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through New Jersey and across the length of Pennsylvania, crossing numerous "mountains" and swollen rivers and weathering snow and rainy days that kept them bound at times in crude and unpleasant inns. The travelers often walked on foot to spare the horses, and Margaret reports the distance they made each day, sometimes fewer than five miles. Starting the trip on October 19th, Margaret does not reach Warren until Sunday, December 1st. Because she is writing this journal specifically for her good friend and cousin in Connecticut, Margaret is very open with her opinions of her fellow travelers and of the people she encounters along the road. She has a special eye out for single men of marriageable age. She complains about the efforts of Deacon Wolcott to save money while staying in the inn an extra day to avoid traveling on the Sabbath. She describes the "dutchmen (in Pennsylvania who) have been here to day to smoke, drink, swear, pitch cents, almost dance, laugh talk dutch stare at us," the black servant girl in East Pennsboro Township who accuses the Wolcott family of stealing her money, and the crude and smelly waggoners in an inn the western part of the state who try to share a bed with the young women. "Prophanity is the characteristic of a Pennsylvanian," she warns her cousin. In this journal, we not only get a sense of the times, but we also gain the perspective of this very special young woman. Her journal ends with "Let no one else see this but your own family." I am glad that later generations of her family agreed to share this with all of us. I downloaded this version from to my Kindle as a public domain book at no cost. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An interesting travelling story. By WestUnionGuy I didn't really think I would like this book. I don't really get into books with female main characters. But this book was an exception. Though it is written in diary fashion, I enjoyed her attention to detail and seeing life in that era from her point of view. It didn't take long to read and I am glad I took the time to give it a chance. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Reality beats fiction By B. Goldman What a great insight into the times. Should be mandatory reading for young people who think they have it tough.

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