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RECORD ON AN EXPEDITION FOR SETTLING LANDS BY
ROBERT TODD

SATURDAY June 5, 1784

Started from Capt. Colwell's about 11 o'clock after a long while fixing for the town. Travelled about 8 or 10 miles. Encamped in the nobbs.

SUNDAY June 6

Started from camp 7 o'clock after bringing our horses 3 or 4 miles from the back track, got bewildered a little between the Rowling fork and Robinson's Creek, passed a fine Buffaland near the dividing ridge supposed to be watered by Rowling fork. Encamped on a branch of Robinson's Creek. Travelled about 22 miles, Hunters turn out and two deer are brought to Camp. Warm and like for rain.

MONDAY June 7 1784

A very rainy morning. Three horses lost. At 2 o'clock found and started bearing about a west course to Pitman's Creek, pretty good land all the way being about ten miles. Encamped on Pitman's Creek.

TUESDAY June 8

Started about 6 o'clock and crossed Green River about 6 o'clock p.m. Encamped on Tinking Branch about 2 miles from the river on s.w. side. Pretty wheat land well watered- Days journey, about 20 miles.

WEDNESDAY June 9

Started and went as far as the Elk Lick being about 2 miles from the River and tarried there tiñl one o'clock. Then met with the line runners and returned back with them and encamped on the bank of Little Barran which is about half a mile's distance. Horse flies exceedingly plenty.

THURSDAY June 10

Started from little Barran in company with the line runners and returned toward Green River as far as Sulphur Lick Creek. Went up the same as far as the lick where there is two excellent springs, then steered eastwardly and struck Green River about three miles below the mouth of Russell's Creek. Then went up the River to the mouth of Pitman's Creek and stayed there all the afternoon. Went out with Captain Roan and explored a large Bottom on the Green River above Pitman's creek. Travelled about 12 or 13 miles in all during the day- no right good land yet on the s.w. ridge of Green River.

FRIDAY June 11

Started from the mouth of Russell's Creek nearly a south course and in about a mile and a hlaf came to large Deer lick which is pretty good land. Steered

south and southeast about two miles and struck the Creek again where there is a good bottom in a large bend of the creek at the upper end of which there is a buffalo fording at the mouth of a branch and some trees marked or cornered, a maple and elm, and two of them. Steered then a southwardly course about two miles and a half through tolerable good high land well watered with springs. Killed a bear about one or two O'clock and spent the balance of the day in having it by way of Barbecue.

SATURDAY June 12

Started early up the course of Russell's Creek crossing and recrossing it often. Saw one or two tolerable bottoms (see the location) about two o'clock. Like for a heavy rain and made tents. The course of the day about south and southeast, the distance about 10 or 11 miles. Spent the ballance of the day in camp.

SUNDAY June 13

Steered up the Creek crossing the branches some times on and sometimes off. The day being cloudy and unfavorable for business we could not keep proper courses. About twelve o'clock cleared up. We made for the head of the Creek and crossed over a high ridge to the waters of Little Barran and about two miles from the head got into pretty good bottom though narrow, and kept widening till it emptied into

the main branch. Computed to be about three miles. Then turned up the main branch for about one and a half miles and took a westerly branch and went a small distance up the same and encamped at a North lick in the side of the branch. (a little salty) The day's travel about 16 or 18 miles. Very good bottoms are on little Barran as far as I have seen, much superior to Russell's Creek.

MONDAY June 14

Steered from Nook lick camp up the said Branch to the head there and in about one and a half miles crossed a ridge and fell on the head of a branch that in turn in about two or two and a half miles emptied into a large west branch of Little Barran, thence up the same to the head, thereof. (passing a large clay lick used by Buffalo on the creek and a deer lick about three quarters of a mile down and a small distance from the Creek on a branch, a good bottom below these licks) thence down a branch of Crosby Creek passing a buffalo lick about 2 miles from the head of said branch, the course of about s. and sw. Nooned about one and one half miles below the lick. Good bottom land from the lick down so far- prowled on down the creek about 6 miles bearing first s.e. then turning southwardly) Encamped on the riverbank. Excellent bottoms but poor uplands. Traveled about 18 miles.

TUESDAY June 15

Camped near the old. Started to pursue our course down the river, the general course about east. Col. Dabney proposed at starting to separate in two parties in order to explore both sides at once and meet at a certain distance down the stream but his party conducted by the pilot got lost and fell on Cumberland. Both parties returned to the ground nearly where we left them when we parted, and found each other by the firing of guns after night; about 6 miles down this branch is the Cumberland. Found a pretty spring and marked it R. TODD, June 15th 1784. It's about three miles from Cumberland up Crokers and on the south side of the Creek near a hill. The uplands and bootoms are both good, the latter excellent. Captain Roan's horse tired and left him near Cumberland River.

WEDNESDAY June 16

Moved about three miles down Crokers and took up a branch on the south side about a mile in order to stay till some of the party bring Captain Roan's horse. Five o'clock the party arrives with the horse. We remain there till next morning, the camp all armed (I believe) falsely.

THURSDAY June 17

Started our course for Big Barran up Crokers and a main south branch there off to the meadow called

by us Sulphur Lick branch (or creek) so called by reason of lumps of Sulphur appearing in the cavity of the rock where the buffaloes lick. The mouth of this branch is supposed to be about 8 or 9 miles from the mouth of the creek. The general course of this branch is nearly east and west. Continued our course west out at the head of the creek and fell on the waters of Big Barran, went down the same about 5 or 6 miles and encamped. Tolerable good land on the head of this branch, some excellent.

FRIDAY June 18

Started and continued down said branch of Big Barran which I suppose to be the principal. Killed a large buffalo. Turned into raining. Encamped and barbecued some of the meat. This part of the country is well watered with excellent springs- travelled about four miles.

SATURDAY June 19

Started pretty early and kept down Barran to the forks, being about 10 or 12 miles, the general bearing of which is about N. W. The land is very fine, especially the bottoms with delightful springs. Thence turned our course up the N. branch and kept the same about 3 or 4 miles, the course of which is nearly E. and W. Like for rain and took up camp.

SUNDAY June 20

The morning being dull and rainy (and the preceding night being very wet) we were disposed for resting all day.

MONDAY June 21

Steered down the north fork for B. Barran and kept down the course of the river, sometimes off and sometimes on. Passed a small creek emptying on the north side about 4 miles below the mouth of the north fork. About one o'clock set in to hard raining. (indifferent land) Pitched camp and stayed about 2 hours and then travelled till near night. Set in to raining very hard. Travelled during the day down the River about 12 miles on a reduced line about 18 measuring.

TUESDAY June 22

Steered our course down the river and in going about two miles arrived at the mouth of Skagg's Beaver Creek. Turned up the same about four or five miles and took up camp about the middle of the afternoon near a deer lick just up a small branch in order to hunt and rest our horses. Bottoms not so good as B. Barran. The course of the creek is about S.W. and West and nearly the size of the north branch of B. Barran. Taken with a high fever near sunset occasioned by cold and wet.

WEDNESDAY June 23

Took purge and then we steered our course about N. and N.E. off from the creek, leaving the same to the right hand. Travelled about four miles or more and fell upon a beautiful branch of the creek about one mile in length which is made by the Smoking Spring. (The water and land most delightful. We took up camp about half a mile below the spring to hunt and rest the horses, about this time almost broke down. Physick worked off about one or two o'clock and felt pretty well by night.

THURSDAY June 24

Took our course over on the S.E. side of the main creek and explored on that side four or five miles up it. Found very little good land and turned to the other side again and mooned where we found very good land and after we started for two or three or perhaps four miles binding on the creek, though but narrow between $1/4$ of a mile and a mile wide then. Putting in close we took up the bottoms and found exceeding fine glow ground for about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ miles or two. Came to a lick in the creek at the point of a small island. (Good land near the lick below the creek. Turned up the creek about half a mile and encamped.

FRIDAY June 25

Steered a course, leaving the creek, for the Cumberland path about North and fell in with it going about three or four miles and kept the same about five miles to the Blue Spring. Nooned and afterward concluded to stay the balance of the day, finding good water and pasture.

SATURDAY June 26

Being on the Cumberland path and excited by Sunday and other motives to take along it, determined thereon and immediately set for home, got about eight miles up Pitman's Creek and encamped. (Capt. Roan's horse tiring delayed us much) travelled about 25 miles.

SUNDAY June 27

Started early but travelled slow by reason of the dullness of Capt. Roan's old Garron. Nooned about three or four miles up Robeson's Creek. Encamped near the Elk Lick. Travelled about 24 miles.

MONDAY June 28

Started early and arrived at Carpenter station about the middle of the afternoon but could get nothing to eat and pushed for Colonel Shelby's about nine miles off making the day's journey 28 miles.

The path leaves main road about seven miles from the mouth of the west fork on which is some

locations buying at a L. M. (D.D.) trees marked at
a Sulphur Lick about three miles from the mouth
of the river and at the same place a beech marked.

ROBERT TODD 1784

Two poplars then N57 E50 N72 E70 poles x ng at Creek at
East, thence N10 degrees E218 poles thence N55 E52
thence N25 E12 poles to a ? and thence S65 E75
poles to a poplar and thence S30 E220 poles to a
small ? to the oak by the ? creek.

ALL OF WHICH WAS RECORDED IN A SMALL BOOKLET
ENTITLED "POOR WILL'S ALMAMACK FOR THE YEAR
1784"