

little village, and it is
is pleasant & in the middle of the
day warm.

Thursday. It did not travel today
I intended to devote the day to fast-
ing & prayer.

This morning a young woman did
near us. She had come in Mr. Hilder-
brand's detachment till that same
near us, when her father in the
company took her to his tent. I had
not seen her, nor known of her be-
ing in the company.

Friday. We proceeded seven miles to
the bank of the Mississippi River. At
this place a sand bar in the middle
extends probably half across the bed of
the river, leaving two streams of about
an equal width on each side. There
here it is like two rivers, crossed by
two ferries, that is, two sets of boats,
one conveying passengers to the bar,
and the other from it. But there
waggon and a carryall crossed today.
We find our tent on the bank of this
great river one of the wonders of our

soon after we arrived , our att-

venture was arrested by the passing
 of a large, beautiful & grand steam
 boat. Neither my dear wife nor my-
 self had ever seen one before. Of
 course the appearance was quite
 imposing. We had long been look-
 ing forward to the River; and num-
 bers who crossed the Ohio with us have
 not time to arrive at this. O how
 kind our dear heavenly Father has
 been to us. Though some affliction has
 fallen to our lot, yet O how light, &
 with what peculiar kindness it has
 been laid upon us. O Thou dearest
 Lord, wilt Thou still be our Saviour
 and our friend, all our journey
 through. O how vast, how boundless
 the grace which has thus far sus-
 tained us. And now, O Thou Dear
 Redeemer, having brought us to
 gray hairs, shall Thy kindness now
 cease, and must we be left to sink
 because we are unworthy? O may
 we not, even now, roll ourselves, all
 our burthens upon Thine arms?
 Thou only canst sustain us. O do
 take us & let us walk with God. This
 is all our desire.

Saturday. Through Divine goodness,
 we were conveyed safely over the
 great river, though we had to wait
 some hours on the sand bar where
 the wind blew almost a gale. But
 when we landed on the western
 bank, we found that the man
 carrying our tent, had not
 come over, and of course we were
 obliged to seek shelter in some house,
 and as a kind Providence ordered,
 a man came to the camp, who
 lived near, and conducted us to his
 own dwelling, where we found
 a kind reception & happy rest for
 the night.

Sabbath. As the weather was cold,
 & but few families were over the
 river, we had no smiting but
 improved the day at the house of
 our host, in reading, conversation, &c.
 Monday. Bainbridge Cape Girardeau
 Co. Mo. Jan. 28 - 1839. Last night it
 commenced raining, and the storm,
 snow & rain continues today which
 will render it very unpleasant for
 our dear Cherokee friends to cross the

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gratitude we owe to you for pro-
viding us a shelter, especially as
my dear wife is so unwell.
Towards night Mrs. R. Breward &
Judge Channon called on us &
kindly invited us to make their
houses our homes while we might
be detained. This we gladly ac-
cepted, & on Sunday went to Mr. Bre-
ward's, & on Thursday to Judge Chan-
non's, returning again to Mr.
Breward's on Saturday morning.
In these two families we found to
every thing we needed to refresh our
bodies & comfort and revive our
drooping spirits. This kind Provi-
dence was very probably the means
of saving the life of my dear Eliza-
beth, if not my own also, as I had
been afflicted with the same complaint
about seven years ago. Mr. Breward's father, a
pious man, called and conducted
us to his house, where we were
entertained in the most hospita-
ble manner. Their unfeigned
kindness & love for a better re-
sidence.

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will refer to the
I may be able to
tend them & their dear children &
servants

Mr. Seward, Oct. 12 - 1859. Went to the
camps. We learn that some of our
dear Cherokee friends crossed the river
yesterday, and it is hoped we shall
be able to go forward day after
day after tomorrow.

Feb. 14. We are told the detachment
will probably be able to proceed on
the journey to avoid. It will
then have been three weeks since
we arrived on the other bank of
the river. About half the detachment
crossed when the ice began to melt
and so filled the water as to stop
the boats near three weeks. During
this time five individuals have
died, viz. one old Cherokee woman,
one black man, & three Cherokee
children, making in all since we
crossed the summer river 26 deaths.

Monday Feb. 21. Eleven miles west of
Cannington & 80 miles from the
Mississippi River. Last Friday we left
the mountains & crossed the mountains

leave of him, and proceed forward
with the detachment. We went to
Jackson 12 miles and Mrs Buttrick
& myself spent the night with a
son of the friend we left this morn-
ing. The son seems to possess all the
generosity of the father. Some of the
detachment arrived before & some
after us, & went on a mile or two
to the place of encampment, but
we were sorry to see some stopping
to drink in the town.

Saturday. We proceeded to the encamp-
ment, & spent much of the day,
but on learning that the compa-
ny was to travel the next day, Mrs
Buttrick & myself went on 6 miles
to the house of a Methodist preacher
by the name of Crase. Here we ar-
rived about dark and met with a
very cordial reception. We found al-
so two other Methodist preachers with
him, and a pious layman from Illi-
nois, and had a peculiarly pleasant
evening.

Sabbath. Mr Crain & myself held a
meeting at his house, while the
detachment was encamped.

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... was abroad today preached an evening
lecture. Thus the day was indeed a
pleasant & refreshing season.
Monday. We rode 16 miles and camp-
ed with detachment, which had pro-
ceeded ten miles on the Sabbath.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, we
proceeded 15 1/2 miles. We then the
principal chief met the directors of
the detachment at Genesborough,
and considering the unexpended de-
lays & expenses of the journey, he
urged them to press forward as fast
as practicable: and as Judge Adair,
the assistant conductor, urges some-
times to travel on the Sabbath,
... has in one instance
yielded. I remain our Cherokee friend
however, that the Lord is here, and
... the same observance of the
Holy Sabbath as when we are at
home. This morning we passed
through Farmington a pleasant vil-
lage.
Friday. Last night Downing, Beards,
... did not hear of it, but some time after
... and the

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some little village called Caledonia.
 The village is neat & the country a-
 round delightful. The people also
 appear to be intelligent & well bred.
 Thus far we are more & more
 pleased with Missouri, and the
 very name conveys delight to our
 minds. We camped in a clear pleas-
 ant place by the side of a small
 creek. The night was cloudy, though
 but little rain fell. I visited Mr. Say-
 lor to enquire of the detourment
 would travel on the Sabbath. He
 thought that under present circum-
 stances they should be obliged to pro-
 ceed. Therefore we prepared for an
 early start, & Mr. B. & myself travelled
 Saturday about 25 miles and put
 up for the Sabbath at the house of
 Mr. Briskey. The day & night were
 mostly rainy. Sabbath as the day was rainy, I said
 nothing about a visiting, but spent
 the day with our kind host, enjoying
 a quiet & peaceful Sabbath & reading
 & retirement. All was still & the
 present circumstances interrupted by
 a heavy rain that soon covered
 the ground.

most, our young friend Wiley Bigley
& his wife called a few weeks ago, on
account of her sickness, & here she
expired and was buried.

Monday the morning was still
raining, and the detachment went but
four miles, and camped on a hill,
where we were far from water
and had but a scanty supply of wood.
~~This morning the company was~~
about starting, a young Cherokee, most
white, by the name of Lewis Bedue,
~~climbed~~ in the waggon. Soon after we
crossed Tennessee River this young
man was taken sick. The physician
being called, ~~bleeding~~ and it was said
that the blood was so impregnated
with whiskey as to emit a strong smell
of it, as it flew from the vein. He had
been intoxicated, it was said for a
number of weeks. At length his feet
swelled, but a swelling of his legs
ensued, which rendered him nearly
helpless. At length sores gathered and
broke, and worms, it was said, were
~~taken out of the sores~~. He had two un-
cles and an aunt & many cousins in

the detachment, but all left him to
his death he went from one wag-
gon to another begging permission
to ride. Last Saturday night a Cher-
okee went to his work and noti-
fied him of the distressed condition
of his nephew. The uncle then took
him into his waggon & carried him
on the Sabbath, & on Monday morn-
ing had him put into the wag-
gon & driven on, but the wag-
goners soon discovered that he
was dead. The corpse, lying as it
was, was carried on to the place
of interment, where a box
was made of rough plank, and
the remains were interred in
the wilderness where we stayed.
This young man, had been unrestrain-
ed in wickedness, and sought pleas-
ure in all forbidden paths, as far as
his inclination roved & his cir-
cumstances would permit, yet
how soon were all his bowels fill-
ed with gall and wormwood.
Sunday the rain had ceased, & the weath-
er soon became pleasant, and we pro-
ceeded on our journey, where we stopped
the night. The detachment having

Wednesday before started I ...

miles, and camped for the night. When the detachment all came up, we found that two persons, an old man & a child had died on the way. The old man was by the name of Bird and the child was a daughter of Archibald Field, by the name of Mary.

Friday we learn that two children died last night in the camp, two or three years old. We stopped till after the burial of little Mary, and then went on with the detachment about 12 miles where we camped. The day was beautiful, and warm as May, so that we began to talk of summer clothes. In the night on hearing it thunders and rain as we supposed. Expecting up to secure some things exposed to the weather, when I found our summer had changed to winter, and instead of rain we were hit with with snow. Soon however, the snow fell in flakes, and covered the ground about an inch deep. I kindled a fire, but the wind kept whirling in about my feet, so that I could

night was nearly all
that a Cherokee woman was dying.
I hastened to her tent, and found
that she was a member of Hanes's
church. She was put in the wag-
gon which carried her family, when
the detachment started, but soon ex-
pired. The corpse was carried to the
next encampment, on the banks
of Big Piney River, and for want of
boards purchases were split, and
something made of them to answer
the purpose of a coffin, and the corpse
was interred after dark. This eve-
ning we attended the monthly
convention of God members attended.
Tuesday We travelled about 12 miles
to a settlement called Fort Royal, on
the banks of a beautiful stream,
named Rebedas. Here we had a
delightful place, on the bank of the
river, convenient to wood & water.
We employed our kind Nancy, a
black woman to wash, and dried
our clothes in the evening by the
fire.

Wednesday We proceeded 14 miles, to
the settlement of Fort Royal, where we

branch of the Garrisonade, not quite
as large as the first, where we stay.
Friday. Visited Mr Taylor to enquire
if the detachment would travel on
the sabbath: he thought they would,
but would rest the sabbath after.
I fear that a rest for the poor Cher-
okee is still far from them, and
that the day of their prosperity will
long linger. - We travelled ten miles,
to the Osage branch of the Garrison-
ade, which empties into the West
branch where we stayed last night.
Saturday. We travelled 18 miles to a
Mr Burnett's, where we put up for
the sabbath. We are still on the Osage
branch of the Garrisonade River. In
travelling 18 miles we passed but
one house. The detachment came
today ten miles, and expect to come
to this place tomorrow. They have
to fetch ~~water~~ for their teams tonight
from the place where we stayed
last night, as they cannot obtain it
elsewhere. I hope they will not come
to fetch water -

we understood that an aged Chin-
ese brother, sick, did not reach the
camps last night, & of course was out
on the road all night. I called on his
brother & requested him to send a
horse back after him. Had it been
a warmer time I should have
seen more about it, but today we
had to perform two days travel, &
were obliged to hasten on as the road
was bad. We are now drawing near
the Arkansas, that land of spiritual
darkness, and I fear I am becoming
more & more unfit for the holy
warfare. O for an overcoming faith
to enable me to withstand wickedness
in high places, and obtain a complete
victory over myself, the world & the
Devil. - To night we hear that a wo-
man who has long been sick with
the consumption in the detachment,
expired last night & was buried this
morning. Sabbath about 9 o'clock the detach-
ment began to arrive, so that we
commenced public worship but
left off at usual time. I spoke
at 9 1/2 & 11 o'clock meetings.

...a fine ...
...sick with

his emaciated hand to take mine, &
then proceeded to the place of his ex-
treme pain. Before our meeting
last he was a corpse. This evening
I visited our aged sick brother who
had long been unwell and very sick.
Monday. We travelled with the detach-
ment 12 miles, & camped for the
night. Mr. Parks, the waggon mas-
ter, brought intelligence that Mr
Hilderbrand's detachment, on anoth-
er road, intended to get in to us
now, five miles ahead before us
tomorrow morning, and thus go
on before us. On this account Mr
Taylor requested his waggons to start
before day.

Sunday. The detachment generally
arose before day, and most of the
teams were on the road either be-
fore or at day break, and in this way
took the road before Mr Hilderbrand.
At night we camped in a beautiful
prairie, and found a tree fallen, by
which we pitched our tent, and a part
of the wood. The weather
was very warm.

heard how the wind had been after
the wind rose almost to a tempest.
We retired to rest as usual in our
little camp all, but were awakened
in the night by a severe storm. The
wind blew with such violence, that
a part of our tent was thrown down
and the water beat in between the
curtains of our carryall & wet our
bed. We arose and partly dressed us, but
could not think of going entirely into
the open air, and therefore again
wrapped ourselves in our bed clothes
and fell asleep. A little before day the
rain was changed to snow, and the
cold became very severe.
Wednesday about day we arose in
the storm, - found our tent blown
over mostly, and many things in
it were wet. I found some difficulty
in making a fire. My dear wife also
saw me out in the storm, but as her
cap & bonnet were wet, she tied a
handkerchief on her head. My hat
and shoes were also wet, and of course
very uncomfortable. After eating a
little we proceeded with the party.

most of the day, generally from
the village of Springfield

main, we arrived at Springfield,
a pleasant village, about noon,
Thursday. We travelled about 8 miles,
and reached it. In the waggon came
up, in one was found a corpse. She
had long been sick, and during the
storm on Sunday night, she proba-
bly took cold. This forenoon about
ten miles from Springfield, we
crossed a stream called St. James
River.

Friday. We travelled 19 miles over
a barren desert, in general desti-
tute of wood and water, but almost
naked hills rose to view as far as
the eye could reach. We camped in
a beautiful place on a small
stream called Sugar Creek. Just be-
fore arriving at the settle-
ment, a little boy was run over by
a large waggon, the wheel passing
over his neck & the back part of
his head. The physicians were called,
but supposing he would certainly
die, did nothing for him. Mr. Taylor
left the settlement with the other

Saturday. We understand that the wounded boy is better. Mr Buttrick and myself left the detachment & travelled about 26 miles to a Mr Mason's, and put up for the Sabbath. Our host was from Tennessee, has a pleasant family, and good accommodations for travellers.

Sabbath. The morning is pleasant, but the prospect is that we can only rest at home, without any opportunity of attending public worship. We have a room by ourselves and every thing is still and quiet about us. We hope, if the Lord will, before another holy Sabbath to be in the country toward which we shall have to long travelling. O how kind has the Lord been in preserving us thus far on this tedious journey; and now what can we hope or desire but his kind direction and his supporting presence. O for faith to confide only in Him.

Monday. We travelled with the detach-

very
windy and dry so that the dust was
rather too thick to breathe. In the
evening it began to thunder, and
we had just composed ourselves to
sleep in our little carryall, when
we were awaked by loud peals of
thunder, & a heavy rain falling
upon us. One shower followed
another so that we had but little
sleep. The high trees, however, hang-
ing over us, were not commissioned
to do us any harm.

Tuesday, the morning was rainy &
we learned that the detachment
would not move today unless the
rain should cease by about ten
o'clock. The rain continued yet
by some means the idea was in-
troduced among some of the camp
about noon, that we were to pro-
ceed. Accordingly we prepared and
went on, with Co. M. J. Harrison's team.
The thunder storm still continued,
some also were after me, with but
little intermission. We proceeded about
9 miles, & pitched our tents on a hill
where there were but few high trees
about us. To our carryall was with,

... of the night sleep in our tent
... being there as we had two with

... a ... struck the ... from
the wet ground. During the night
the rain, wind & thunder continued
with but little cessation. The thunder
and lightning were quite severe.
Wednesday. We travelled but about
6 miles as most of the waggons did
not move yesterday, but lay still
where we camped night before
last. The night was pleasant and still.
Thursday & Friday we travelled a-
bout 26 miles and camped on Fri-
day night about 8 miles from the
place in the nation, where the de-
tachment is to stop.

Saturday March 25th 1839. After early
breakfast, we proceeded to Mr Woodhall,
8 miles. This is the place of deposit, &
also the place where Mr Taylor is to
deliver the detachment over to the
... status officers, who are to supply
them with provisions one year.
... a ... about noon, and made
arrangements for a meeting to mor-
row. - Found that Mrs Woodhall is our dear
sister - Elizabeth Woodhall ... & sister
... of the ...

word that they should be here today
to take the detachment of his hands,
and therefore he should not be able
to attend meeting. Thus by means
of the U. States officers the first sabbath
in the country must be prepared
by almost every individual in the
detachment. We had a meeting, how-
ever, and a considerable number of our
Cherokee brethren attended. I endeav-
oured to warn them of the dangers
& temptations that await them.

Monday. We made arrangements
to send Jonas, the little boy who came
with us, to his father, gave our tent
to an old Cherokee woman, who
had none, & took our leave of the
dear detach ment, with whom we
had been wandering three five
months past.