



Samuel

Leavitt:

Journal to

Westpoint

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I Enlisted

July 5th 1780:

Grass muster

July 13th

and set out for

the army

July 24th

I Arrived

home

October 7th 1780

Stratford July 25th 1780

This Day set out for the army
St. Stephen's Church in

Exeter; 3 Miles, set out for
Hales in Kingstown; 7 Miles.

Then we did, provided a route
Bradleys in Plastow; 8 Miles.

Then we put up the first night.
After we sat out.

Route Massachusetts being

September 25th this morning
passed through Haverhill,

across the ferry and
it takes first. all Crossed

Bradford. Which
was 5 Miles; and

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Next Stop'd all
Prages In Andover: 6 Miles;
Drinks some Hog and Came
to Capt. Pollard's In Billrica:

Where we dined: which was 14
Miles from thence to Jones's In:

Bedford; 6 Miles: from thence
thence to Butlers In Concord:

4 Miles. from thence to quiffers:

In Sudbury: where we put
up the second Night: which was
6 Miles:

Wednesday 26th

Went on bus Journey as far
as Meadows In **Stow**:

where we breakfasted which
was 6 Miles Stop'd all A

Malborough 6 miles;

And went as far as Meadows.

In Northberry: 6 Miles: 5

Where we dined came to

Farrars In Shusberry:
6 Miles. arriv'd at Knight's

In Worcesster; all in of clock

In the Afternoon; which was
9 Miles came to Major Crafter.

2 Miles beyond Night's right:

Where we Thair's rations for
three days: went as far as

Gurnis 2 miles where we up

the third night. which was

~~the~~ Worcester.

Thursday 27th

pass'd by Leicester Meeting

House at 7 off clock;

Came Into Spencer. and
Breakfastt att Whitmoore,
which was 8 Miles: —
Set out again for Springfield:
Carried for us a Blacksmith;
they got out his post horse, which was
2 Miles, Came to Walthers In
Brookfield; 4 Miles; Came
in to Capt. Jones; ~~xxxxxx~~
which was 4 Miles; 1 Mile.
Then went on to Hitchcock's which
was In Brookfield, where we Dined:
Came to Cutlers In ~~At We~~
Weston: 5 Miles; from thence
to powers In Brinfield:
4 Miles; where we lodged.

Friday 28th ..

Breakfastt att frame In
Palmer: which was 7 Miles.
Came to Colas In Wilbraham:
2 Miles from thence to Chapman:
1 Springfield: four Miles:
Arriv'd att Springfield Meeting
House att one of Clock: and Dined
att Morgans; which was 6 Miles:
Came down to the ferry which was
2 Miles: Cross'd Springfield ferry
~~Went to Colas Meeting In~~

Pass^d through West Springfield:
and came for Coll^d. Mafey's;
^{State New York}
In Westfield, where we Supp^d and
Lodge Lodge^d. which was
8 Miles out for Claverick:

Sunday 29th

Went far as fact^d: In Westfield
5 Miles: from there to Grey's,
from there to which was
In Westfield were we Breakfast^d
which was 3 Miles pass^d.
through Glasgo. Came to
Wood's. In Loudon. which
was 12 Miles

where we dined which was in the
Green Wood. Came to Brewers.
In Turringham, were we
Put Up which was 10 Miles
Sunday 30th. Arrived at
Great Barrington.

at 10 of Clock Came to Mittens,
there were we dined. which was
12 Miles. Came to one:
Smith: In Aggremont. were
We Supp^d. which was 7 Miles.
Monday 31st.
Came to Adwaiters In
Noble town. were we Breakfast^d
which was 8 Miles.

Arriv'd. att Claverick. att
2 of Clock, came to fobay.
Drank. some grog. stop'd att.
several other places. & then came
Milles: which was 12. Miles.
Where we received orders to March
Down to fiffhill

Set out and came to Mingler's.
In Leveston's Manner. Where
we Lodg'd which was 10 Miles.

Thursday August 5th.
Came to Angerson's Inn.

Lomaner. 2 Miles: were we
Breakfast.. and Drank Peatons.
Set out for Fiffhill

Came to Clys. Venaph's Inn
Redingham. 7. Miles:

Draw'd flowers for three Days.
~~pass'd thro' the~~ Redhook. where
^{came to} we put up that Night.

Monday 2^d.

Came to Sharp's Inn,
Rhymepiek. where we

Breakfasted. which was 4 Miles

Came to Stoofsborough. 11 Miles

draw'd provision for one day.
Thursday. 3^d.

Breakfast. att Noffquothhours.
In Poughkeepsie: 5 Miles:

came to Jewell: in ~~the~~

Hakinsack, 5 Miles: Stopped
at another tavern 2 miles ~~thence~~
from Jewell:

Came to Wareceps In
Fish Kill. at 4 of Clock which
was 3 M. Stay. In fish kill
that night, & had orders to
March to Westpoint. a.

Friday 4th stay in fish kill that
day and night. went out about
4 miles were we lodged.
Saturday 5th came to the ferry
by 12 of Clock which was about
1/2 mile from Westpoint ferry a mile
wide Land upon
Westpoint

Dread Salt Beef & Bread

But it rained which was the first
in the Evening being the first of
any thing I had eat since the
day before at 12 Clock laid on the
ground with nothing to cover us but
our Blankets

from fish kill to were we
were stationed 7 Miles
Sunday 6th Very pleasant

Monday 7th March. About a
mile up the river were we staying.
With Sunday 13th were we had
nothing but the ground
to Lay on & try to cover us
Tuesday 13th came Down the river
a mile were we had fine Barren
to Live In

Monday 14th Tuesday 15th

nothing particular
Wednesday 16th Thursday 17th

A party went Down to the Lines to
Gave some prisoners

Wednesday 23rd Nothing particular
being Sunday 23 only our allowance

Very scant

Thursday 24th Nothing particular

Friday 25th Saw a Man receive
20 Lashes for Peeking

Saturday 26th

Nothing particular

Sunday 27 Nothing particular

Monday 28 Tuesday 29

Nothing particular

Wednesday 30th This Afternoon
went Down the River about 4 Miles
Got some Fruit pappe by a Number
port. & then returned back

Thursday 31st Today went Up
the River from Kings bridge three leagues
of York to the North for fear of an
Attack from the Indian. And to see
as they have been out in large parties
September Friday 5th

Drew but 40 allowance

Saturday 2^d Today had Letter from
home by Capt. Cousins Ship
which was the first we had receive
since we came from home

Sunday 3^d A very severe storm

Monday 4th fine & pleasant after the storm

Tuesday 5th Nothing particular
Monday 6th Express came up from the lines
for 300 Men to go down which according to
they did for Bathwas to be out of Col.
Barthett's Regt. ^{out} the occasion they were
sent for we have not yet heard.

Thursday 7th Nothing particular.
Friday 8th & Saturday 9th Nothing of any
consequence.
The parties mentioned that went of the
point are stationed at Kings ferry
In order to carry over troops.

Sunday 10th had the opportunity of
writing home which accordingly we
did.

Monday 11th Nothing particular
Tues. 12th Wed. 13th Thurs. 14th
Nothing particular.

Tuesday 19th Nothing of any consequence
from 14th to 18th Thursday 15th 20th heard
a little cannonading down y^e River
Thurs. 21st y^e cannonading down y^e
River yesterday was occasioned by a
party of y^e Enemy's coming up y^e River

had a brush two or three bottles some were
Friday 22nd Saturday 23rd Sunday 24th
Nothing particular.

Monday 25th came on to y^e point General
Washington Attended by a Number of
General Officers. at which there were 13
Cannon fired in Honour to the 13 United
States of America.

Tuesday 26th Left Night is as clear as
all turned out a party of 50 men only self
one of them went down y^e River of 4 or
5 Miles Land on y^e other side were we
were to lay Whilft further Orders.
Just before Day Col. Meggs Regiment of
Leather stock came down xeropt over on
y^e point at five o'clock in y^e Morning
had y^e News of Gen. Lord's Command
of y^e Garrison Deserting to y^e Enemy.
Upon which w^{as} expected y^e Garrison to pay
us a visit, as should know. What strength
there was on y^e point & had taken plans of
All y^e forts & in short had sold us all to
the Enemy; When by y^e Capt. Accounts we
have since learnt we were all to have
been put to y^e sword.

Wednesday 27th Very stormy After the
Name of fort stood to fort Clinton

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for 300 Men to go down which according to
they did in Battos as Co. out of Col.
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a little cannonading down y^e River
Thurs. 21st y^e cannonading down y^e
River yesterday was occasioned by a
party of y^e Enemy coming up y^e River

had a brief two or three bottles of wine
Friday 22nd Saturday 23rd Sunday 24th

Nothing particular.

Monday 25th came on to y^e point General
Washington Attended by a Number of
General Officers. at which there were 13
Cannon fired in Answer to the 13 United
States of America.

Tuesday 26th Left Night 9 o'clock as after
all turned out a party of 50 men only
one of them went down y^e River of 4 or
5 Miles Landed on y^e other side were we
were to lay whilst further Orders.

Just before Day Col. Meger's Regiment of
Leather cups came down & camped over on
y^e point at five o'clock in y^e Morning
had y^e News of Gen. Arnold's Command
of y^e Garrison deserting to y^e Enemy.
Upon which W. expected y^e Enemy to pay
us a visit, as Arnold know. What strength
there was on y^e point & had taken plans of
All y^e forts & in short had told us all to
the Enemy; When by y^e next account we
have since heard we were all to have
been put to y^e sword.

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Name of fort Arnold to fort Clinton

from thence to Leepers in

Danbury 6 M.

we were put up that Night
were Entertain'd in the best
Manner

~~Monday 11~~

Thurs. 12 came to Danbury
took 3 Mils. were some of the
company drew Rations.
from thence to Ford, in

Newtown 10 M.

we were Brake first'd
from thence to Capt Browns in

Southbretton 6 M

pass'd through

Woodbury

from there to Waighters in

Waterbury

we were entertain'd which was
15 Miles

Friday 13 very Runny but out
and came as far as Beaches
we were swap'd horses & Brake first'd
from there to Custis in

Southern town

from there to

Fermingtown

from there to

West division

& from there to

Hartford

which was in the Whol from

Beaches 26 Miles

pass'd Hartford ferry & came
to Littleton we were Entertain'd
that night 2 Miles

7 miles

Saturday 14th Bishops at Hill
East Hartford 9 m.
from there to

Boston

to
Coventree

to
Mansfield

to
Wilmington

from there to Steadman, in

Ashford 26 Miles

from there to Paul Town in

Woodstock 11 m.
where we put up this night

Sunday 15th pass^d through
Dudley
& Bishops of St. Edmund in

Oxford.

which was 14 miles
pass^d through

Sutton

from there to

Grafton

from there to

Westborough

where we stop^d which was 20
miles from there to Sawm^{er} in

Malborough

where we put up which was
7 miles

Monday 16 came to possession

Nidbury

were well provided

13 M.

from thence through

Concord.

Bedford

Bilnica & into

Ardover

were we lodged

Tuesday 17th

pass through

Bradford

cross the ferry & pass

Haverhill

Plastow

Kingstown

Exeter

Stratham

were put up the last
night

which from puffer 60 Miles

arrived home Oct. 17th

to end of Journal
of Finis