

Augustin Hayden of Windsor in ye County of Hartford His jirnal from Windsor to Ticonderoga and Back again

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[1758]

The 25th of may then I Listed into his magestis servis

June the 8th I set away from home to Hartford.

The 9th Day I set from [Hartford] to Farmington. [U.S. Route 4]

The 10th Day I set away from there to Harwintown [Harwinton, CT]

The 11th Day I set away from there to Goshan. [Goshen, CT]

The 12th Day I set away from there to Cornwil. [Cornwall,CT]

The 13th Day I set away from there to Canaan

The 14th Day I set away from there to Sheffield. [Mass.]

The 15th Day I set away from there to the North side of Sheffield.

The 16th Day I set away from there to Spensterstown, [Spencertown, NY] or The Bitter rune Land

The 17th Day I set away from Spensterstown to Canterhook [Kinderhook, NY]:

The 18th Day I set away from there to Grenebush [Greenbush]. And there we jined the Ridgment we staid til the 26th Day and then we Set away from there to Halfmoon.

The 27th Day we Set away from there to Stilwater [Stillwater. NY].

The 28th Day we Set away from there to Saratoge [Saratoga].

The 29th Day we set away from there to Fort Edward.

The 30th Day we set away from there to Lake George.

July ye 1st Day we set away from there over to the East Side of the Lake and there we stay^d till the 5th Day and then our Armi set away up the Lake For Ticonderoga Fort.

The 6th Day in the morning we Got up to the Narrows and landed that Day. Before night we took about one 150 Prisonors and kild sum. We lost sum but not menny Lord How [Brigadier General Lord Howe, effective commander of the expedition] was kild in the taking of those Prisonors.

The 7th Day about Sun Down we Set away the Narrows up about a mile It Being Dark we lay upon Our Arms that night. The 8th Day we Set away from there up to Ticonderoga Fort. And there our Armi had to Fight the Enemi Being Intrench and we had left our kannon Whare we landed and the Reggulators were imb[o?]ded and Marcht up in about 15 yars of the Trench and the Enemy kild a vast menny of them but we no not how menny. We do not no how menny we kild of them Tis to be thought not menny bt after the fight being over sum came back to [Canaan ?] and sum a Little Back of the Fight and the Rest Lay a long upon the Rode.

The 9th Day we Came Back Down to Lake George and Picht our Tents where we Took them up. There we Stayed Till July the 14th Day then we Set away from there over to the west Side of the Lake

July The 15th Day our Advance that we had about 5 miles up the Lake upon an Island Disevered 11 french men in two whales bots There Hapen'd not to be But four in one and Sum of our men Pursued them and over told that it had but 4 Jest as they Come up with Them they fired and kild one and Took the other 3

July the 17th Day Abner Owen Died he Belonged to Colonel Limons [Lyman's] Company

July The 20th Day our Eskort Had Scirmish Down at The Halfaway Brook They lost 24 men 18 found Dead and 6 missing

July The 25th Day There was a man Hang'd for Theft There was a man by an akerdent shot of his gun By Striking the lock of it against a log. Having the musele of the Gun under his arme tour his arme so that the Doct'rs kut it of a few Days after.

July the 27th Day There was a man found Dead in his tent He belong'd to Capt. Earlehiey [Hierlehey] Company in Colonel Limons Ridgment.

July The 28th Day our Eskort were skorting the teams from Fort Edward up to halfaway Brook and the Enemy Lay Ambush for Them and when the Eskort had got against them Enemy Rose up and fired upon them kild 26 men that they found there There is about 50 of all that is missing And there was about 25 Women kild and taken They found 5 Dead There was 36 teams them was all kild but one ox and they kut of his horns The _____ was all DeStroyd [Se?] Silus Wels [Silas Wells] was taken He belong'd to Capt Woolcotts Company in Colonel Limons Ridgment

Aug the 2nd Day Elijah Strong Died he Belong'd to Capt Woolcotts Company in Colonel Limons Ridgment

Aug ye 5th Day Thomas Bancroft Died he belonged Capt. Woolcotts Company in Colonel Limons Ridgment

Aug ye 7th Day Job Bol ____ [Blodget] Died he Belonged to our Company in Colonel Limons Ridgment

Aug ye 8th Day Some of our Rangers were out upon a Scout going from fort Ann Down to Fort Edward and the Enemy waylaid them and fired upon them and kild and took about Seventy as near as they kulde tel and they Rekens that they kild about as many of them and took two _____ and our mager Putmon [Israel Putnam] was taken in the skirmish

Aug ye 12th Day John More died he Belonged to our Company and Ridgment

Aug the 23rd Day I went Down to The Halfway Brook to Scort Teams

Aug the 26th Day there was ten men Pikt out of Capt Woolcotts Company for Rangers and I was one

Aug ye 28th Day the Grate Guns and Small arms were fired three times Round for the Good News that are Heard from Cape briton [Cape Breton Louisbourg Fortress captured by English July 26, 1758] we heard that it was taken from the french

Sept ye 5th Day Jonathon Paseko [Pasco] died he belonged to our Company and Ridgment

Sept ye 6th Day I went down to The Halfway Brook to skort teams.

Sept ye 11th Day the Grate Guns and Small arms wore fired Three Times Round for The Good news that we heard from [Catter rockway?] [News of the capture of Fort Frontenac was received about this time]

Sept ye 15th Day There was a man Whipt for Theft and Geting Drunk upon Sentry at the Setlors He Received one 100 Strips To Day and is to Receive as Menny more to morrow. He Belonged to Capt. Terners [Isaac Turner] Company in Colonel Limons Ridgment.

Sept ye 16th Day There was a man whipt for Getting Drunk and Srikeing an officer The fore said man whipt 50 strips he Belonged to Mager Griswolds Company in Colonel Limons Ridgment

Sept ye 22 Day I went Down to The Halfway Brook and 499 more Provenshals with me to Relive Sum that had Ben there 14 days and as sune as we had got there there was 160 Proveshals sent out as scout for two Days and a 100 Regulars with them and I was sent out with them we set away about Seven of the Clock We went about 3 miles and Slept upon our arms

Sept The 23rd Day we arose about 5 of the Clock in the morning and marcht about 12 miles towards old fort ann and tirnd Back to fort Edward we Got there about 7 of the Clock in the after nune

Sept the 24 Day we marcht Back up to the Halfway Brook

Sept the 27 Day Silus [Silas] Case and Jonah Philly [Filley] Died they belonged to Capt Woolcotts Company and our Ridgment And Lifelit Elsworth [Ellsworth] was stationed at Stilwater and he is Ded he Belonged to Capt Woolcotts Company and in Colonel Limons Ridgment

Sept ye 29th Day Daniel Clark set away from Lake George sick to Come Home

Oct ye 1st Day we heard that Joseph Stedmon was Dead He set awy from Lake George about the 11 of Sept for home and Died upon the rode

Oct ye 6th Day There Came Down a Releaf to the Halfway Brook To releve us that had Ben there 14 Days. And we Retirned Back to Lake George after we had got up to Lake George There was two men whipt One for theft his Name was Samuel Squirer [Squire] he was whipt 200 Strips he belonged to Capt Whittlers and our Ridgment. The other for being Disobediant to his Captain his Name was Janson [Johnson] Cleveland he was whipt 50 strips he Belonged to Capt Leeds Company in Colonel Limons Ridgment

Oct ye 9th Day There was 5 men whipt for forging orders in other mens Names There was 19 orders Found and Brought out against them They all Belonged to Capt Leeds Company in Colonel Limons Ridgment

The 10th Day I went Down to the Halfway Brook to Eskort Teams and wagons. They were Loaded with the sick.

Oct ye 17th Day John Elsworth [Ellsworth][died?] he Belonged to Capt Woolcotts Company in Colonel Limons Ridgment. To Day I went Down to Eskort Teams they were laden with the Artily.

Oct ye 18th Day I went Down to the Halfway Brook to Eskort the Wagoners with Battoes [Bateaux: a flat bottomed boat with tapering ends (chiefly Canada & Louisiana)]

Oct ye 23rd Day There Came out orders for Colonel Limons Ridgment to git in Reddiness to march at the least warning Abel Lomus [Loomis] went away from Lake George Sick he Got Down to Grene Bush and Died. he Belonged to Capt Woolcotts Company in Colonel Limons Ridgment

Oct ye 25th and 26th Days it snod [snowed]

The 26 Day there came a flag a truste in hear to Lake George

Oct ye 27th Day and the 28th Days it snod The 27th Day the whol Armi That was at Lake George marcht Colonel Limons Ridgment marcht at the same time Down within about four miles of fort Edward and there in camp

Oct ye 29th Day there came out orders for Colonel Limons Ridgment to march at three Minets warning. To Day there come two men about 7 of the Clock in the afternune There came two

men Down to thee River and cald it was over against Colonel Limons Ridgment and about 8 men Took a Battoe and went to them and fetcht them a Crost the River. They had Ben in the wods 40 Days they came from mornall [Montreal] they set away with but 10 Days Provishon and after that was Gon they Liv'd upon Tods Stules and akecons and thornberryes There was another Set away from Mornall with them but he Being weak and feeat being sore so that he koold not keep up these two left him 6 Days a go

Oct ye 30th Day There went 13 men out after This that was left But kould not Find Him

Oct ye 31st Day Colonel Limons Ridgment had orders to Strik there Tents for to march. Sune after they struck Tents they were ordered to pitch them ashore They took them up until 6 of the Clock in the morning.

Novem ye 1st Day Colonel Limons Ridgment marcht from about 5 above Fort Edward Down to the fort and took Battoes and went Down about 3 miles Below fort Edward and Incampt

Novem ye 2nd Day we marcht Down to fort Miler [Miller] and took our bageg out of the Battoes and careed about fifty Rod and then took the Battoes Down the falls Loaded the Bageg and Set out again and went within about 2 miles and a half of Saratogue and unloaded the Bageg and carried about half mile and took the Battoes Down the falls and there encampt

Novem ye 3 Day There went about five men into a Battoe and took them to Saratogue and there we all went into them Again and went Down to Stilwater and There we all Got out ___ Anuf to take the Battoes Down the falls Tohoes ___ Got out marcht about 5 miles and then incampt

Novem ye 4th Day we marcht down to halfmune and went Acrost the River in the Battoes and marcht Down to Grene Bush And them that went in the Battoes Got there as quik as them that went upon Land As sune as we had got to Grene Bush we took our packs out of the Battoes and went East about a half a mile and incampt until 7 Day

Novem 7th Day we Set away from Grene Bush and marcht Down within about two miles of Canterhook and there we stayed at a hut in the wods.

Novem ye 8th Day we marcht about halfway from Canterhook to Sheffield and we stayed.

[Next two pages were used for accounts of expenditures]

Novem 9th Day we marcht Down to Sheffield.

Novem ye 10th Day we marcht Down to Norfolk

Novem ye 11th Day we marct Down to Symsbury [Simsbury CT] The East Side of the river

Novem ye 12th I Got Home

Augustin Hayden

[Next page is practice of penmanship]

[Next 7 pages are cost accounts which mention: Elijah Addams, Thomas Hayden Hezekiah Goodwin, Francis Griswold, Noah Pinney, John Pinney, James Noble etc]

[Next is an insert of “wrapping paper” stating “Copy of Augustin Haydens Journal of the Campaign of 1759 made by himself from the original which is somewhat mutilated and a few pages gone.” The 1st page of the “copy” has generally disintegrated -- probably from contact with the “wrapping paper.”]

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