

Here I intend, if Providence permit, to locate my family, & I purchased about 100 acres of the Prairie for a farm, for \$700.

*Nov. 2.* Monday, left the Prairie, Bro. Tainter accompanying me [to] the Wisconsin ferry & paying my ferriage, 6 miles, & rode to Cassville, about 30 miles, & preached to near 100 people at night. This village was but just laid out tho' the map represents it as a large place. It has one of the best sites for a town the river bank affords in this region & will no doubt make a place of considerable business. My road to day was over a variagated country. Near the Wisconsin River is hilly, covered with timber & abounding in stone quarries & lead mineral. After climbing the hills I had a most lovely road over a beautiful Prarie, following a ridge the most of the way, with here & thare a flourishing farm.

*Nov. 3.* I went to Boyce Prairie, and preached at Aaron Boyces, 20 miles, & then to Jo<sup>s</sup>. Boyce 6 miles & preached at night. My congregations were small, the population being sparce. At Aaron Boyces has since been laid out a town for the county seat of Grant county.<sup>1</sup> I this day crossed Grant River & several of its branches, all formed by the most beautiful springs I ever saw, & affording the purest of water, & the best of mill seats. The hills abound with stone & mineral. On some of the streams I saw evidence of stone coal.

*Nov. 4.* Rested & got some washing done, which I found difficult to obtain in this country, on account of the scarcety of female help.

*Nov. 5.* Rode to Plattville, 12 miles, crosing the two main branches of Platt. The first is like Grant, about 20 yards wide at the ford, & the second about 10 yds. abounding in pure spring water & the best of mill seats. The country on this road is hilly, covered with oak timber & well stored with mineral.

*Nov. 7.* Rode to Galena, 25 miles, & began a quarterly meeting for this Mission, which continued the next day,

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<sup>1</sup>The plat of Lancaster was recorded May 1, 1837.— Ed.