

Oct 18th - Saturday, Started at 4 o'clock A.M. and travelled until 5 1/2 p.m. Through Laurel Co. Camped 18 miles from Barboursville.

Oct 19th Sunday, Started at 4 o'clock A.M. & Camped at 6 o'clock p.m. - near Flat Lick on Cumberland River -

Oct 20th Monday, started at 8 o'clock and camped on Yellow Creek 7 miles from the "Gap" at 5 o'clock, 17 Bushwhackers were hung at Cumberland Ford just as we reached it. This morning said to be by Genl Cheatham's men

Oct 21st Tuesday, Started at 8 o'clock and camped at foot of mountains on Ky. side of Cumberland River and Gap at 9 o'clock. Were several hours crossing - got to the Gap about 12 o'clock. Took a last look at Kentucky - Our journey since leaving Camp Dick Robinson has been very disagreeable - being mixed up with the trains of the retreating army - we were compelled to travel very slow, at times had to stand on the road for 3 to 4 hours - food and provisions very scarce - Often during this journey, have I thought keenly of my family at home and how powerless I was to assist them - and here as I was stepping into the Southern Confederacy - an exile from the land of my birth - compelled to abandon wife children & home for adherence to very principles my persecutors had taught me - feelings of unutterable anguish filled me - However - I was consoled by the reflection