

Belknap Journal 1796

June
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p. 10 "General Schuyler is a self-taught genius, a complete mathematician, of great penetration & sagacity; has a thorough acquaintance with the Indians, & is now going to Fort Stanwix to superintend the canal which is cutting from thence to unite the waters of the Mohawk River with those of Wood Creek, which empties into the Oneida Lake & communicates by another river with Lake Ontario..."

b. 1734
62 yrs of age

actually born

Nov. 22, 1733

Watson

Platt

Goshen

Cattaraugus

Van Rensselaer

Schuyler

Decr (pp. 18-19)

p. 15. Whitestown

rising town southwest of Lake Ontario.

pp. 16 - alcoholism

17 murder

violence

p. 17 Jurisdiction for crimes?

p. 19. At Fickland very ill

"large, handsome new house, newly finished"

30 acres of wheat, corn
30 head of cattle

Hamilton Academy "nothing more than a frame, partly covered." work ceased, "no school is kept."

Quakers present among Oneidas

"to teach them arts & agriculture, & endeavor to bring them into a state of civil & religious society."

p. 19 rode 12 miles New Stockbridge to Oneida - woods "very fine here but excessively bad road."

caterpillar infestation

p. 20 Oneida castle
maiden

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"good orchard & a cider press"

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Tussocks living among Oneida
still

visited Silver Smith (age 80)

saw "upright stone"

It is $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft high, irregularly
rounds, ~~white~~ whiter grey

p. 21

in color "This stone is said
by their tradition to follow
the nation in their removals...."

yet quite heavy
~~stone~~

p. 21 John Skanadogh

76 "old chief"

"His house is built

in the English, or rather the
Dutch style, & warmed in winter
by a fire made on one side like the
Dutch houses, with an open space all
round, and a kind of funnel above
to let out the smoke."

N.B.

p. 21 one of the best of the nation
although he had little influence

p. 21 - p. 22 village situated on a high plain -
could see lake -

"Skanadogh's house, on the
south edge of it, commands an
extensive & grand view all
round

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"We see the country in a state of
cultivation, nothing could be more
charming than such a prospect; but
it is melancholy to see so fine a
tract of land in such a savage
state."

log ~~huts~~ huts, some fenced, several
~~have~~ have covered stoops or
piazzas in the Dutch style