

Northern Kentucky Views Presents:

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From New Jersey to  
Mason County, Kentucky  
In 1788

From the Journal of

Mary Shotwell (Mrs. David Morris)

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- Monday  
May 6th. Left our habitation at eleven in the morning; our friends and neighbors attended with us with heavy hearts, the morning appeared like a funeral. We traveled about 15 miles and put up at the tavern at the place called Two Buckeyes; all were well.
- Tuesday  
May 7th. Went on our journey and travelled to the Hickory Tavern and put up, all were well.
- Wednesday  
May 8th. Went on our journey, traveled 10 miles and crossed the Delaware in the not favorable manner and then traveled 5 miles to reach Suridges Tavern in Springfield and there we put up. Allwell.
- Thursday  
May 9th. Raining and chilly; I took sick. We travelled 5 miles and put up at Wagoners Tavern.
- Friday  
May 10th. Rain; Went on our journey and travelled 15 miles and put up at Martin Reiders Tavern and there stayed over Sunday.
- Monday  
May 12th. Went on our journey, travelled 28 miles and stopped at Robert Weidenhauser's Tavern in Madison Township, Bucks Co. Penn.
- Tuesday  
May 13th. Went on our journey 9 miles and then crossed the Schukill in the most favorable manner, and then travelled 9 miles with some difficulty occasioned by the sickness of the children, then put up.
- Wednesday  
May 14th. Went on our journey, travelled to Miller's Tavern 22 miles and there put up.
- Thursday  
May 15. Went on our journey, and travelled 21 miles Part of us crossed the at Harris Ferry; the others crossed in the morning, all safe.

- Friday  
May 16th  
Went on our journey, travelled 21 miles and put up at Andrew McCullough's, a private home.
- Saturday  
May 17th.  
Went on our way, travelled through Shippensburg to Andrew Probst's tavern, having travelled 21 miles and stayed over Sunday.
- Monday  
May 19th.  
Went on our way, travelled through Chamberstow and so on, then through Greencastle 2 miles, and then put up at a private house, having travelled 21 miles.
- Tuesday  
May 20th.  
Went on our way, crossed the Concocheague and so on to the Green Springs, ferried, and went on two miles in a heavy thunder gust, We sat in our wagons till the shower was over, then travelled on two miles and put up at Carlisle Tavern on bank of Potomac river.
- Wednesday  
May 21st.  
Went on our way and crossed Licking creek and so on 9 miles, and put up at our Aunt Eddy's.
- Thursday  
May 22nd.  
Travelled 5 miles and crossed the big                      and met our company at Hancockstown; went on 11 miles and there put up.
- Friday  
May 23rd.  
Went on to the banks of the Potomac and crossed Sidealong creek and then to the place called                      so on 15 miles, stepped the wagons in the street and there put up at a place called the Feeding rock.
- Saturday  
May 24th.  
Rain, but we went on our way, crossed Mill creek and so on to Oldstown and there put up.
- Sunday  
May 25th.  
Went on our journey, travelled along banks of the Potomac, some difficulty attended us, going down a hill a four-horse wagon ran over a child with both wheels. The child was taken up for dead but soon came to and was admirably preserved, no bones broken and no wounds appeared, We then went on and crossed Mill's creek, 11 miles and so on to Cumberlandtown and there put up, having travelled 15 miles.



Monday  
May 26th. Went on but 5 miles in the forenoon by the reason of two wagons breaking down; travelled but 9 miles and there put up.

Tuesday  
May 27th. Went on our way, travelled through the place called Shades of Death and so on 5 miles to Tomlinson's tavern. Put up about 12 by reason of the breaking of a wagon.

Wednesday  
May 28th. Went on our way crossed what is called----- Mountain; travelled but 7 miles by reason of the rocks on the road.

Friday  
May 29th. Detained until 12 O'clock by reason of the horses straying away; set out on our way, crossed the Great Kana Crossing and so on 8 miles and put up.

Saturday  
May 31st(?) Went on our way, and travelled 15 miles and put up. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

Sunday  
June 1st. Went on our way; and travelled 13 miles and put up at a private house.

Monday  
June 2nd. Went on our way and travelled 5 miles and put up at Philip Pearces, where we stayed until Saturday the 7th inst. then went on three miles and went aboard our boats at Sandy Creek.

Sunday  
June 8th. Went on our way but sailed only ---- miles the water being too shallow.

June 9th. We still went on with difficulty, the water being low, we grounded on a log and lay there till morning, We got half off and went on our way.

Tuesday  
June 10th. We Went on but the water being low and the wind contrary we got but miles in four and twenty hours.

Wednesday  
June 11th. We reached Fort Pitt and were there detained until Saturday waiting for another boat.

June 14th. At nine O'clock we set sail, the river had risen six feet. We made Wheeling in 20 hours, which is 95 miles. There took on our horses; started at 9 o'clock, next morning. About sunrise next day reached Muskingum. Went shore and staid unyil 9 O'clock. Went on board and next morning at 9 O'clock reached

the Great Kanawah; the canoe went ashore at the Garrison, next morning at 7 reached the Scioto (Tuesday)

June 18th. About 90 miles and reached the Limestone about 12 O'clock at night and there staid till Friday, then went to the town of Washington.

On back of last page is the date April 1, 1809 This is evidently a copy of the original paper written in 1788. It is on legal size paper.

Also on back is David, Sen. son David, Junior.

Oct. 7	----	Heard Rev. Wood preach	Luke 1-17
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March 1	Mr. Dudley	Acts 8 - 4th.
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April	Mr. Gane	Luke 10 - 39
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Monday March 2, A negro gave an exhortation, in afternoon heard Mr. Gane from Job.

The following data was copied from the original papers found in the Maysville Public Library building, which was torn down in 1954 and a new building built.

Mr. J. P. Nixon spent many years gathering data for a History of Mason County, Kentucky.

He was Librarian for many years.

His History was never published.

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additional family records are in genealogical file.