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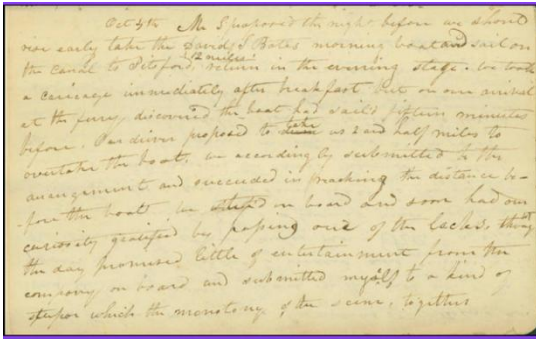


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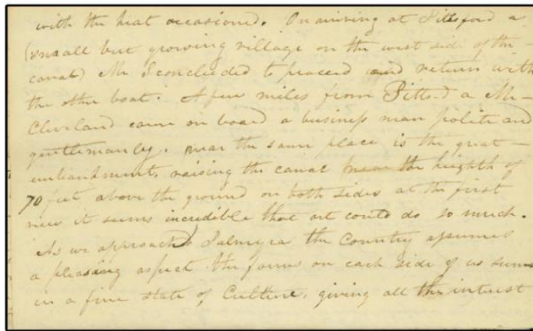
EXTRA – Laura Sherwood Travel Diary

Laura Sherwood travel diary through upstate New York, 1823

Below are images of the actual diary written by Laura Sherwood in 1823. To the right is a transcription of her diary.



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Directions: Summarize Laura’s day in your own words.

Challenge! Use a map of New York to figure out what town Laura and her friends might have been starting from on that fall day in 1823. How far did Laura record they would have to travel to get to Pittsford? _____

Use that information to help you figure out where they might have been.

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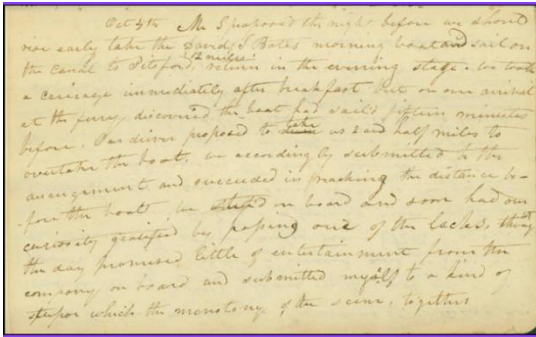
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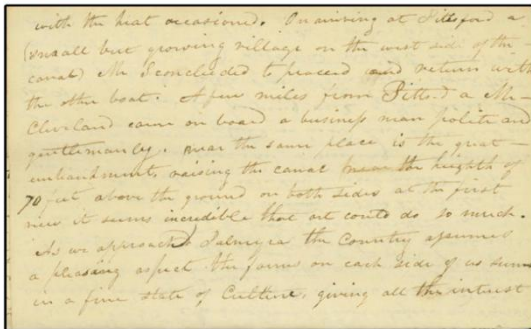
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Oct 4, 1823. Last night Mr. S suggested we take the canal boat to Pittsford, then ride the stage back. We woke up lat the next morning, missed the boat and had to take a carriage 2 ½ miles to catch up. We were able to go through the locks (we were curious about them). The people on board were boring, and it was hot, so I was feeling sleepy. Pittsford was on the west side of the canal. It is a small but growing village. Near there is the great embankment, which takes the canal up near 70 feet. It was a pretty view.

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