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Memo Book #2

Travels 1843

Jan^y 3 May 31. 1843

From the Treasury building I
round to the "White House". The
President's house which I should have
mentioned before as one of the first
prominent objects seen on coming
up the River. It is of white
marble and has been described
hundreds of times so I will not
attempt a description at this time.
Suffice it to say that the most
extravagant description that
I have seen is not in the least
exaggerated. The Knolls of Venus
as I think they were called by
the "Sage of Lindendale" (Van B.)
in whose Administration they
were added to the front garden
representing the burst of a

virgin, answers to the life the
description that I have since
given by some of the Washington
Letter writers. Most of the House
are the Navy & War departments in
old buildings but well improved &
elegant yards. The improvements
in all the public grounds exhibit
good rural taste. From here I drove
toward Penn Av to the Capitol wh-
ich is at the East end 1/2 miles from
the Wt. H. The C was open and
I penetrated it to the Rotunda
where the large Marble Statute
of Washington is the first Object
to meet the eye. It is a master piece
of work and reflects great credit on
the artist who executed it. But

It is badly lighted and preparations
are making to move it a and
octagon shaped wooden building
that is erecting for its reception
in the East side of the Eastern
Garden of the Capitol, directly
in front of the Eastern or prin-
cipal entrance of the C.

The next object that attract the
eye is four large paintings two
on each side of the statue of
Mr. Representing the surrender
of Gen Burgoyne at Saratoga.

The Declaration of independence

The surrender by Gen Washington
of his commission to Congress at
Annapolis in 1783. and the
other I think is baptism of

Baptism on his confession of
the Christian faith

by the time I had taken a hasty look
at these several objects signal was giv-
en to close the doors and I withdrew
to the yards which are elegant
and worthy of the description they
have so often received from Washington
letter writers. The first object on ap-
proaching the west entrance of the

C is an Elegant Monument erec-
ted to the brave young officers who
fell in the attack on Tripoli under
the orders of the brave Commodore
Perry. Erected by brother officers, it stands
on a Marble pedestal surrounded
by a fountain of water and is sur-
mounted by various statues, and ins-
criptions commemorating the
dear dead which cost their
lives.

It was getting quite in the evening
and I turned my attention to a resting
place for the night not that it
was at all difficult to find such
a place, but to find a decent
safe and cheap place was the obj-
ect. I entered two cheap looking
taverns but was not pleased with
the appearance of the company
and retreated and next encountered
the Temperance House
which I entered for the night
taking their flag as a guarantee of
respect & safety. Here Lady Brooke
of the cost of often brokefast I found
5 of my fellow lodgers were
from New York & Conn. going
to live to see the lands with a
view of moving south. I imparted
what information I could on the

subject of the Southern country to
them and then repaired to the
Patent Office again where I
entertained myself in a very agree-
able manner until 3 P. M. when
I repaired again to the Capitol
to finish a review of that mass
of Marble. I extended my exam-
to the Senate & Representative
Chamber and then gave up
pretty well fatigued with pres-
ence. now it was 4 P. M. June
1. 1823. I learned that the R. R. from
to Baltimore was 20 of distance 37
miles so I determined to run
a foot line in cont. with the R.R.
So I started and put up 13 in
from W. at 7½ P. M. June 2
started 5 A.M. saw white post
on fence & Bridges seen before

high arrived at Baltimore about
12 M so the first view is sound
than sound. Staid in Baltimore
until 3 P.M. June 3, 1843 then left in
the Steamer Ericsson for Phila
Dele 4) - must 2) arrived at Phil
8 1/2 A.M. have to lay over here until
Monday morning and spend the
day in rambling about the city
of Brotherly Love. the first object
of note is Franklin Square which
is so well described in the cockpit
with a plate showing a view
the rose and 20 fts. of water
beautiful I saw fine groups
& Shode Trees & C&C.

From Franklin Square I worked
my way to Girard College & it
passed the Eastern Penitentiary and
ascended the heights of the former
Schoolhouse Waterworks. made a
hasty circuit around the basin
and seated myself on the border
of the sod clad border of the towered
embankment facing the east
with umbrella hoisted to shield
my back from the rays of a sun
that has again got heated as I do
to describe as best I can the char-
ming landscape spread out before
me. Little to the right is the
vast piles of brick & mortar com-
posing the city proper of Phila
with its Score of Skyscrapers towering
far above the lower world as
though pointing a way to a better one

there is also two lofty shot towers
- one on built square with in
1/2 of a mile of river I set the
other round and about 2000
distant near the South Eastern
Extremity of the city, both of
brick and very high in the
center of the mass of buildings
composing Phil is a sort of open
a distant forest. it is the beautiful
grove and shade trees of
Franklin Square which I have
spoke of but was inadequate to
describe. In the East, still
further in the distance is seen the
masts of a few of the larger ships
of shipping in the river and still
beyond and more south you see
the blue roofs of the charming
Belvedere.

Looking directly over the heart
of the city you see nothing beyond
except a curtain of pale blue
clouds fringed with silver
floating above the horizon awa-
king the signal of the setting sun
to witness the Land of Penn in
Glor. Directly East of one is the
Northern Liberties which from here
forms a part of the city, though
in the mists of its own destinies
it little to my left and within
a rods is the Eastern Penitentiary
with its high massive walls and
concentric battlements inclosing
about 15 Acres. the very sight of
which would strike terror to
the soul of the convict deemed
to a residence within these mas-
sive iron gates.

Still further to the left and
about double the distance is
the unfinished skeleton of the
"Girard College". The edifice
that the old Frenchman so nobly
conceived and gave ideal birth
to in ~~his~~ his last will & testament.
The work is progressing slowly
but at a rate that will place
its benefits beyond the reach of
many who are entitled to them
but if ever completed it will
be a lasting monument of the
old man's benevolent disposition
and the pride of his adopted
city. It will be truly anoble
Edifice (for further description
see sketch). In the neighbor-
hood and more to the left are some
highly cultivated fields &c

between the Penitentiary and where
I sit is fine improvements such
as brick dwellings, Taverns, a
small market house, an Asylum
for females &c &c. with R.R. Cars
passing two & four every five min-
utes. And last though not least is
the steep terraced bank of the
reservoir covered with rich clover
in bloom interspersed with the bright
balls Eye. Now I move around to
the left for a new prospect.

I have again seated myself on
the North West angle of the Grand
reservoir. At my right is the
Girard College surrounded by a grove
of shade trees that hides its imper-
ished form but discloses a partial
glimpse to its west range of columns

Directly before me is the Robt
Morris & Fairmount Hotel an
Elegant 4 story Brick edifice with
three ranges of piazzas bounding
the School Yard and an observatory
on the top presenting a good view
of the surrounding improvement
The next Object to catch the eye
as it swings to the left is a Elegant
mansion and a long range of grand
house embowered amid some tall
pines and other shade trees to-
tally intermingled. Then comes
in course the River Dam &
Canal locks & Waterworks. that ex-
tend navigation to the interior
of the King State & pour in
the water of the noble river to
the height of some 150 feet in
to the reservoir from which

The city receives its daily
supply. The dam I judge to
be about 10 feet high and from
the great quantity of water it offe-
rs are a bunchion of power to offe-
rate the machinery to pump the
water up the hill (See Nicholson's
Mechanics for description)
on the opposite side of the river
is two locks of about 5 feet lift
each which takes the boats from
below to above the dam. There
is also a fine Hotel nearby
and a finely cultivated landscape
with three neat cottages partly
dislosed from the rock growing
bravers. I have now moved to
the west side facing the sitting
room where I get a fine prospect
of an other of the fine Hotels that

that vie with each other in
tempting the appetite of the
thousands of vessels that throng
this paradise of waters. it is
a 3 story wooden building sit-
uated on the East side of the river
immediately at the South end
of the water works and just
foot of the reservoir. with stair
case leading down to the
house and arbour & seats half
way down as a resting place
for assiduous. the arbour
is nicely fitted up with a covered
table on the top, it is definite
however in shade.

I have again to the South W
angle of the Res and directly
fronting the famous wire bridge
crossing the school hill.

which with the Hotel at the
opposite end appears at this mo-
ment to be the great point of attr-
action as boats are thronged with
the living moving ~~scaps~~ pleasure
sucking naps from the crowded
city. The bridge is a great cur-
iosity but for description I must
again refer to the Casket where
the wire bridge before me and
the Market St bridge an arch
bridge which is in sight about
1 mile below one described and
a cut furnished of them.

Directly South of me is the River
winding to join the the Belmore
and in the distance is the U.S
Marine Hospital a noble looking
Edifice & the City again coming
left. +C & C

I have now by a retrograde
movement taken my position on
the west side of the reservoir
to give a description of it.
The inclosure within a neat
white post fence is say about
15 Acres in an irregular
form, that is divided into 5
pounds of water some square
and some irregular in form
with some variation in size.
out side of the fence & between
it & the edge of the bank is
a carriage track assended
by a zig zag at the N.E. cor-
ner. Stone Cais to assend
& descend on all sides. except
South. at the gate way below.
the west bank of Res. presents a broken
mugged side towards base and

andly tierred near the top.
At the end of the dam is a large
harbour with Roof supported by
Columns & Louster work.
The Wheel House contains 8 Iron
Wheels. Working & double acting some
parts of large size. from the
South steps of the Wheel house you
look at the west side of the Res.
which is rocky & Romantic. just
above the water is a marble
statue of Minerva with a crown
standing on the right shoulder
she grasping the legs of the bird with
her left hand and the expanded
wings in her right with its long
neck extending upwards from the
mouth a stream of water is
pitting to the height of 15 to 20
feet. and there is a small

jets of water issuing from
a rock at the feet of the statue
the water showering on her
head all the time.

In the pleasure ground south
of the house is a fountain with
a marble vase 20 feet
in diameter in center
in the center of vase is the
marble statue of child on the
back of a sea creature. with
left arm around the monster's
neck; right hand extended up-
wards and face turned with an
expression of wonder and pleas-
ure at the jet of water
that issues some 20 feet high
from the mouth of the creature.
There is also 4 small jets of
4 streams each.



Wire bridge. is supported by 4 wire
cords. 3 inch in diameter composed
of wire $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch in diameter. 12
over each pore of granite columns
with wire from rope to cross tie
of cart away. as above

Expenses from Bld Book

Southern Tour. 83 59

June 5¹⁸⁹³ Train from Ph to N.Y.

Express on Road

Baggage in N.Y.

Lodging Western

Dinner at Syracuse 34

Strawberry Plants 80

Tram ticket 1/- 12

Tr. for S. R. & Madison R. 3.00

Train to Albany 50

Trip 06

7 Train to Troy 1/- 14

Train to Schenectady 1/- 13

Train to Utica 12/- 1.50

8 Train to Chittenango 1.00

9 Dinner at Mr. Elton 13

\$94.34

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L. B. Munn 1338

T. C. Banks 275

B. Wood Note 175

Adroned M. Ann 34

Elysh Cornell Note 200

Gen Note 50

William & Co 56

Interest on Mortgage 100
1121

L. B. Munn 1100

Mortgage 800
3428

247

147 148

✓ 7 40

✓ 9 30

✓ 10 7

✓ 11 7

✓ Alabama 9

✓ Indiana 5

✓ Ill 4

✓ Mass 10

✓ N. H. 11

✓ S. C. 11

✓ Miss 4

✓ Fire Insurance 3

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