

crossed Middle creek, then Grassy creek, then Tough creek, Stillwater and Pleasant Run, all of which are small mill streams running to the S. W., some of which have very muddy bottoms, and lie between Clifty and Flat Rock at the distance of seven miles. In this seven miles the lands are principally very rich and level, the valleys rather wet, and timbered principally with oak, black ash, walnut, sugar tree, poplar, hickory, &c, until we came to the lands immediately on Flat Rock. These lands exhibit a scenery I never expected to see in Indiana. They resemble the rich lands on the two Elkhorns in Kentucky, for richness and timber, and to appearance, abound on both sides of the stream, which has a gravel bottom and is about 80 yards wide. On the north side of this creek we found only one stream (Sugar creek) until we arrived at Driftwood [Blue river], about eight miles in a S. W. direction from where we crossed Flat Rock. The lands between these two streams are level and very dry, timbered with white oak, black oak, walnut, honey locust, underbrush, spice wood, dog wood and hazel. We found beautiful rich and level lands on both sides of Driftwood, and well timbered. The river (by counting our horses' steps) was 180 yards wide where we crossed it. I think there are very few springs in this country, but believe water may be had with very little labor. To sum up my views on the subject, I am of the opinion that if Jefferson County would make a good highway in the direction to this place, that Madison would be the key on the Ohio river to one of the best tracts of country I have seen in this State; and a delay will speedily bring forward some other point as the country is now settling. We met two families and teams on the road to this Eden.

Yours With Esteem,

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