

Miss Massey, therefore, was not molested, but soon after left [the] country. The state of Religion as might be expected in such a country was very low. There were a few who feared God, & worshiped him in spirit & in truth.

Nov. 16. Rode to Menominee diggings on the east side of the River, crossing it both ways in a horse boat, in company with Bro. Morgan a local preacher, 10 miles, with whom I lodged that night.

Nov. 17. I started this morning for Cassville to fill an appointment I left when there before. I took the most direct road, which led by the forks of Platt where Paris now stands. But when I reached the River I found it impassable. The back water of the Mississippi over flowed the bottoms & this was frozen one or two inches thick, & the ferry boat, half full of water & ice, was frozen fast. Bro. Morgan, who accompanied me, then led me over hills & through vales, some timber & some Prairie land, up the little Platt to a *ford*. From this I found my way over a ridge of timbered land to the other Platt at Hough's mill & then to the Boyce Prairie. The snow which fell two days previous was fast melting away, so that my horse *balled*, slipped & became fatiagued, and at 3 oclock I reached Jo^s. Boyce's having travelled 26 miles, & yet 26 miles from the place of destination. I therefore despaired of reaching the place & put up for the night.

Nov. 18. Rode to Cassville, and tho' the congregation had been disappointed the night before, a goodly number assembled to hear the word.

Nov. 19. Rode back to Boyce Prairie and lodged with Bro. Fluharty's.

Nov. 20. Rode to Plattville — Major Rountree's.

Nov. 25. Rode to the head of Platt, to Crows & preached at night. I presume I saw 50 deer tracks in the snow in 10 miles ride.

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Nov. 26. West Platt mound. Preached at night. This mound with its mate 3 miles east of it, rises 200 feet above the common level of the country. They are each about a mile