Musicians. they appear to have been selected. Seldom can you find so good looking, polite & orderly young Men. they dress extremely neat, white Linen Roundabouts, Blue pantaloons, Black Silk vest & Stock, with a Blue Silk Velvet cap with gold lace Band, Star & tassals. indeed everything about the Boat is done up in superior style. no Hotel in any City can excel it in neatness & Style and the furniture & all from one end of the Boat to the other is perfect neatness & Elegance. we have in the Cabin about 150 passengers and about the same number in the lower Cabins. these lower Cabins are equal to most Steam Boats upper.

arrived at *Sheboigin* on the Wisconsin side, a small town, population perhaps from 700 to 1000.—This is a promising place. there are a great many best class of Germans settling around it. tis all along this Lake so far quite an interesting country. this evening is quite clear and cool. the Lake is very calm, yet tis cool enough for fire. took in some passengers here & passed on. 12 o'clock went to my berth.

*Tuesday, June 26.* fine morning, sun very bright, morning quite cool. find a great change since I left Chicago. found we were nearly on the opposite side of the Lake this morning, now running nearly due East between the South Manitou Island & the Sleeping Bear. the Sleeping Bear is on the East Shore of the Lake, on an extensive Bluff of sand. contains perhaps an acre of ground. tis a high mound, covered with vegetation & looks in shape like a large bear lying down. there is no vegetation on the Bluff near, it being all a sand bank.<sup>47</sup> Manito Island is a high Island, very well timbered, about 100 miles from this point to Mackina. we now have Michigan on both sides of the Lake. opposite is South Manitou Island.<sup>48</sup> passed North Manitou Island, 100 miles to Mackina.<sup>49</sup> passed South Fox Island and North Fox Island.<sup>50</sup> passed Beaver Island.<sup>51</sup> lost sight of Land until we reached the light Ship, which is moored or anchored in the entrance of the Straights. the current is strong here and the wind high.

Too cool to stand out. as we approach Mackina, the Indian Villages and Lodges are seen along the Shores. they are many of them out fishing along shore. Mackina is in View. the Fort is situated on a high bluff above the town and makes quite an imposing appearance. tis a bleak, cold looking place; vegetation is far back. The Town is a scattered, poor looking place; one or two good hotels in it, buildings all of frame. there is about 800 to 1,000 inhabitants I suppose. there is a great many Indians here, lounging about the Streets. the town is Situated on a Sterile

<sup>47</sup>Original journal shows sketch of Sleeping Bear.

<sup>48</sup>Original journal shows sketch of South Manitou Island.

<sup>49</sup>Original journal shows sketch of North Manitou Island.

<sup>50</sup>Original journal shows sketch of South Fox Island, 45 miles to Mackina, and of North Fox Island.

<sup>51</sup>Original journal shows sketch of Beaver Island.

beach below the Fort and is sheltered from the N West winds by the Bluffs.

We took in a number of passengers here, amongst the number Jas. Potter Sr. and Genl. Jno. Potter of Mifflin Co. Pa. after entering Lake Huron It was so cold & windy I lay down & slept till supper was ready. after supper the Cabin was cleared & the Band took their station, when the dance again commenced, Waltzes & Cotillions, Music & songs until 12 o'clock, when they all retired to their berths. there is a very fine Piano in the Ladies' Cabin and during this day a great many attempts at playing, but I have not heard any one attempt it that can play even tolerably well. we have run all this day from 15 to 20 miles pr. hour. out of sight of Land. at sun down, this Lake appears to be much ruffer than Lake Michigan, Water darker green. I saw at Mackina to day a great many fish. White Fish and Mackina Trout. I saw trout from 3 to 3½ feet long; a most beautiful fish, plump and heavy. went to my berth ½ past 12 o'clock. find it quite cold; a very different climate from that I have left. two day ago I was oppressed with heat, now oppressed with cold. no Cholera in this quarter.

*Wednesday, June 27.* found when I got up this morning about sun rise that we were at Saginaw Bay. this morning a beautiful morning, quite calm and mild compared with yesterday. I have caught a severe cold. find I am quite hoarse from being run from extreme heat to extreme cold climate. (found at Mackina a Brother of Nick Biddle, a merchant, quite an Old Man, nearly blind. he came there at an early day and Married a Squaw.—his sons are quite intelligent, good looking men but quite dark.) some of the Chippawa Indians are very good looking, Clean & tastey, particularly those who come in from a distance. all Indians located near the white settlements are a poor degraded set of beings. those who have but little intercourse with the whites are a noble looking set of people. the Chippawa Squaws here as in Minnesota are very good looking & dress very neatly; short gown of Callico and skirt of Blue Cloth, Blue Cloth leggons neatly ornamented with porcupine quills & Beads, and Moccasins beautifully worked. then a Mantle of fine Blue Cloth edged with Beads thrown over their head and Shoulders. Some of them here talk French and English.

*Morning, 28 June.* delightfull. approaching the mouth of St Clair River. passed Fort Gratiot & the Light House on the American side. the Fort is very handsomely situated at the point on the mouth of the River. passed, about one mile below, Port Huron a town of considerable trade, appears to have a population of about 2,000, trade Lumber principaly. nearly opposite on the British side is the Town called Port Sarnia, also a considerable town of about 1,500 or 1800 inhabitants. the River is very narrow here, not wider than our Kiskiminitas. have a fine view of all on both

the American and Canadian Sides. the improvements on the American Side is much the best; everything wears a more lively & thriving appearance. on both Sides is low ground and very level. the timber on the American Side is entirely Pine and on the British Side Oak. extensive openings of Prairie on the British Side. great numbers of Indians and French liveing along the Canada Side. great numbers of young Indians standing on the Banks looking at us as we pass.

this is a beautifull River. the two sides would be brot into close contact in case of a War. Fort Gratiot completely commands the Entrance or mouth of this River and have a fine plain for exercise of Cavalry or Artillery. about 10 miles below Port Huron on the American side, the Oak timber commences, also some very fine farms are now in View on both sides of the River, but much the best on the American side. The French and Scotch are not famous for good improvements on the Canada Side. Occasionally there is an American or English settlement in View. the difference can be at once discovered, the buildings & improvements are at once to be seen.

16 miles below Port Huron on the American side is the Town called St Clair, population about 1500. the situation is a beautifull one, considerable business done here. the Wharfs are lined with Schooners and trading Boats. this river all the Way presents a lively & beautiful appearance; tis filled with Vessels in full sail & both shores lined with scatterd houses and pretty lying farms. the scenery is very beautifull.

Arrived at the Town of China. met Steam Boat Niagara full of passengers just leaving the wharf as we were putting in. our Boat & the Niagara come in Colission. we could not avoid her, She putting out when our Boat capt. considered she was going to lie untill we got in. The Crash was terrible, notwithstanding the great exertions to avoid it on both sides. the Shock was so great that it knocked down most of our passengers. the Confusion was very great amongst the Ladies & Children, perticularly. terrible Screaming & many fainting. Our Boat received but little injury but the Niagara was very seriously injured; broke in her bulwark & otherwise badly injured. on our Boat it was sometime to reconcile the Women & Children who continued crying & excited for two hours at least. after examining the Boat & taking in some passengers we again proceeded on our Way, pleased with our fortunate escape. China is a pretty little village, situated on the American side, population about 5 or 600.

passed another town on the American side, situated in a delightful Bank of the River near the entrance into Lake St Clair. population about 500. one very neat church in it. opposite on the the Canada side a very extensive Island & Prairies. Canada side low,

wet Prairie, and the American side more elevated & well timbered with good farms all along the shore. on the lower part of the Islands, on Peninsulas, on the Canada side tis beautifull & some fine improvements. we are now in sight of the Lake St Clair. length of River said to be 39 miles. as we approach the Lake the River branches off in Branches or Sloughs, forming a great number of Islands, principlly Prairies, which have great numbers of Cattle grazeing on them. here as we approach the Lake it wears the appearance of the River & Lake being considerably higher than the surrounding Country. Some of the Prairies here very extensive & perfectly level with the Waters edge. We meet a great number of sloops and Propeller Boats coming up from the Lake, principlly loaded with Lumber, Coal & Grain.

We enter the Lake with Prairies very extensive on both sides, and in a great distance on both sides we can discern the fringe of timber land. the View on entering the Lake is splendid. Lake 18 miles Long & about 25 miles wide. tis studded full of vessals under full sail as far as the eye can see. they appear to be running in every direction. the view is fine. the Prairies of which I speak are, I am informed by the Capt., called the St Clair Flats. the Sloughs at the entrance of this Lake are so numerous tis difficult to get out of it after night.

We are now passing out of the Lake St Clair. the surrounding Country around us is very similar to that at the entrance except that the Prairies or flats are better and drier land and more thickly settled on both sides, perticularly on the Canada side. there the French are very closely settled. we have just passed a very pretty Island called Hog Island. now we have Detroit in sight, beautifull groves of timber on the American side. Detroit has from this point the appearance of a large City. passed into Detroit River. tis about such River as the Monongahela.

arrived at Detroit. the City is beautifullly situated below the outlet of the Lake & has the appearance of quite a Commercial City. Contains a population of from 20,000 to 21,000. its situation is on a very extensive flat of land which very gradually rises back from the River. on the opposite shore is a small town called Windsor, I suppose containing a population of 6 or 800. tis scattered along the shore for a mile, situated on a high bank. (the Canada side here is a beautifull country!) appears to be all frame. in Detroit and around it a great proportion brick. a great many windmills along the Canada shore, also below along both sides of the River a great many very pretty residences. the Michigan Central R. R. Co. has erected a very elegant & extensive pile of buildings at Detroit. the Road is owned by Bostonians.

a tremendous Storm, very high wind, Thunder & lightning & a tremendous fall of rain mixed with hail came up the River on us

about the time we were two or three miles from Detroit, which prevented me and all others from looking out. the Storms here may be called storms indeed. The Boat has stopped, in danger of running foul of Vessels. Storm abateing. Boat got under way.

the country on both sides down to the entrance of Lake Erie is a delightfull country. Amherstburgh is the last town, situated just above the mouth of the River. tis a dingy, dark looking town, altho the situation is a beautifull one on the Bank of the River, on a lovely plain of level land. the only redeeming feature about the town is the fine Shade Trees which they have preserved, large Elms with the richest foilage. I judge the population in and about the town to be about from 800 to 1,000. the buildings nearly all frame, the greater part of them not painted. there is several church & one large frame Flouring Mill, Saw Mill &c. appears to be a very dull place.

immediately above and adjoining the Town Stands Fort Malden, on position commanding the River, and immediately opposite stands on an Island a Block House calculated to rake the American Shore on the opposite side of the Island, and prevent any landing on the Island. The Fort is far inferior to any of the American Forts or Barracks; greater part of the buildings are frame, painted Lead Collour, what appears to be a modern addition, two or three buildings. officers quarters are small & built of Brick. it stands on an elevated Bank and embankment thrown up around it, the whole surrounded with Pickets. there is not more than one Company of troops here, so the British have the command of Detroit River at one end & the Americans by Fort Gratiot at the other. right between them would be the place to invade Canada, steal a march round Malden & push on up the Thames River to London, & cut off communication by taking possession of the district of country lying between the Thames River & Lake Erie.

all is quiet in this quarter, 5 oClock, after tea I find we have yet sight of the Canada shore, steering S. S. E. to the North of Point, a play Island. we are in view of the 3 Sister Islands. they are about one mile to the N. W. of us, that is, the Southern one. between the South & Middle one, Commodore Perry conquered the Brittish Fleet about 3 miles distant from it. when Perry came down the Brittish Fleet was about where we now are sailing between the Southern Sister & the Canada shore. He conquered them & saild for Put in Bay which lies N. W. of us near Sandusky.

the sun is setting clear behind us, clouds very black in front of us, the effect is splendid. a whole fleet of Sloops, Schooners in view & in their rear a splendid Rainbow. the canvas of the Vessal in full sail with the dark clouds behind them, & the sun shineing on them from the West, causes them to look as white as snow. all the whole overhung by a splendid Arch or Rainbow presents a most enchant-



ing Scene, truly a fine subject for the pencil. at dark the music commenced as usual & the dance followed till we began to near Cleveland. 10 oClock, Light house in view, evening very pleasant. arrived at Cleveland, left several passengers & took some on. too dark to see anything of the City, made but a few minutes stay, put out for Erie. went to bed 12 Oclock.

*Thursday, June 28th.* when I got up found the morning warm & overcast. from the head way we are making will reach Erie by 8 oClock, Capt. says. the Ohio & Penna. shore in sight. arrived at Erie 7½ oClock, very glad to get to it. I feel very much wearied & unwell, haveing caught cold & Lake Erie being very rough I feel sick this morning. Lake Erie is about 400 miles long & from 40 to 50 wide. being much shallower than any of the others tis more easily moved by winds. Erie is prettily situated on quite a high Bank overlooking the Lake but the harbour is not good. the Town contains a population of over 6,000, some very good buildings, generally frame & scattered. as a business place it looks dull compared with the thriveing young Cities & Towns of the West & North. Erie has a considerable character abroad, but I am disappointed, a dull place. went to bed afternoon, slept, I feel quite revived.

*Friday, 29 June.* 9 oClock took Canal Packet Boat, Queen City, for Beaver. met with Robert M'Kee here. He is asst. supervisor on the Canal from this to Beaver. says he is doing very well. also met with Judge Patton & Josiah King. fine rain this morning which has cooled the air. arrived at Girard, 16 miles from Erie, a very pretty village on the Canal, population 500. great excitement here, the National Circus is in town. this country along the Canal is a very heavily timberd country, principlly Poplar, Oak, horse chesnut, Pine & some Mulberry. passed during the evening several thriveing villages, viz. Lockport, Cranesville, Powerstown.

went to bed about 10 oClock but could not sleep for the noise and confusion on the Boat. there is on board the greatest fool of a chambermaid that ever lived. she has in the Cabin two or three young girls & to help her out with her folly & nonsense three other fools with their beaus came on board about 12 oClock, as they said going home from a pleasure trip; and they made out to anoy us on board till 3 oClock in the morning with their fool talk, plays & giggleing & laughing, untill all passengers rose up in rebellion, remonstrated & made the whole party stope. I take the majority of the folks along this canal to be of a very low order from their conduct and conversation.

*Saturday Morning, June 30, 1849.* a very dense fog this morning. passed during the night Lake Conneought & French Creek Cut, passing Big & little Shenango. in the forks between these two Creeks there are some very fine farms. arrived at West Greenville, Mercer Co. This is truely a very beautifull & thriveing town, popu-

lation over 2,000. there are 5 large Furnaces adjoining the town. Lot Irwin's Furnaces are close above the Town. the Canal runs through the middle of the town. great abundance of fine stone, coal & iron ore in this neighborhood. every thing looks lively. the appearance of the people are much better than further up the Country; you'll find here intelligent looking people. from the junction of Big & little Shenangos down, the appearance of things improves.

Indian mound at W. Greenville.<sup>52</sup> this mound stands on a perfectly level meadow on the Banks of the Shenango. this day has been very warm. passed a number of Villages to day in passing through Mercer, Lawrence & Beaver Counties, amongst the number New Castle this evening; a very considerable town, population about 2,000, Several Manufcts. Establishments here. 10 oClock went to bed.

*Sunday Morning, 1st July.* got up this morning, found myself at Rochester at Beaver Point. The Steam Boat that takes us up to Pittsburgh not yet arrived. Sun comes out very warm. the River Ohio rising fast. great number of Locusts in Mercer, Lawrence & Beaver Counties; they are killing the leaves on all the Trees; make a great noise. left Beaver in Steam Boat, Michigan, at 2 oClock for Pittsburgh. I consider Beaver a poor place.

Arrived at Pittsburgh about 3 oClock. looks very black compared with the fine, fresh looking towns & cities of the West. This evening, Sunday, find the River filled with Boats with pleasure parties returning from the Gardens below. some distance along the Banks under Shade trees see several Card Parties busy playing cards. no such sights have I seen in the West. also see a good many drunk. took lodgings at the St Charles House. after supper, 7 oClock, to the Canal Boat, Capt. Greeley. after leaving the Suburbs of Allegheny town went to my berth.

*Monday Morning, 2d July.* when I got up, found myself at Freeport. morning fine & pleasant. day throughout very pleasant. about 7 oClock in the evening arrived at Blairsville. set on deck of the Boat untill late night, very pleasant.

*Tuesday Morning, July 3d.* took the Cars at Johnstown about daylight and arrived at home about 10 oClock. found all Well and I very much pleased to get home, Haveing traveld through parts of Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota and through nearly all of Iowa. part of Missouri I like very much and a part of it, I do not like. Illinois from Fox River North is a delightful Country. South of Fox River tis too flat & low, soil not to good. same with Wisconsin. I like the Northern part best. Minnesota is a beautiful Country, well watered and some parts of it the scenery is very romantic, perticularly along the Mississippi & the St Croix Rivers. no more beautiful country can be found than that lying

<sup>52</sup>Original journal shows sketch of Indian mound at West Greenville.

along Lake Pepin, what is known by the name of the Sioux half breed tract or reservavtion.

But take it all through, Iowa is decidedly the best State for uniform richness of soil, beauty of scenery, Water and Health. tis in my opinion destined to be the greatest Agricultural State in the Union.

#### NOTES IN CONNECTION WITH SKETCHES.

Painted Rock or Capeli above Prairie Du Chein on the Iowa Side formerly belonged to the Winebagoes, now Allemakie County.

The Painted boulder represented on the bank is painted and was the Indian God to which their great Medicine men repaired to Conjure. the Rock above is Smothe faced & has a great many animals with Picture writeing on it  
Siouss Squaws pushing their Canoes across the Mississippi returning with their Children (papoose from the Fort after receiving their rashions &c)

#### BATTLE GROUND AT BAD AXE.

Black Hawk & his Indians were encamped on the River bottom. the Regulars came on them by passing through the defiles in the bluffs & forced them through the River to the Island. a Steam Boat was run up and a fire opened on them & the Sioux Indians attacked them as the(y) reached the opposite shore or Island.

#### A VIEW ON LAKE PEPIN FROM MAIDEN ROCK.

all the Indian Tribes have the tradition of this Rock and have a great dread in approaching it. tis said to be 300 feet high. the Indian Maid Winona threw herself off this rock.

#### BOAT TOWING RAFTS THROUGH LAKE PEPIN.

Red Rock opposite Side of River to Little Crow Village. This place is named from a red rock, a Rock painted red which stands on the Prairie on the Bank of the River. tis Red and Striped with Black & white paint in Picture writing which is Worshipped by the Sioux tis said.

Little Crow Village of Sioux on the West Bank of Mississippi below St Pauls, Minnesote.

Indians encamped on the Shore below Fort Snelling.

Fort Snelling from the beach below the Fort Stands on a Sand rock white as chalk.

Jane M. Cazneau, New York, wife of Genl Cazneau, Mexican Army, taken at Mel Ren Del Ray.

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