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DIARY "TRENT VICINITY, TOWNSHIPS OF HUNTINGDON AND RAWDON"

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\text { W. Hambly' } \quad \text { May } 1,1794
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Dec. the 6th, 1793 Friday Niagara ${ }^{2}$ Went to Sea on Board the Lady Dorchester ${ }^{3}$ bound to Kingston.

7 th The wind being Contrary, returned.
8th Lay wind bound at Navy Hall. ${ }^{4}$
9th Set sail with a fair Wind.
10th Arrived at Kingston at 10 o'clock at night.
11th Hired four Axmen and a Batteau and proceeded up the bay as far as Mr. Clarks ${ }^{5}$ the Distiller 27 Miles.
12th Got to Major Vanalstines ${ }^{6}$ where was Ice not strong enough to bear and too Strong for the boat.

13th Acquainted Majir 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 ${ }^{7}$ (? Stotes) and Lodged.
15 th Put the Baggage on a Hand Sled, and proceeded to Vanhorns. ${ }^{8}$
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 ${ }^{12}$ for 3 Dollars. ${ }^{13}$
20th Got to Capt'n Walter Myert ${ }^{14}$ Mill and purchased 500 lbs pork and a 1000 of flour, and went to Mr. Ferguesons to purchase Axes.
21st Helveing ${ }^{1 / 6}$ Axes \&c.
22nd Sunday.
23rd Got ready to go to our Corner. Hired a Brother of Mr. Ferguesons.

24 th Sleet.
25th Christmass Cold.
26th Snow and very Cold.
27th Hired a Slay to take provision Seven Miles up Singletons Creek ${ }^{77}$ to Smiths ${ }^{18}$ 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 $16^{\circ} \mathrm{W}^{19}$ Chained Six Miles and fifty-four Chains ${ }^{20}$ and Camped at Smiths.

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

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    Jan. lst 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 '/
        trending East.
    4th Ran to the Comer 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\mathrm{ and Camp'd.
    7th Ran to Lotts 16 & 17 22 and Camp'd.
    8th Very Cold Broke our Axes. 23 Ran to the Southwest Corner
        of Rawdon without falling in with the Trent and Returnsd
        to last nights Camp.
    lOth Return'd to Smiths, and sent to Mr. Fergusons for to have
    my Axes Repairsd and a New one.
11th Snow all day.
l2th 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,}\mp@subsup{2}{}{25}\mathrm{ 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.
2lst 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 l2th 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 }\mp@subsup{}{}{26}\mathrm{ and Leggins}\mp@subsup{}{}{27}\mathrm{ to pieces.
29th Got to Smiths and sent to Mr. Blakers 'for Mochosins,
        Indian-Stockings.29. 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.
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7th Friday. Snow all Day. Three Indians came to our camp, behaved very civilly while they tarried, and departed peaceably: although a Mr. Reed³had 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 $S 74^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ 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 \&rees 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.

11th Fair. Ran to 6 Miles 30 Chains, Pimber: Pine, Hemlock, Beech, Hard Maple, Bass, Elm \& Cedar, and here camped on a small maple Ridge.

12th Gloudy - 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 Swanp? Bushes full of Snow, and turnd on a Course South $16^{\circ} 00^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$ which was at 9 Miles 5 Chains \& 94 links - $62 / 66$ nearest, 34 and 3 Tallies on the last said Course got out of the Swamp and ran to the 14 Con. picket, and Camped.

14th Priday. 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 $74^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ 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 Gamped.

23rd Sunday. The Snow. Deep and hail on the Top, very hard travel'g, got to the 22 Miles Camp.

|  | 24th | Monday. Got forward to the Corner and proceeded Eastward on a Course $\mathrm{N} 74^{\circ} 00^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ 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. |
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|  | 25th | Snow till Eleven of olock very fast, afternoon ran to 4 Miles 51 Chains, ${ }^{36}$ a brook ${ }^{37}$ 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 $16^{\circ} 00^{9}$ E 50 Chains to a River ${ }^{35}$ at the outlet of a Lake in Sight and Camped, the Lake called by the Indians Sogagan. ${ }^{39}$ Lake 15 Chains wide in this place. |
|  | 27th | Snowing, run to the 9th Con. and Camped. |
|  | 28 th | Run to the 3rd Concession and Camped. |
| March | 1st | Made Corner on a fine hill of Land ${ }^{40}$ and run 50 Chains $S 74^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$ and Camped. |
|  | 2nd | Sunday. Run to 5 Miles on this line and Camped. |
|  | 3 rd | 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. |
|  | 5 th | Snow. |
|  | 6th | Snow. |
|  | 7th | Snow. Discharged party. |
|  | 8 th | Saturday. Mild, Snow Deep. |
|  | 9 th | 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 6 th of April then breaking up, Got a Batteaux from Jn. W. Myer Esq. ${ }^{42}$ and sat out from the Mills in Thurlow ${ }^{43}$ on Saturday the 12th of April, and arrived at Newark ${ }^{4}$ on Saturday the 19 th 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. |

1) W. Hambly D.P.S. (nil in OLS Reports) Willam Hambly -recived 600 ack as a deputy surveyas
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 Colsasurgh Cybitatruch
10) Indian Village - the wast Hillil of present day Belleville? come settlement in Tyendina? prenent Deseronto
11) John Maby - ? John Maybee
12) Fairmans - early setilen 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 Meyper - binttmills on Moira Ruice in
15) Mr. Ferguesons Liest. Ferquion stated te fuist store in Thinhour wirt
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 $\mathrm{N} 16^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$ - 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 Stiriing.
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 - approxinately where the Moira River crosses the Rawdon-Huntingdon boundary 22 miles north of the Bay of Quinte
31) Mr. Reed - Willim Read settled in the arex of purait Corbyivlle
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.
