

Journal Entry for Wednesday, 27th September – Thursday, 28th September 1820

Examine an image of the actual journal entry and map drawing found here

<https://mainestatemuseum.org/treat-journal/> and then find marker #2/Passadumkeag River and click on “View Treat’s Journal Entry for This Site” before continuing with this activity.

Now let’s analyze the text:

The land on the River (A) banks continues good up to Passadunkee Stream – This is a long and large stream – comes in from the E. it has on all its branches fifteen ponds, some of which are large – the land on the banks of this stream thirty miles up is very low, but has much rich intervale (B) and meadows – the up land is said not to be very good. there is much Pine timber on this stream and its branches – on the State’s land as well as that sold to Bingham. –

Arrived at Capt. Haynes at 5 P.M. and having been disappointed of getting a tent from Col. Lee, Mrs. Haynes commences making one of cotton cloth brought for the purpose and have to wait for it until

Thursday 28th noon. – then embark and proceed up river taking a sketch of the river, &c.

Note on Grammar and Vocabulary: Treat does not bother with complete sentences, most of his entries are a series of phrases. Sometimes his spelling is inconsistent or wrong. His goal is to quickly and accurately record his observations and the progress of his journey, not to create a formal document.

(A) “the River” refers to the Penobscot River

(B) “intervale” refers to a tract of low-lying land, especially along a river.

Treat’s Observations:

Name one observation Treat makes about the land and/or river.

What critical supply item did Treat have a problem getting? What is the solution?

Your Thoughts:


Was this journal entry interesting? Does it want to make you read more?

Do you have any questions about this entry?

Now let's analyze the map drawing:

Don't be confused! This map is drawn with South at the top; most maps have North at the top. Use the map interactive found here <https://mainestatemuseum.org/treat-journal/> and then find marker **#2/Passadumkeag River** and click on "View Treat's Journal Entry for This Site" to examine the map closely; if you want, you can flip the map upside down and compare it to a modern map. **How accurate is Treat's drawing?**

In addition to land features like streams and islands, Treat made note of the location of houses and farms on his maps. **How many houses did Treat note on this map? Look for this symbol** 

Treat also noted Native camps and communities. He used a triangle  to indicate a *wigwam*. A **wigwam** is a dome-shaped shelter, covered in bark or hides, built and used by the Wabanaki people. **How many wigwams do you see drawn on this map?**

Find the "Indian Eel ware camp" Treat notes on the map. Nearby he draws the placement of a weir [Treat spells this "ware"] in the river by drawing a large capital **M** in the middle of the river. A **weir** is an enclosure or fence of stakes set in a stream as a trap for fish.

