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14 Dec back boy Coles and Layer, 21: Helveing axes &c 3 15. Just the Baggageron a Handfledand To Trocceded to Vanhouns, 22: 22: Sunday 16. went up the Bay to M. Lagiers, opposite the Indian Village; thawing weather, and no Grofing. 23: Got ready to go to our borners Hireda Broker of M Forguesons 17: Hired an arman - John Maby 25. Christmas Cold 18. The Bay still open. 26th Snowand very Gold -19. The Bay continueing open hired 27. Hired a Slay to take a Batteau to Carry the franky & Baggage to Fairmans for 3 Dollar Grovision Seven Miles up Singletons breek to Smiths on 20: Got to Capt Walter Myers's Mill and Turchased 500 to porh, and a the West line of Thurlow 1000 of flour, and went to M 28. Snow Herquesons to hunchase apes.

29 Sunday The January 1794 A Mandon & 30. Went to the S.W. Corner of Huntingdon and Camped Thurlow and S. E. Corner of Sidney and began at the Waters edge as J. Made Corner and of Seth on a high hill Rine and Oak Timber 18 Order, and on a Course NICH and un one Lot to the Westward Chained Six Miles and fifty four on a bourse Sy400 W. but it Inowy Chains and Camp'd at Smiths. fast Returned to bamp 6: Very bold ran to Lots of gand bamp'd -To ran to Lotte 16417 and bampd 31. Smith House being small and Johen made bamp for our provision 1. January 1794 was New Year 2: Moving away my Stores and Backing up for Twelve Days. I'm very bold Broke our ages van to The IN Corner of Bawdon Ban to Vine Miles and Is and Cant. without falling in with the Trent and Returned to lave night bamp

January 20 - 1794 6 10. Meturid to Smith, and sent 20 - Main and thaw in the Morning -Afternoon went to the Corner to M. Fergusons for to have my aper Repairs and a Vewone. 21: Rain all Day ... 11: Inow all Day. 12: Sunday waiting for my ages. 22. Morning fair, Sat out from the Com ers of Rawdon & Huntingdon, on a 6-13th ages not yet some. Nil. oo. W. Dividing the Towns afores aid 14th Inowall Tay Jeople neturn with Ranto the 5. Concession Ticket and Thoo was which were not fit for 23. Clear and Gold. Ran to the S- thon= cefrion and bampid -15 th went my self to the front, and got You from and . Wels for love 16th are and Got them made at Sages 17 which appear to be good 24. Cloudy Morning Wino N. C. Man to the 12: the boncefrion and bampi 25: Inow all Day .= 19. God into the wood, 26. Ran to the NE Corner of Rawdon Inon Deen and hard Travelling.

27 Morning of Monday I February 1792, Snowing some but Travel to the bust having cut my Peoples 22 Miles Mark Mochonini and Leggins to pieces. Firiday Inowall Day 20 Got to Smith and Sent to Mer Three Indians came to our camp Blaken for Mochowing Indian= behaved very civilly while they -Hochings Sochs de and the tamied, and departed peaceables: Mefrengen having waited to get although a M. Beed had toto my heople, the Indians threatened any The before aid articles made. Bet on Salurday the first Day of Feb? Surveying party who should come their way, which gave a damp to the spirits of the party, notwith-Febry 2 Inow all Day. 3. Monday Snow. standing what Tould say, till this happened, which gave beerful 4. Jues ay . Inow . countenances to the whole. Thowever satout for the Line! Saturday hun from the borner of Hunlington & Bawdon Sy4:00 Nmost side of Sever River -

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Dec. the 6th, 1793 Friday Niagara Went to Sea on Board the Lady Dorchester bound to Kingston.

7th The wind being Contrary, returned.

8th Lay wind bound at Navy Hall.

9th Set sail with a fair Wind.

10th Arrived at Kingston at 10 o'clock at night.

llth Hired four Axmen and a Batteau and proceeded up the bay as far as Mr. Clarks the Distiller 27 Miles.

12th Got to Major Vanalstines where was Ice not strong enough to bear and too Strong for the boat.

13th Acquainted Maj'r Vanalstine with my business as per Order, who promised every Assistance. Weather fair and freezeing, but the Ice not strong enough to bear.

14th Crossed the back bay to Slotes (? Stotes) and Lodged.

15th Put the Baggage on a Hand Sled, and proceeded to Vanhorns.

16th Went up the Bay to Mr. Laziers, opposite the Indian Village, thawing weather, and no Crossing.

17th Hired an Axman - John Maby."

18th The Bay still open.

19th The Bay continueing open, hired a Batteau to Carry the party & Baggage to Fairmans for 3 Dollars.

20th Got to Capt'n Walter Myer's Mill and purchased 500 lbs pork and a 1000 of flour, and went to Mr. Ferguesons to purchase Axes.

21st Helveing Axes &c.

22nd Sunday.

23rd Got ready to go to our Corner. Hired a Brother of Mr. Ferguesons.

24th Sleet.

25th Christmass Cold.

26th Snow and very Cold.

27th Hired a Slay to take provision Seven Miles up Singletons Creek to Smiths on the West line of Thurlow.

28th Snow.

29th Sunday.

30th Went to the Southwest Corner of Thurlow and Southeast Corner of Sidney and began at the Water's edge as per Order, and on a Course N 16° W. 19 Chained Six Miles and fifty-four Chains 20 and Camped at Smiths.

31st Smiths House being small and open, made Camp for our provisions.

- Jan. 1st 1794 was New Year.
 - 2nd Storing away my Stores and packing up for Twelve Days.
 - 3rd Ran to Nine Miles and 1/8 and Camp'd by a Stream 2/ trending East.
 - 4th Ran to the Corner of Rawdon & Huntingdon and Camped.
 - 5th Made Corner and offsetts on a high hill. Pine and Oak Timber and run one Lot to the Westward on a Course S 74° 00' W but it snowing fast, Returned to Camp.
 - 6th Very Cold ran to Lots 8 & 9 and Camp'd.
 - 7th Ran to Lotts 16 & 1722 and Camp'd.
 - 8th Very Cold Broke our Axes. Ran to the Southwest Corner of Rawdon without falling in with the Trent and Returned to last nights Camp.
 - 10th Return'd to Smiths, and sent to Mr. Fergusons for to have my Axes Repaired and a New one.
 - 11th Snow all day.
 - 12th Sunday waiting for my Axes.
 - 13th Axes not yet done.
 - 14th Snow all day. People return'd with two Axes which were not fit for any Use.
 - 15th Went myself to the Front, and got New Iron and Steel for two 16th axes and got them made at Sagers; which appear to be good.
 - 18th Return'd Home at Night.
 - 19th Got into the woods.
 - 20th Rain and thaw in the Morning. Afternoon went to the Corner.
 - 21st Rain all day.
 - 22nd Morning fair, sat out from the Corners of Rawdon & Huntingdon, on a Course N 16° 00' W dividing the Towns aforesaid. Ran to the 5th Concession Picket, and Camp'd.
 - 23rd Clear and Cold. Ran to the 8th Concession and Camp'd.
 - 24th Cloudy Morning Wind Northeast. Ran to the 12th Concession and Camp'd.
 - 25th Snow all Day.
 - 26th Ran to the Northeast Corner of Rawdon and Northwest of Huntingdon and Camp'd. Snow deep and hard Travelling.
 - 27th Morning of Monday: returned on our way to Smiths, the 28th Crust having cut my Peoples Mochosins 26 and Leggins 27 to pieces.
 - 29th Got to Smiths and sent to Mr. Blakers for Mochosins,
 Indian-Stockings Socks &c and the Messengers having waited
 to get the beforesaid articles made, ret'd on Saturday the
 first day of Feb'y.
- Feb'ry 2nd Snow all Day.
 - 3rd Monday. Snow.
 - 4th Tuesday. Snow.
 - 5th Wednesday. Bushes full of Snow. I however sat out for the Line.
 - 6th Snowing some but travel'd to the 22 Miles Mark.

- 7th Friday. Snow all Day. Three Indians came to our camp, behaved very civilly while they tarried, and departed peaceably: although a Mr. Reed³/had told my people the Indians threatened any Surveying party who should come their way, which gave a damp to the spirits of the party, notwithstanding what I could say, till this happened, which gave Cheerful countenances to the whole.
- 8th Saturday. Run from the Corner of Huntingdon & Rawdon S 74° 00' W one Mile 17 Chains to the Westernmost side of Sevee River. 32
- 9th Sunday. Snow all Day. Bushes loaded and no Moving.
- 10th Monday. Morning cloudy. Bushes & Trees full of Snow Blossoms, at Noon the wind blowing sat off Westward with the line and Camp'd in a Tamarack Swamp at 3 Miles marked on a Tamarack Tree.
- llth Fair. Ran to 6 Miles 30 Chains, Timber: Pine, Hemlock, Beech, Hard Maple, Bass, Elm & Cedar, and here camped on a small maple Ridge.
- 12th Cloudy fine land to a Creek which parts out of Crow River (said to be) a few Chains West making an Island on the South. At 7 Miles 16 Chains found Crow River four Chains wide trends South, open and Strong Current, went up half a Mile to Cross, 3 hands fell thro the Ice but received no other Damage than weting, went down opposite the line, struck fire to dry, Snowing fast so we camped here.
- 13th Snow all Day Thursday. I ran to the Corner notwithstanding and Marked Cedar NW Corner of Rawdon, standing three Talies in a Cedar Swamp, Bushes full of Snow, and turn'd on a Course South 16°00° E which was at 9 Miles 5 Chains & 94 links = 62/66 nearest, and 3 Tallies on the last said Course got out of the Swamp and ran to the 14 Con. picket, and Camped.
- 14th Friday. Ran to 1 Mile 52 Chains, fell in with Crow River again frozen or Dead water 12 Chains wide in the whole, Trends SW. An Island in the River 1 Chain wide and ten Chains long with a small Island at the NE end. Land all very fine and Timber also, 13 Con. on the Ice and that very weak also, strike thro every blow with the head of an Ax. Camp'd at 5 Miles and 70 Chains from the NW Corner.
- 15th Saturday. Proceeded after a Snowy night over fine land and a fine Timbered Country to Eleven Miles & 20 Chains from the Corner beforesaid and Camped.
- 16th Sunday. Proceeded over fine level land to the Corner at 12 Miles 3 Chains and fell in between the pickets at the Southwest Corner. Return'd to the 2nd Con. picket and proceeded N 74° 00' E from No. 24 to No. 17 and Camped.
- 17th Monday. Proceeded to No. 4 & Camped.
- 18th Tuesday. Return'd for provision after running to the East line and hearing at Smiths of a Letter for me at the Head of the Bay, sent a Hand for it 22 Miles from my provision Camp by Smiths.
- 19th Fair. Hands not return'd.
- 20th Snow.
- 21st Snow. Received the Surveyor General's Letter.
- 22nd Saturday. Put up provision and went to wood Camp at the Corners of Rawdon and Huntingdon and Camped.
- 23rd Sunday. The Snow Deep and hail on the Top, very hard travel'g, got to the 22 Miles Camp.

- Monday. Got forward to the Corner and proceeded Eastward on a Course N 74° 00' E on the North line of Huntingdon and Camp'd at 3 Miles and 10 Chains from the NW Corner by a Brook, trends South, on fine land though the forepart of the line is very Rocky.
- 25th Snow till Eleven o'clock very fast, afternoon ran to 4 Miles 51 Chains, a brook Trends South, and Camp'd at 6 Miles 30 Chains on a Hemlock Ridge.
- 26th Wednesday ran to 6 Miles and forty Chains then uneven land till Night, made Corner at 7 Miles 31 Chains 42 links = 28/66 nearest, thence South 16° 00° E 50 Chains to a River at the outlet of a Lake in Sight and Camped, the Lake called by the Indians Sogagan. Lake 15 Chains wide in this place.
- 27th Snowing, run to the 9th Con. and Camped.
- 28th Run to the 3rd Concession and Camped.
- March 1st Made Corner on a fine hill of Land and run 50 Chains S 74° W and Camped.
 - 2nd Sunday. Run to 5 Miles on this line and Camped.
 - 3rd Run the residue of the line, came out three chains North of the Corner, 4 which I suppose is owing to some inequality in the land, and returned to Smiths.
 - 4th Tuesday. Snow.
 - 5th Snow.
 - 6th Snow.
 - 7th Snow. Discharged party.
 - 8th Saturday. Mild, Snow Deep.
 - 9th Sunday.
 - 10th Monday. Fair, and now a Thaw set in which Carried away all the Snow and Raised the streams so excessively as to prevent any travelling and now I wait an opportunity of returning to make Report. The Ice continuing in the Bay to the 6th of April then breaking up, Got a Batteaux from Jn. W. Myer Esq. and sat out from the Mills in Thurlow on Saturday the 12th of April, and arrived at Newark4on Saturday the 19th and proceeded to make Report. But having attacked by the Rheumatizm in such a manner as to prevent me from doing any Business retards my proceeding.
 - May 1st Got so much better as to be able to write, but very miserably.

FOOTNOTES TO HAMBLY'S DIARY

- 1) W. Hambly D.P.S. (nil in OLS Reports) William Humbly elecwed 600 acres
- 2) Niagara at the mouth of the Niagara River
- 3) Lady Dorchester ? named after wife of Sir Guy Carleton Lord Dorchester
- 4) Navy Hall a group of Navy buildings built by Gov. Haldimand on the Niagara River below Fort George
- 5) Mr. Clark the Distiller ? near Adolphustown
- 6) Major Vanalstine ? in Township of Adolphustown
- 7) Slotes -
- 8) Vanhorns -
- 9) Mr. Laziers ? in Township of Ameliasburghon Cophia burgh
- 10) Indian Village the "East Hill" of present day Belleville? coul
- 11) John Maby ? John Maybee
- 12) Fairmans early settler in Front of Thurlow
- 13) 3 Dollars the Spanish milled dollar or "piece of eight" was the chief coin of the American Colonists. In 1785 the U.S. Congress adopted the dollar as the standard monetary unit. Although decimal currency was not officially adopted in Canada until 1857, dollars were more common than shillings and pence.
- 14) Cap'n Walter Myer's Copt. John Walden Meyers built mills on Moira River in
- 15) Mr. Ferguesons Lieut. Ferguson started the first store in Thurlow with Capt. Singleton at Myers Creek (now Belleville).
- 16) Helveing fitting a wooden handle to the axe head.
- 17) Singletons Creek early name of the Moira River, after Capt. Singleton ...
- 18) Smiths at Foxboro, formerly called Smithville ...
- 19) Course N 16° W a magnetic compass bearing, chosen to run roughly at right angles to the general line of the north shore of Lake Ontario.
- 20) Six Miles and fifty-four chains the common unit of measurement was the chain. One chain equals sixty-six feet; Eighty chains equal one mile. The chain is divided into 100 links.
- 21) Stream Chrysal Creek, just south of Halloway.
- 22) Lotts 16 & 17 Hambly cleared his line through what is now Stirling.
- 23) Broke our Axes frozen hardwood can chip a frost-bitten axe, especially if poorly tempered.

- 24) new iron and steel (see V2 PGC)
- 25) Sagers ? Ameliasburgh settler
- 26) Mochosins -
- 27) Leggins -
- 28) Mr. Blakers ? Bleekers
- 29) Indian-Stockings -
- 30) 22 Miles Mark approximately where the Moira River crosses the Rawdon-Huntingdon boundary 22 miles north of the Bay of Quinte
- 31) Mr. Reed William Reed settled in the area of present Corbysille
- 32) Sevee River the Moira River, running east into Moira Lake.
- 33) standing Three Talies in a Cedar Swamp a tally represents one chain, or sixty-six feet; the Corner stood 198 feet in a swamp
- 34) 94 links = 62/66 nearest 94 links equals 94/100 of a chain, or nearly 62/66 of a chain.
- 35) Surveyor-General Sir David Wm. Smith, Surveyor-General of Upper Canada from Sept. 28, 1792 to May 10, 1804.
- 36) 4 Miles 51 Chains running through present site of Madoc.
- 37) brook Deer River, running south to Moira Lake.
- 38) River Moira River running east out of Moira Lake.
- 39) Sogagan Moira Lake, formerly called Hog Lake.
- 40) fine hill of land present Village of Roslin.
- 41) three chains north of the Corner this unfortunate, but not unusual error of the surveyor may be seen to-day by driving east along the Concession Road from Tuftsville or Madoc Junction, as a jog in the road of about 200 feet!
- 42) Jn. W. Myer Esq. -
- 43) Mills in Thurlow ? Belleville
- 44) Newark the first capital of Upper Canada ... 1792 to now Niagara-on-the-Lake.