

Written by Uncle Charley (C. D. Hall)
Nov. 1864 about his trip
to the army, accompanied
by my father ^{Charles} ~~Charles~~ ^{Hall}

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Sept or November, from our home
at Portland, for the army. Each
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my brother proceeded to the House
of a friend, about 7 or 8 miles distant
where we (intended to) spend the night.
In the evening I was taken with
a high fever, but was free from it

again the next morning. It had
commenced raining in the night
and was still raining, and I was in
some doubt whether it would be
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home, but it was necessary for
my brother to go on. I might not
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the bridge was gone, but it did not look deep, and these appeared to be tracks, where somebody else has forded it, my companion was first, and he went right in but it was swimming, and the horse turning round suddenly swam back, but I got until the saddle bags and contents, blankets &c. were wet through, what to do was the next question, but that was quickly decided, a tree that had fallen across the creek was discovered, over which we could carry our things. As there was a good sun we hung out the wet clothes, and stripped the horses, and my Com swam them over on the other side. the clothes ~~soon~~ were dry in a few hours or less, and we carried all the things over the log, saddled up the horses, and proceeded on our way rejoicing.

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