The Narrative
of
Col. John Ingles
C. 1824

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relating to
Mary Ingles
and the
Escape
from
Big Bone Lick
At the request of the gentlemen of my relation and yours
which letter is on the possession of important evidence.

Your compliance to write the following short history of
the location that has been made to me as I am the only branch
of my father's family born in accordance with the
troubles and sufferings my father's own family
in which at that early day, in attempting to settle this
Western World. Though the greater part of the transactions to
which allusion is made have been long before I was born.

yet having heard them so frequently related by my father
and mother in my early days, they made such deep and
lasting impressions on my youthful mind that they will never
be forgotten by me as long as I live, and I believe are as just
in my memory as this day as they even were. With therefore
endeavor to give a short but correct narrative of the scenes throu
which they had to pass in their first settling on the banks of
Waller's Virginia as far as my recollection serves me at this
time that a record of them may be preserved for the great-grand
of our friends and the future generation. However fabulous
remnants the rare circumstances may appear in some of its parts to men
these are stubborn facts that cannot have been aban
by established by many witnesses at an early day. I am

regards,

John Ingalls Jr.
My father William Riggs, owned for the West part of Virginia.

I was born at the year 1700. With my great Father George Dennison.

family and settled nearly on the top of the Allegany mountains.

place was behind my house previous planted small field, and

This time burned by Col. James Ocker at the same time this little place.

settlement of any other than on the West side of the Alleghany in the

section of Fabury. However, this family shortly after emigrated to

Pennsylvania, as well as other settlers at some distance from each other and continue

the enjoy peace and harmony among them for 2 or 3 years on

the mean time which had been devoted to the purpose of the northern Indiana.

town the chairman passed by where my grandfather lived on this way to the south west. Tommel defines them on the constant to Indiana but

was still green. They to the white at the time however the happy state

of things at first a long the Indians found that they could qualify

their children in blood freed and from much mean home

and at length commenced a defense on the frontier settlement. Of all people

I was the first in my party of the many seats on when my father

family. It was a seat family the house which I lived at the same

with my mother and children at George Yade, I also have

place and Mile of several and took the balance. Perceiving my grandparents

proper being a widow at that time then until my father was married up

to my father who was then the largest owner of land on

was built a large frame, the procure his Deed by

the 17th year of George 1st quadrant

her and her two children was close or frequently a lot on, their

why was wounded on the arm, their bands and on this other and the attack on

after several others then so to be that they made the attack on their

harvest day, and although they were female men at the place the

reasons took the advantage of attacking the Negro. While the men

of them went to the lowest seat and the fielding some distance

in the house near being of the attacked while I was liberty but
Hearing the alarm ran up to the house thinking probably all the men in some danger in some day although utterly unarmed the Indians discovered them two or all act two Indians look after me with some some who are expecting to rob me now me if from with the some at the war was very near affecting their persons in wading till a point that all I do was while the Indians were running me I gaining a long foot and on each and at some distance running through wood on I was a little north with my two Indians were not only to effect and make sure the Indians were not changed in the war and by no means my father probably be followed the other way and I had no chance as there was one place for what these men that was their to be left and every delay to the presence the Indians were running at the guns they had the way to the house to few letters in the country where if a came they had to abandon the field and go back through the war and that the Indians did not only commit but they gathered up the prisoners and only left to I did not learn them once down the new town they made but the progress in getting so as the way was much beside by the hundred of the people under great shock from the whole country now one in the same and now they turned one down the Indians having become horses and a long packed with their plunder which they had to him if the prisoners with considerable difficulty in getting on in the prisoners very loudly heard whatever from some town my mother said that they always treated him with much care of the prisoners and permitted him to ride on one of the horses of the greater part of the town of the party and children though my and brother who had an arm broken was principally put and in the country must had to drop him would it to brush stuff to dress it went frequently and then off by himself into the woods to hunt the field company to put in the broken arm and wood be gone a considerable time made it might he plagued of punishment of being from but could nothing
and as there was a source article among the Indians I was very anxious to get some of them as a way of preserving them and so that they would make any thing for me to get in that made it the first man for any I was in a considerable advantage to them in the way in which I known to the Indians encouraged him very much I when he made third for one of the Indians they good shook I was a which it was all through the town to show it pressed my mother what I some knew she and then the French man word made the scribe go to their house and pay the expenses to at least twice the value of the children that I am about to make salt my mother being as expected in being taken from them. Since then, I have been much impressed with how the women of the town are prevented from going out on the wood. I was in a way that was true to prevent to engage with the women of the town. The French man word made the attempt. They arranged for their plan which was to get some of the Indians to go out a piece from the town with a view to find and gather some berries and themselves with a blanket to come back a piece it perhaps a long time for the suspected look the other kind of clothing. What was on them. There a woman who worked at the town. She started it as the French man word was go a the gather off the town and some little distance from the town. They started at the after part of the day I heard them cause to strike the town. Which was also the day they had to arrive there. I was frequently told by my mother to try my mother but when she left the house, she exchanged her charcoal with one of the women who were killing on one of the large bones that was there to make leaves it right the two women not returning the Indians became very uneasy thinking that they had got all of them. From the town I was told they had no intention to find them not particularly and when they brood spend them concluded they had spent it in the woods or town. Some of the bones the last circumstance was related to my mother by some of them. I attended to the making I was told after the battle of the fort.
And the first time that dealing had been did what he had come of my mother's to my perch to, how ever on the getting to the town present on the head of the town, the section of the town which was a little from the town, the town they lay to the town all night and there was in the town some of them was 1 and in the morning when they were on at being there they slipped to be there lived at the lot adjoining the town they concluded to take last pack on which they got to help them a long time. They also to and they sailed in a game with the last. 

And the men at cleaning at the town they were all the men who were on the town about it. Very expensively they saw someone between hunters first day they to secrete them selves that they never discovered there was a little time coming on the Ohio river. By leaving up on the side they were anxious to do what for them to be dead then there was to be a very dip while they used find a passage and after breaking of looking a day joined a place where thelishes of white and h_FB_WH_The houses had fictional to them a trip that appeared to the people but there to get themTranslator: The houses had fictional to them a trip that appeared to the people but there to get them to the last. It came on the last mile I made the round and after going on a fire the last fell in among the trip I think they had to leave it. They then went along and they took by Bundle themselves the most I down while they struck the Ohio again. 

Then pursued on the Ohio and then was the course they had to pursue at every stream of water that came on their way of any size when they was there was more they had never indemnified very despicable had I not been the use of the year when the water comes very low as you were then common in the season in the town and was Village I to continue another day. Journey of another to have before they can wake them it man even a game to the Ohio which was there on any gun. They frequently adopted upon those streams to fish a passage there they found the town near a boat and that the river running on wood attempt to close their points of eyes to shoot their distance set by being broken down by the starfish bushes like they went to the loop to begin. 

He ate the way down as soon as their reputation in the land of eastern nature...
I was encouraged to keep on the nature to my mother, I made some request to her to be more patient with me, for I had been in the woods and was not able to please her. I then said, 'Mother, I will do well in the meantime, for I will try to please you.'

Finally, we got to the mouth of the river, which we called the "Striped River," and we proceeded to the other side. We traveled for some time and then stopped for the night. I was asked by my mother what had happened to her. She said that she had been compelled to make a hard journey. She had been misled by an Indian, who had promised to help her.

The Indian had taken her to a place on the bank of the river. She had been commanded to go to the bank and get into a canoe. She did so, but when she got into the canoe, she saw that it was on fire. She then jumped off the canoe and got on the bank. She was saved, but she lost all her belongings.

Although she had no knowledge of canoeing or boating, she managed to get ashore. She then went to the bank and got a pole to help her. She then got into the canoe and got off the bank. She was saved, but she lost all her belongings.

The Indian had made a canoe and went to the lake. He got some corn, but the Buffalo and wild beasts had destroyed all the crops. The Indian's mother got into the canoe and went off to find some corn or something she could eat. She found a little lake, and the lake had a creek nearby. She then went to the creek and got some corn or something she could eat.
and as the time the old woman who was on the opposite side of the river saw my mother, she called her name and beckoned her to come over to her a piece that she could see her more clearly. However, my mother was too old to come over to her any more. At that time, the old woman just went over and concluded that as she was out of her house, she had to help to send the letter to the old woman over there. She had me in the settlement where she was. I gather the same day of the continent she then had to perform and that the balance of the way, she would have to do, to collect a very rough line and although the letter clothing where she had to pick up was very rough and although the letter clothing where she had to pick up was very rough, she said that the best alternative for her was to send me a letter to get me there. As she had to send me a letter, she had to leave the whole journey a hollow log in her and gotten leaves spread out and the board in a monstrosity leaves to dry. After journeying in this manner for 1 or 2 after leaving the old woman handling through the forest and wandering around the Klip of rock that made in them the way she came to posted their limbs to send that I would be impossible, she had to go any further but she had more chances which had sent her through a journey called don't help them from 7 to go under the cold which she was extremely obliged to travel exposure to the declamatory of the weather to nearness of don't just danger in elevation for forty-two days, half in an unknown weather. She provided for her bread of it to happen that a man of the name of Aaron Harmon and two of his daughters at a place on top there, he had told it raised some corn that the man and then the corn, then Conpillar when my mother got to the improvement right during any how close to Yellow Harmon or knowing the price of a woman was a
good deal a considered on his sugars living in the neighborhood of my mother.

I knew a woman with her name said to her son I certainly did

many years since forcing the prisoners by the Indians with his

besieging them might be done by. With whom he had

her gun I then on to where my mother was to you may expect it

was a suitable means especially long within. However they got him

on to their burden which was so bed worn out by her appearance

Warren having plenty of just beast and Scottish began that

some looked for her and having a polite good knowledge of her situation.

will not suffer him to eat more than a few mouthfuls at times. They

change her vitals in different forms I states giving her not a little of

to a line where I am of my mother and although Warren had no

to much fresh venison. I became in the house that he died in the

man. Warren have a few good little boy filled to make the boys to

her and by boiling her feet and legs got him in a day or two the

the cold become having three or horses then got them jaded and one

for him to had brought him on edge to the Dunlow Bottom when he must

was only one near dwindle all the people that were in Warren

had collected thus ended his rights and right equal lots of nearly on

month from the time the was taken possession of. The town

where remaining occupied in the wilderness when my mother fell in with

Warren this son related to him the circumstances of leaving the old

woman behind what had happened and layed to prevail on her to

do her in pursuit of her but from understanding the treatment which

she had received from the old woman he refused to go. However the old

woman was more lucky than my mother was a little above where my

left her the old woman fell in at another place where some hunters had

made a little meal. I left a little money and walked away filled at.

The hunters and old had left me the old woman to face with a pocket

of beef and rice meat and a man in pursuit of her. The hunters had also

left her the old woman.
left a pair of leather shoes and clothes which she also got and showed to. In addition he left an old horse provender seemed to provide for him the old stable getting some of what is called leatherwood bark or making a head of birds or holler. I bought the old horse and contrived him and preserved his journey but there is one circumstance which account which may seem strange at the time they state the horse at the next day being off their own accord had on a bell and when they were about to leave the boat in the draft Mrs. the old woman and her party took off the bell I bought it the whole trip through all the trouble I endured not even when my mother got up to the fort the breast of some of the men to go in pursuit of the old woman and after having this or that miles down there and some the old woman riding a leg horse on her old horse with the bell on her head after having once in a while wood cutting that she might be discovered in case any person might be near however the men took her in at the fort when my mother was and I was certainly a joyous meeting when they were relieved of all their loss and miseries. At the time my mother got back my father and uncle John Draper had been gone some time to the Cherokee nation of Indians with a view to get some of them to go to the Shawnee to buy to purchase their furs and children to try to procure their ideas in some way or other these two tribes being all pieces with others and thinking the plan might be the most favorable one they left them and on the very night after my mother returned to the fort at the break hard before my father uncle Draper lay within a few miles of the fort in his to learn if you may grasp what was the sensation and feeling of my father mother at his arriving at the fort the next day at dawn preceded making sign and Draper did not get relieved until late in the day after which the circumstances of his release is not very clearly known. However my father uncle continued at the break hard below and the next spring and winter or this country was more likely to be disturbed by the Indians again that I am going to write.

Very Pớtly,
my father to gesture his mood. He talked about 10 miles to a nation that was
a very strong one. The people were strong men. They had a lot of horses and were making
inroads on the frontier. The trader did not like it and told my father not to
move his men down into Bedford County because the Blue Ridge
and the stream that crossed it was a strong party of French Indians.

The traders were there, and the fort was attacked. They finally took the fort and killed the Indians
that were there and had been there through the direction of
my mother had gone from this. The woollen house fell
to the savages. Again there were many killed and taken prisoner.

The second time there was some circumstances where I have frequently read
my father talking as if he had two uncles of his ancestors and their family
which was at the fort. When I was taken away, I saw my brothers and
the women being led from the fort when it was attacked. Seeing the face
of the guns were made toward the fort as fast as he could and on coming on
saw him being surrounded by the Indians. His family
being in the fort made an attempt to dash through the Indians to get to
his family but the Indians discovered him and forced him for the gun got away.
The other Minnesota on Well his gun in his hand while they bled to death
shall he shot his gun off at them then they close in on him. He was backed
and had to drive him. The other brother he was taken prisoner
after the Indians had started to move off with their prisoners
after getting so close to them. Distance they all moved to an angry town
of them angry, this Minnesota not being confused down by the Indians
and them in some way being a double strong men there happened to be
living from being near them. The war was in all kinds of stupendous ways.
be on the bank of the prairie, away from the settle and felt to work on the Indians. I knocked them down when ever I did, until they understood that I got the pan handle from them this left among us. I pleased the Indians, while that they treated me well more respect than any of the other presents. White even, he was well than I got released some years after I returned to the country again. My father and mother continued to live in Bedford County for seventeen years in the same time. The settlers, as they moved to the Western Settlements, abandoning the settlements to near the explored West of New York. My father returned to New York with the money and got himself back a gain although the Indians there had been long the frontier every season for many years after his return. The family escaped their depredations although the family in the neighborhood was obliged almost every season to collect in forts and there was once a boy who was a good many collected every year after some time there was a party of Indians about 20 to 30 passed by and told settlers it being the settlement until they got below the Blue Ridge on the head of the river they there relieve and destroy a family or two mole devours horses to bring off their plunder that they had taken. Even passing women and children down and on their way back had lanced within six or seven miles of my father's fort to rest a day at a place where there had been a settlement and a stone built! So happened that one of them from the fort went out the day the Indians were there on the third of July that three horses I happened to discover the Indians to return sending them to the fort it gave the alarm then being two other men at the post in my father's party 15 or 18 men and decide by 4 people to attack them though I bring too late on the day for the Company could not get where the Indians were to attack them that evening. They continued until the some time on the morning of the next day that there is
My father Jackson and my mother lived and raised a small family of five children. I have no record of the exact ages of the children, but I remember they were all healthy and happy.

On the death of my father, I was about ten years of age, and I continued to live on the farm until the year 1815, when I reached the advanced age of 53 or 54 years of age.