

1759 Augustin Hayden Journal

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April ye 14 AD 1759

Then I Augustin Hayden Listed Into His Magestis Servis

I being out in The year 1758 I received My winters Pay Which was 8-2-0 and 1-15-0 to get a coat and My first months wages which was 1-16-0

June ye 20th Day I set away from Home to Hartford

The 21 Day I set away from There to Number one

The 22 Day I set away from there to Canterhook [Kinderhook, NY]

The 23^d Day I set away from there to Grene Bush [Greenbush, NY]

The 24th Day we set away from there over to Albany and went out of the Sitty about 4 miles

The 25th Day we set away from there up to Half Mune [Halfmoon, NY]

The 26th Day I set away from there to Stilwater [Stillwater, NY]

April ye 27th we Set away from Stilwater up the River in a Scow to Saratoge [Saratoga, NY]

The 28th Day we Set away from there up to Halfway Brook and jined the Ridgment

The 29th Day and the 30 Days we styd

July ye 1st Day and the 2^d Day we stayed

July ye 3d Day and 4th Day and 5th and 6th and 7th and 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th Days we stayed

The 13th Day I Sent a letter away from Thear to David Elsworth [Ellsworth] and another on it

The 14th Day we Marcht from Halfway Brook to Lake George

The 15th Day we went Out of the Camp and fired Plattoones Twice Round and once att marks and then marcht Back to our tents

The 16th Day Nothing Speshel

The 17th Day there was Sum of The Hilanders in att Swimming in the Lake and one was Drownded and one of the Provenshals Dove Down whare the water was About 20 feat Deep and fecht him up. He had ben Drownded about Half an our

The 18th Day this Day. the 19th Day we stayed

July ye 20th Day There was a man Shot to Deth for Dezarting This Day about Eight a Clock in the afternune thare came out orders for us to strike our tents att two of the Clock at night

The 21st Day we Struck our tents at the foresaid time we Set sale about Sun rise We Saled within about two miles of the french Landing that Day and Lay upon our Arms that Night

The 22d Day we Saled up to french Landing Gen'll Limons [Lyman's] Ridgment [General Phineas Lyman] was Ordered to land the first upon shore and as Sune as the Battoes Struck Shore they Run up the Bank and was formd two Deep after all Landed The Rangers was sent along before up to the Mils and the french had an Advance gard And the Rangers Had sckirmish with them they took two and kild three and drove them off Gen'll Limons Ridgment marcht up above the mils and Lay upon there Armes the french Had fel Trees a crost the Rode and there was two or three Ridgments Left Behind to Klear the Rode.

The 23^d Day Gen'll Limons was Set to cover the Workmen which was Klearing the Rode which the french had fild with trees that Day we Got within a mile of the fort and Stay'd that Night the French keep Continelly firing the cannon and Bums [bombs] att us

July ye 24th Day Gen'll Lymons Ridgment Movved there tents about a Quarter of a mile North of the Rode and Picht them

the 25th Day Gen'll Lymons Ridgment went to making Fasheans [fascine] and Pickets and Carrying to the Trenches

The 26th Day Our Ridgment ware Kept at Making fasheans and Pickets all this time the french Kept a continually firing there Cannon Balls and Bums at us

The 27th Day one or two of the Clock in the Morning the french Set there Magerzean [powder magazine] a fire and took as Much Truck as they could carry and Set off Down the Lake towards Crownpoint [Crown Point, NY] in Battoes.

Majer Rogers and men Lay in the Lake with a Royalle and when the french Came a Long he fired upon them and they Roed away to the East Shore and Landed and Majer Rogers took 100 Barel of Pouder out of the Battoes that they Left.

The 28th Day Majer Rogers Rangers took about 12 or 13 Prisoners to Day Gen'll Lymons Ridgment Moved there tents in to the Brest works that they took from the french

The 29th Day Gen'l Lymon Gave Out Orders that there should be an Great Return Be forthwith Made & signed by the Commanding officers of the Companies of all the Carpenters Joiners & Masons in their Respective Companies and also of all Lime Birners brick makers or Layers

The 30th Day These foresaid men That was pict out of Said Ridgment was Set to work about Repairing the fort to Day Capt Shelding [Sheldon] Died he belonged to Gen'l Lymons Ridgment

The 31st Day I sent a Letter Home by Lent Moses Discharged from the armi

August ye 1st Day There was a Scout Out yesterday and was in Site of Crownpoint fort and see the french Blow up there fort and Cut Down there Apple trees and they Had about forty Battoes & two Slups [sloops] and they loaded Them and Destroyed as much of the rest of there truck as they kould and Left there fort and this Scout in the news

The 2nd Day there Come out orders for Gen'l Lymons Ridgment and Colonel Woosters and Colonel Willards for to Stay and keep the fort [Copy adds "___ ___ and one Ridg't of the Hilanders ___ ___ "] and the Rest of the armi to Go forward.

The 3rd Day Gen'l Lymons Ridgment moved there tents about 40 rod west on the Hier Ground. to Day there was a man Hang'd for [Dezarting ?]

The 4th Day The armi Set away from Ticonderoga Down the Lake to Crownpoint

The 5th Day Nothing Speshel

The 6th Day Nothing Speshel

The 7th Day Nothing Speshel

The 8th Day There was a Man Died he Belonged to Gen'l Lymons Compeny

The 9th Day ye 10th and 11th Nothing Speshel

The 12th Day Nothing Speshel

The 13th Day I went up to Crownpoint with an Express and Came Back this Day

The 14th Day Capt. Hull Died he Belonged to Gen'l Lymons Ridgment

The 15th Day I and six more went to fishing with a Sane [seine] that The french left in the fort we kecht About fifty fish.

The 16th Day Nothing Speshel

The 17th Day there was a man found Dead in his tent he Belonged to Gen'l Lymons Ridgt to Day I went out to Hunting Ducks and Six or Seven with me but kild Nothing

The 18th Day Colonel Whitings Ridgt Set away from the Mills Down the Lake to Crownpoint

The 19th Day I sent a Letter Home

The 20th Day and 21 Nothing Speshel

The 22 Day 23: 24: and 25th Days Nothing Speshel

The 26th Day John Horskins [Hoskins] Di'd he Belonged to Capt Barnards Company and Colonel Lymons [Copy says "Gen'l Lymans"] Ridgt

The 27th Day I went Down to the South Bay and to the East Bay and to Wood Crick after Spruce and 9 more with me. we Hunted Part of the time we kild one Dear and one Rackonne and one Duck and two Patterriges and kecht about Thirty fish ___ And Came back The 29th Day [Copy says "The 27th Day I and Nine More went up the South Bay about 26 miles struck up a fire and Lay all night"]

[Copy says "The 28th Day we went from there to the East bay and Wood Crick Falls and Lay that Night but we kecht about thirty fish and kild one Rackcune and one Duck and two Patriges"]

[Copy says "The 29th Day we Came Back to The South Bay and Got our Load of Spruce [spruce tips to make spruce beer] Set out for Home and Got in about Eight Mile of Home and we See a Dear Swimming a Croust the Lake it was about a Mile and a Half when we See it first and we Road away after with our Whale boat But it got to Shore Before Could Near a Nuf to kil it but it Run about ten Rod from shore and stopt and where we come against it. two of us Shot and kild it and we Brought it to the Whale boat and Put it in and Set out for Home we Got Home about Ten a Clock at Night"]

The 30th Day I had four Letters from home one from father. The date of it was July ye 31st AD 1759 and I had three more from my brother Moses Hayden one was Dated July ye 30th 1759 another July 16th 1759 The June ye 23rd 1759 The vessel was lancht [Copy says "to Day we lancht a vessel"]

The 31st Day Genl Lymon Gave out Severall Commishen to his Ridgment Abner Prier Had a Leut Commission and is to Go into Capt Parsonses Compenny

Sept ye 1st Day The 2nd Day Nothing Speshel

The 3rd Day Nothing Speshel

The 4th Day I Received two Letters By Leut Joseph Winchel [Winchell] whitch came from home One Came from my father Dated Aug ye 25th Day – The other from David Elsworth Dated Aug ye 26th

The 5th Day I Movved into Capt Parsonses Company with Leut Prier [Prior]

The 6th Day and 7th Nothing Speshel

The 8th Day I sent a Letter home by Leut Winchel

Sep ye 9th Day There Came out orders That Leut Elsworth of Capt Parsonses Compeny was appointed a Capt Leut of Genl Lymons Compeny and Sargt Mager Wels was appointed and Ins in Capt Gaylords compeny. He sarved as Sargt Mager in Capt Bancrofts Compeny

Sep ye 10th Day Nothing Speshel

The 11th Day Nothing Speshel

The 12th Day Nothing Speshel

The 13th Day Nothing Speshel

The 14th Day I was out a Geting Timber for Leut Priers House and I Cut my foot and Rid in upon a Wagon horse & c

Sept ye 15th Day Nothing Speshel

The 16th Day I Receive two Letters from Windsor one from Father Dated Sept ye 6th Day and a nother from Daniel Hayden Dated Sept Ye 5th to Day I rote two Letters one to David Elsworth and another to Daniel Hayden

The 17th Day Nothing Spechel

The 18th Day Nothing Speshel

The 19th Day I Sent a Letter Home to Father

The 20th Day Nothing Speshel

The 21st Day Nothing Speshel

The 22 Day Nothing Speshel

[At this point the entries jump back to the page facing the April entries]

Sept ye 23rd Day Nothing Speshel

The 24th Day We got Leut Priers House finished

The 25th Day My foot Got so wel that I Got my Shoe on

The 26th Day at Night there was a Comet fell as it fell it Come out of the North and went into the South

The 27th Day Nothing Speshel

The 28th Day Richard french Di d he belonged to Capt Parsons Company and Genl Lymons Ridgment

The 29th Day Nothing Speshel

The 30th Day Nothing Speshel

Oct ye 1st Day Nothing Speshel

The 2nd Day Nothing Speshel

The 3rd Day I had a Pus Stole and five Dolers in it and a Pocket Cumpus. they was took out of my Trousers Pocket Whitch Lay under the bed

The 4th Day Nothing Speshel

The 5th Day Nothing Speshel

The 6th Day Nothing Speshel

The 7th Day About 3 of the Clock in the after Nune to Day the Sick Came from Crownpoint about 300d they Got to the Mills about Sundown

Oct ye 8th Day There Came out Orders for Colonel Woosters Ridgment [3rd Connecticut Regiment] to Strike there Tents at Two of the Clock in the after nune They Set away from hear about Sundown for Crownpoint

The 9th Day Comadore Loreing fired of the cannon Abord the Brig and Set Sale for Crown Pint and there was 1st Guns fired in the fort to Answer Those that was fird in the brig.

The 10th Day about 4 a Clock Capt. Grant Set away in the Slupe for Crownpint

Oct ye 11th Day Sum Part of Our armi Set away from Crownpint Down the Lake for Plum Island

The 12th Day John Luis Di d he Belongd to Gen'l Lymons Compeny

The 13th Day Nothing Speshel

The 14th Day I Sent a Letter to Windsor to my Brother Moses Hayden

The 15th Day Nothing Speshel

The 16th Day Nothing Speshel

The 17th Day in the Morning There was a frost upon the Ground

Oct ye 18th Day Nothing Speshel

The 19th Day Nothing Speshel

The 20th Day I had a Letter from my father Dated Oct ye 6th and another from Daniel Hayden Dt:
Oct ye 4th

The 21 Day yesterday Sum Part of the Army Came in from Down the Lake to Crownpint

Oct ye 22nd Day Nothing Speshel

The 23^d Day Nothing Speshel

The 24th Day it snod a Small Matter to Day the sick of Genl Lymans Ridgt was [bad?]

The 25th Day Nothing Speshel

The 26th Day there was a man Whipt for Burning His Carterriges and talking Sasse to Leut Stoe
he was whipt 50 Strips to Day I went to fishing with a sane and five with me we kecht about
Sixty

The 27th Day Nothing Speshel

The 28th Day Nothing Speshel

The 29th Day Nothing Speshel

The 30th Day I and four More went out Hunting Water foul And kild one Waterfoul and a Musk
squash and Got Back The 31^t Day We went Down the South Bay ____

Novemr The 1st Day Eliphelet Lomus [Loomis] was Whipt 25 Lashes for Sasee talk to Doct
Lord.

The 2nd Day the Bostoners Went off from The mils and Landing about One Hundred & 20 They
went of by Land and Genl Lyman Set of with about 300 of his Ridgt up the South Bay to Stop
them we got up to the Naroues about Sundown and Struck up a fire and Lay all night [Note: 200
Massachusetts Provincials deserted at Ticonderoga following the expiration of their enlistments.]

The 3rd Day we Set away from there to woodcrick falls whitch is about 11 Milds above the
Narrowes & from the Narrowes Down to Ticonderoga is about 14 milds. and then we marcht up
the Crick about 4 Milds about 4 milds and then tirnd back to our Battoes about four a Clock in

the afternoon and Set out for Ticonderoga fort and Got in about ten a Clock at Night and it Rained very hard

Novem The 4th Day it snod to Day Eli More Di d he Belongd to Capt Barnards Compeny and to Colonel Lymons Ridgt

The 5th Day it snod To Day the Sick of Colonel Lymons Ridgt Set out for home

The 6th Day Nothing Speshel

Novbr ye 7th Day it snod

The 8th Day it snod

The 9th Day Leut Prior Set out for Home with the offisers Chests and other Bageg

The 10th Day Nothing Speshel

The 11th Day Nothing Speshel

The 12th Day Genl Lyman went over the Lake to Clear a Rode out to the Rode that Comes from Number four

The 13th Day Nothing Speshel

The 14th Day Genl Lyman got Back from Clearing the Rode

The 15th Day Nothing Speshel

The 16th Day Nothing Speshel

The 17th Day Colonel Seirllows Come up from Crownpint with His Ridgt to Ticonderoga to Day two of Vesels that war taken Down the Lake this Side of Plum Island Came up from Crownpoint and the tother Came Part of the way and Run aground and one of Our Vesels Come up with them. [Copy says "Colonel Seirllers Ridgt Came from Crownpint in order for Gojing home. To Day four vessels Came up from Crownpint hear to Ticonderoga in order to winter three of them we took from the french Down the Lake by Plumb Island and there is a Nother to Come"]

November The 18th Day there was a Bunter [washer woman] Drumd Out of the Camp for keping a shirt and other things of Capt Elsworth that she took to wash.

The 19th Day Nothing Speshel

The 20th Day Nothing Speshel

The 21st Day Nothing Speshel

November 22nd Day Nothing Speshel

The 23rd Day Nothing Speshel

The 24th Day it Snod to Day there Came out Orders How Genl Lymans Ridgt Should March The Invaleads and kows and Bageg horses Ware to be Sent forward and One Capt and four Sargt and forty Rank and file with them and Colonel Pason [Payson] is to march in the front of the Ridgt Genl Lyman in the rear and the first Leut in the front of there Compenyes and the Capt in the Rear and the Ridgt are to incampt in a Sirkel Every Nite [Copy adds "The Ground to be Layd out by the Quartermater"]

The 25th Day there came out Orders for Genl Lymans Ridgt to march a the Least Notis. to Day Genl Lymans Ridgt Returned there arms and Marcht Down to the Lake and Crost in Battoes and then incampt.

The 26th Day we marcht from there to Number four Rode to Day it snod [Copy says "in the Morning there fel a Snow about Halfa foot Deep"]

The 27th Day we marcht

The 28th Day we marcht

The 29th Day we marcht and it sno: ___ [Copy says "there was two Men whipt for going forward before the Ridgt. one belongd Genl Lymans Compeny the other to Capt Parsonses"]

November The 30 D we Marcht [Copy says "we Marcht to Day I Baut a Gun of Joshua Preston"]

Dec The 1 D we marcht

The 2: Day we Got to the River over against Number four

The 3d Day we lay at Dito [Ditto?]

The 4th Day we Crost the River upon the Ice and went in to the fort [The original diary has no pages beyond this.]
[Copy continues]

The 4th Day the River Shet about Nine a Clock in the Morning and we Crost about 11 a Clock and went up to the fort and Corpl Bidwel [Bidwell] was whipt Dezarting before the Ridgt

Decembr ye 5th Day we Set away from Number four [Number Four fort was at Charlestown, N.H. Number Four Road ran from Crown Point across Vermont to Charlestown, N.H. on the Connecticut River.] and Got to the Grate Meddows

The 6th Day I Got to Hendedels fort [possibly Hinsdale]

The 7th Day I Set away from there to Northfield and Met my Horse and went to Sunderland and
Croast the River and went Down To Hatfield

The 8th Day I Set away from there to Springfield

December ye 9th Day I Set away from there and Got Home

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Augustin Hayden
of Windsor in
ye County of
Hartford

Finis for
All