

75 8 of us that came out with him from the east followed him to the grave in the mean time a sermon was preached in the house of the deceased at Opanotamie to improve his death

Soon after this Occurrence several cabins was built on the side of the river on which my cabin stood one of them was occupied by a Man & his wife & Child the wife was very sick when she entered the house anxious to get there although the house was not finished which was by no means an uncommon case but in a few days the Man who was previously of a strong Constitution was Stricken down to the point of death by the fever there was no water for more than a quarter of a mile of his house what was to be done the Man so sick that he could not move himself in his bed the wife so weak that she could not lift a pail of water & a little boy not 3 Years old

there was another person that lived rather more than a quarter of a mile from them in quite another direction a very good kind of Man — this person & myself waited on him continually I took his cows fetched all his water with the grass wet with the Morning dew 45 feet high I was frequently so wet in fetching the water &c that it would wash out from the tops of my boots time after time until on account of being so frequently saturated with wet & drying