

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1789.

Flying Clouds

Left home about 12 o'clock & set out on  
a survey for the Summers Season by the ap-  
pointment & under the direction of Simeon =  
De Witt Surveyor General of the State to be per-  
formed by Abra<sup>m</sup> Hardenbergh, George Fleming  
John L. Hardenbergh, Josiah Troop, Harman  
-nis Schuler & myself // Flemming Schuler  
& Troop. to survey 20 Townships of 25,000 acres  
each in the Onondaga Country for Sale &  
Abra<sup>m</sup> Hardenbergh John L. Hardenbergh &  
myself to survey 25 Townships of 60,000 acres  
each in the Cayuga & Onondaga Countries  
for the Military of this State in Army of the  
United States for during the last war -  
proceeded as far as Waponaugh & Hay.  
at Stephen De Witt's

2) Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Fair

Proceeded as far as Marbletown & stay at General Cantine's —

3) Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Warm & pleasant

Proceeded as far as Capt. Schoonmaker's at Lagaches at the mouth of Esopus creek

Today Capt. John L. Hardenburgh joined me at Marbletown & travelled in company with me — Exclusive of a number of hands which he & myself had engaged for the summer business viz. Samuel Bovier David Bovier & John Bodley engaged by Hardenburgh Peter G. Liddlebach John S. DeWitt Egbert DeWitt James DeWitt Charles Cantine James Jackson Patrick Burnett and Samuel Seely engaged by myself —

4) Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Fair with high winds

Proceeded as far as one Loadman's Tavern just beyond Coesaghtra —

5) Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Fair & warm

as far as Albany — where we met with Harman's Schuler —

6) Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Cloudy —

In Albany all day making arrangements in the afternoon Abram Hardenburgh and Fleming arrived — about 6<sup>th</sup> o'clock P. M. our Horses arrived from New York — in the evening I went over to Schenectady in order to engage Waggons & carry our trunks over to the Mohawk River — The hands that A. Hardenburgh engaged where Charles Couse — <sup>Schott</sup> Hartman & Drum ~~W. H. Schuler Roe & John Kilian & Co.~~

1.) Tuesday 26.

Pleasant & warm

In Schenectady all day engaging Waggoners as aforesaid - Got a sufficient number for 14/2. A load - in the evening returned to Albany.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Clear in the forenoon - Rain in the after

Sent our stores all on to Schenectady by 20 Waggon's Load - Sent W. Day on to receive them at Van Epps store - Stayed in Albany all night on Business with the Surveyor General

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Fair

Proceeded to Schenectady, Purchased six Battering, loaded them with our provisions & sent them on about 2 miles up the Mohawk River - the lands engaged by Capt. Thornton in Schenectady for us where Nicklitter from Henders & J. Thompson & one Laurence Van Franka

10.)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy. -

Proceeded up the Mohawk River by land inspecting the management of the boats to Millers Rift about 11 miles & stay on the North side of the River not stopping standing I came up on the South side

11.) Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

Warm & Pleasant

Last Evening one of our hands by name Laurence Van Franka deserted the party sent W. Day back to Schenectady after him who returned in the evening without finding him I proceeded on with the boats a little above Fort Hunter about 10 miles -

12.)

Sunday 31<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant & warm

Being Pinkster Sunday - proceeded on with the boats about 15 miles to Malbees Conisohamy

13.)

Monday June 1789 Fair.

Capt. Abram Hardenbergh joined us last evening at this place who had come all the way on the North side of the River & myself on the South - Capt. John Hardenbergh in the boats. -

Parted with Capt. Hemming & the rest of the party who were going across to the Lushkemma, Unadilla &c. on the 20 Townships - & proceeded up the river on the North side in company with Mr. Hardenbergh through a very good country of land about 25 miles to Remond Smithers Creek near the Little Falls -

Found the Mohawk country in a lamentable situation - a place that ever had been renowned for the Superabundance of all kinds of Grain - now it is so low as to be enough for the subsistence

14<sup>th</sup>  
Day -

Tuesday 20 June

Warm &amp; pleasant

Our Boats Arrived at the Little Falls about 11 o'clock A. M. Carried the Stores across & Completed just about Sundown. The Carrying place round the Falls is about a mile which is the length of the rapid in which distance I suppose the water to fall about 50 Feet - tho at no one particular place I think the Water to fall more than 3 Feet perpendicular -

15.)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> -

Fair &amp; windy

Left the Little Falls ~~about~~ before about 10 o'clock in the morning because one of the men's Packs being lost - which took some time to bring matters to right & to discover the person who detained who was one of the party. Proceeded up the river on the South side to Fort Harbinger 6 miles by land & eight by water. <sup>Capt. Hemming joined us</sup>

16.)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Warm & pleasant

Left Fort Harbinger about 10 o'clock & Mr. A. Hard enbergh & myself proceeded up the river on the south side till opposite New German Town about 6 miles and crossed over to the North Side - & proceeded up on the same side through an excellent country of land about 8 or 9 miles & crossed over to the South Side at old Fort Schuler. Proceeded from here to Lacquette Creek alias White's Town about 4 miles where we found great improvements in a few years & found the people here in a fine way of living - & very good land - at 4 miles from W. Town crossed the Orisca Creek where there is a settlement of Onondaga Indians at 12 miles from here reached Fort Stanwix, after passing over the ground where Gen. Harbinger had his battle.

17<sup>th</sup> DayFriday 5<sup>th</sup> Stormy -

At Fort Stanwix waiting for our boats. Yesterday Mr. Senion De Witt & General John Taylor had a talk with Onondaga Indians & paid them 600 Dollars for their yearly rent for their lands who were up here for that purpose, the Onondagoes & Cayugas are expected here for to receive their

18.)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Fair and warm

Still at Fort Stanwix waiting for our boats

19.)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Flying Clouds with Showers of Rain -

This morning about 10 o'clock our boats arrived all safe - because of the person's at this place refusing to carry our stores across on Sunday were obliged to lie here today

20)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Fair warm &amp; pleasant

Employ'd in getting our stores carried across to Wood Creek where there formerly has been a Fort call'd Fort Newport.

The carrying place is about a mile across from the Mohawk River to Wood Creek.

21.} Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Fair

Had some difficulty in getting water to float our batteaux down the wood creek because of a dispute in carrying across between Mr. Coleburn & Manning however by means of sluices started about 11<sup>o</sup> A.M. & proceed down to about 5 miles by water to Fort Bull where we met part of our stores that were carried by land where however obliged to leave for to be sent for at a later time proceeded down to the mouth of Canada Creek.

22.)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Rain all day.

Because of the rain were obliged to stay here all day - however sent our boats up to Fort Bull to fetch the remainder of our stores where return safe.

23.}

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy & showery in the forenoon - Rain in the afternoon -

Left a proportional part of our stores for one Lurvey or that is for Col. Josiah Throop who is gone with Flemming with a batteau at Armstrongs at the mouth of Canada Creek agreeably to appointment & James Jackson one of our hands to take charge of it - then proceed <sup>down</sup> ~~the~~ Wood Creek about 25 miles to the Anieda Lake where we encamped -

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June -Fair & pleasant with a  
West wind

25) Trying our Baggage & giving the men  
time to wash - & with all wind bound  
so that we could not cross the Lake.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Warm & pleasant

25) Proceeded across the Lake to the outlet  
to Fort Brewenton about 23 miles, just  
before night took a traverse of part of the  
Lake & the Onondaga River in order to make  
a survey of a location of 400 acres for Mr.  
Barent's estate - while the party were  
refreshing themselves

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Warm & pleasant

26) At Fort Brewenton - making necessary  
preparations for proceeding to business  
Completed <sup>the survey of</sup> Mr. Statet's location -

Last night took the variation of the compass  
at this place & found it to be 3.30' West.

27}

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Fair.

Began the traverse of the Onondaga River  
at a white oak sapling marked with three N.  
& a blaze on four sides standing on the N.E.  
bank of the ~~S.E.~~ River just below Fort Brewenton  
being the S.W. corner of a Military Location of  
400 acres laid out for Barent's estate & run  
from thence down 4 miles just below a Rapids  
called Cockensenny and encamped.

28}

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Fair with flying clouds

Proceeded down on our traverse on the same  
side of the River one mile then crossed over to  
the S.W. side and traversed down on that side  
near 5/4 mile to where Capt John Hardenbergh  
began yesterday just below the pine orchard  
& encamped at sundown.

29}

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Fair

Proceeded down the River in a batteau to the  
three rivers point at which place I overtook  
Mr. J. Hardenbergh who had just completed  
his traverse & found from where he began to the

Three Rivers point 8 miles & a little better  
Mr. Thornton had Enamp<sup>r</sup>. at this place with  
the stores & Mr. A. Hardenburgh had proceeded  
to take a Traverse of the Onondago or Cayuga  
River to the Falls.

The Land from Onondago Lake to the Three  
Rivers lies very low on the River & subject  
to overflow in freshets. The River for the greatest  
part has a very gentle current & but two rapids  
the Soil of the land appears good.

Mr. John Hardenburgh began the  
Traverse of the Seneca River opposite the  
Three Rivers upwards - I proceeded in a different  
up the River awhile & a quarter above the  
Onondago Creek in order to Traverse down to  
Meet Mr. Hardenburgh.

30) - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Fair

Traversed down the Seneca River 4 miles  
where I met Mr. Hardenburgh & then Return in  
Company with him to camp at the Three Rivers  
where we found Mr. A. Hardenburgh who had Return  
from the Onondago Falls & had found the distance

along River from this place to the Falls to be  
near 12 miles.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Cloudy.

31.

In camp at the Three Rivers protecting the  
Traverses of the Rivers -

32.) - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Cloudy & sultry.

In camp. Mr. A. Hardenburgh & myself still  
employ<sup>d</sup> at protecting & making prepara-  
tions to proceed up the Seneca River to the  
Croft Lake on business -

Last evening took the Variation of  
the compass at this place & found it to be  
8. 30 West.

33.) - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Fair & very warm

Proceeded up the Seneca River in company  
with Mess<sup>rs</sup> A. & J. Hardenburgh - Mr. J. Hardenburgh  
began at the place where I began the 18<sup>th</sup> Instant  
Mr. A. Hardenburgh & myself proceeded up the  
River till within about 2 miles of the Croft-  
Lake & encamp<sup>d</sup> at a hut where one Andrew  
Jack lives with his wife

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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1789.

Cloudy with some rain in the morning. Clear off at twelve o'clock very warm & had a hard thunder shower in the afternoon. — Also rain the most of night.

Proceeded up the Seneca River to the Crofs Lake — crossed the Lake to the Inlet of the River into the said Lake — about 12 o'clock Mr. A. Haldenburgh began to traverse on the South Side of the Inlet or Seneca River in order to run round the South End of the Lake to the outlet. I began on the North side & traversed up the Lake 4 miles to the head where we encamped.

35. } — Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cloudy with a little rain in the morning, clear off about 9 o'clock with a high wind which lasted all Day. —

Proceeded with my traverse down the Lake to the outlet near 5 miles from the head to where Mr. A. Haldenburgh had crossed from the South to the North side of the outlet. About 3 o'clock then proceeded down the River 4 miles where I overtook Mr. A. Haldenburgh about sundown here I encamped. The land round the Crofs Lake for the most part near the shore is very low & barren — then rises a little & is more fertile.

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Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Fair. Masonick

Mr. A. Haldenburgh informs that he found the distance from the Inlet to the outlet of the Crofs Lake round the southerly end to be 3 miles, which with the distance I traversed & the distance across the Inlet to the outlet makes the Crofs Lake exactly 12 miles in circumference.

Accompanied Mr. A. Haldenburgh on his traverse 3 miles this morning where we met Mr. John Haldenburgh who had run from where he began last above the mouth of the Onondago Creek 9 miles & better, consequently the whole distance from the Three Rivers to the Crofs Lake is 25 miles — after which we all went down in company in our Battureux to the Camp at the Three River point.

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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. Fair

In camp at the Three Rivers Mr. A. Haldenburgh & myself employ in protracting the traverse of the Seneca River & Crofs Lake &c. — Today Mr. Ephraim Webster the Interpreter joined us.

38.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1789

In Camp. projecting &amp;c.

39.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

In Camp. Calculating & preparing for running Township N<sup>o</sup>. 1. To begin at the Oswego Falls &c. —

40.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Warm & pleasant

About 12 o'clock Mr. J. Hardenbergh left Camp in order to proceed up to the Cayuga Lake to run out the Cayuga Reservation. — Mr. John Hart. to start tomorrow in order to traverse the Seneca River from the Croft Lake up to the Cayuga Lake — I left camp about 2 o'clock P.M. and proceeded down the Anondago River in a batteau to the Oswego Falls, which ret. the same evening conducted by Mr. J. Hardenbergh. I proceeded on the North bounds of Township N<sup>o</sup>. 1. in running West from the Oswego Falls. run a half a mile when we struck a fine Lake containing about 7 or 8 hundred Acres. here Lodged. — and all round it.

N.B. The land from the Falls to the Lake is very good — Timbered with every kind of timber. Fine short land interspersed with beautiful upland swamps.

41.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Fair & windy

Employed in running the N. bounds & part of the West bounds of the Township aforesaid —

42.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Showry

Running the West bounds &amp;c.

43.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1789 Showry

Completed the running of Township N<sup>o</sup>. 1. &c. For the particulars of which see my minutes of that Township —

44.

Thursday 2<sup>d</sup> — Sultry & Showry

At Mr. Andrew Jacks about 2 miles below the Croft Lake. Arranging matters to proceed up to the Cayuga Lake. giving the boys an opportunity to wash & drying our baggage which had got soaking wet the evening before. —

45.

Friday 3<sup>d</sup> — Fair

Proceeded up the Seneca River in a batteau overtook Mr. John Hardenbergh 6 miles above the Croft Lake — Mr. Hardenbergh & myself concluded that in order to shorten the distance still to be traversed.

I should begin at the mouth of the Canadachioy Creek & proceed to the mouth of the Seneca River. — distance altogether about 12 miles.

46.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1789. Salt Spring  
Independence.

Proceeded up the River to within  
a mile of the Cayuga salt springs & began at a cut-  
tonwood tree mark. <sup>Military</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> July 1789 } and run from  
MDW }

thence southerly up the River to the Salt Springs  
where I met W<sup>m</sup>. A. Hardenbergh who had trad-  
from the Cayuga Lake to this place - here where  
taken in a hard thunder shower accompanied  
with a gale of wind - I encamp<sup>d</sup>. at the salt springs  
with my party & W<sup>m</sup>. A. Hardenbergh return<sup>d</sup>. to  
the Cayuga Lake.

47.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Fair & pleasant.  
Proceeded this morning to the Buttonwood tree  
where I began yesterday & run from there N. & E.  
down the River about 3 miles & a Quarter  
when I met W<sup>m</sup>. John A. Hardenbergh with his  
traverse from the Croft Lake & inform<sup>d</sup>. he had  
traversed 12 miles - I had traversed 2 1/4 miles from  
this place to the salt springs W<sup>m</sup>. A. Hardenbergh  
& I met him on the Croft Lake - consequently the whole  
distance from the Croft to the Cayuga Lake as the  
salt springs to the Croft Lake.

48. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1789. Fair & pleasant.

Proceeded early in the morning in company with  
W<sup>m</sup>. J. Hardenbergh to the Cayuga Lake, & met with  
W<sup>m</sup>. A. Hardenbergh at the Cayuga Ferry - who inform<sup>d</sup>.  
us that after he left us at the Three Rivers Camp  
he proceeded up to this place, & having information  
of a supposed opposition to our surveys, by the  
Leprees & Indians from Buffalo Creek - a few  
of whom were now at Genesee a Settlement  
so called on the Seneca Lake, or otherwise called  
Connadesago Lake - He W<sup>m</sup>. A. Hardenbergh im-  
mediately proceeded with his party to Genesee  
where he found a few of the Leprees - & two Indians  
from Buffalo Creek by the names of Jack Perry  
& Capt John, son of Old Smoke, the late Chief &  
Warrior in the Seneca Nation - These two Indian  
Indians told him that they were sent from  
Buffalo Creek by the Chiefs there to inform  
or rather warn the Surveyors to proceed no  
farther with our surveys - particularly the

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July Fair

W. A. Hardenburgh proceeded to the ~~Lake~~ <sup>Castle</sup> in order to extend the Traverse of the Lake farther southward. W. John Hardenburgh & myself in camp arranging our Bird Books &c. when Mr. H. arrived at the Castle an Indian came down to <sup>the</sup> Lake & cut out the mark Mr. Dey had left in a tree the day before, & Steeltrap with the other Chiefs demanded a Conference before Mr. Hardenburgh proceeded any farther with his survey of their Reservation. Mr. Hardenburgh immediately sent a Messenger for his Brother & myself, we accordingly attended - a council fire was then kindled and Steeltrap delivered a long Speech with four strings of wampum, the purport of which was that he had always understood that their Reservation extended three miles wide all round the Lake that he wished us to stop

with our business untill he had an opportunity of talking with his Friends from Buffalo Creek as he had understood they were disappointed with the sale made to the Governor & a great deal of such stuff - merely as we apprehended to detain the business untill such time, that they might talk with the Indians from Buffalo Creek upon the subject of the sale made to the Governor - and know their sentiments fully so that they might conduct themselves accordingly - He in return told them that they very well knew that the sale with the Governor was legal - & was sorry that there had been a misunderstanding between them & the Commissioners respecting their Reservation - as for our parts we could make no alterations - & though it would be best for us to go on & run the Reservation as it now stood in the deed - so that they might

Have an opportunity to see the better how  
alterations could be made - as for their  
talking with the Indians from Buffalo  
that could answer no purpose - as they  
could not mind the matter an Cotton but  
rather make it worse & arguments to  
that purpose - they then consented that  
we might go on with our business - the  
council then broke up & we returned to  
camp at the Ferry after night

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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan

~~Last Evening~~ Last night about  
12 o'clock in the night an Indian came  
from the Castle with a letter from Col.  
Read - which had been wrote yesterday  
at Canadasego & sent on by an Indian  
the purport of which was that the Fish-  
=curion was expected in Canadasego  
from Canadashay last evening in  
order to warn Col. Read, Mr. Myhman  
& the surveyors of off the ground &c. -

We again this morning sent for the  
Indians to the Castle in order to have  
a talk with them - The object of which  
was to ask them whether they ~~would~~  
would stand by the sale made to the Gov.  
& if the Indians from Buffalo came  
what they went to do - Steeltrap in  
return did not for sometime give an  
direct answer - by which it was  
Reservation could extend all round  
the Lake as he & his people had understood  
it that he would then by all means  
support it - after a great deal of  
conversation - they told us that they  
wish us to go on with our business  
they would go up tomorrow to meet the  
Fisherier & if ~~going~~ we got any news  
they would let us know it immediately  
W. Hardenberg & myself concluded that

Cayuga lands as it had not been legally  
sold to the Government. — Mr. Hardenbergh told  
them that the State took up it that the Gov.  
& Commissioners had legally & fairly bought  
& paid for those lands. — that we were sent on  
under the authority of the State who were  
able & would support us. — that we had five  
or six hundred pounds worth of provisions on  
the ground with a large number of hands  
hired as Chain bearers. — that it had cost the  
State a great deal of money to have all those  
arrangements made & stores brought on  
to this place in the manner ours where  
that we had just began our Business & had  
now got cleverly to work. — And <sup>all</sup> those things  
fairly considered he could not think of stopping  
Business in this manner & return. without  
doing any thing. — but on the other hand would  
inform them that we must go on with our  
Business & go on we would. — or words to that  
Effect. —

After breakfast Messrs. A. & J. Hardenbergh  
& myself went up to the Cayuga Castle  
in order to consult with the Indians upon  
the subject of their Preservation: found that  
the Indians began to start a number of  
trivial Difficulties concerning their  
Reservation in order (as we supposed)  
to prolong the business that they might  
have an opportunity to talk with Indian  
from Buffalo Creek. — Mr. Day this day  
traveled from the Cayuga Ferry to this  
place. — in the afternoon returned to Cayuga  
at the Cayuga Ferry. —

It might be best if either of us went to  
Canada soon immediately in order to get  
a true state of the matter of what the  
Fish carrier had to say - Accordingly about  
Dusk this evening I started with  
one man with me & arrived at  
Coll. Neels in Geneva about 8 o'clock  
in the night -

51. Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Snowy

Early this morning attended a Council  
which the Fishcarrier had summoned  
with Mr. Ryckman - the substance of  
which was - that he had sent several  
messengers to warn him off the ground  
that he had now come himself - that the land  
had not been legally sold - that the persons  
who had sold it were Child and his Chiefs  
that it was legally sold to the Lepees - &  
if they would stand to their Contract it should  
stand - if not he was willing to treat with  
the Gov. - that the Surveyors must stop

Surveying or abide by the consequences  
& delivered a large bundle of wampum  
Mr. Ryckman told him he had no  
authority to treat with him or give  
an answer - but would send it to  
Governor with all possible speed -  
The Council here broke up after  
which the Fish carrier immediately  
returned. & Canadochewy & I returned  
to Camp. —

52. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Fair & windy

Capt. J. Hardinburgh set out on a  
line to the Oswego, Mr. DeGra  
crossing the Seneca River from the  
Lake up to the Falls - Mr. A. Ward  
& myself traversing part of the  
Cayuga Lake

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