

James Kenny

- A Quaker trader living in Chester County, Kenny carried out two trading missions on behalf of the Commissioners for Indian Affairs, during the French and Indian War. One, to bring provisions to Pennsylvania and Ohio tribes, and another to manage a trading store in Pittsburgh.
- He kept a journal about his trips giving details about Native American life, as well as some of the events of the French and Indian War.

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Journal to the Westward by James Kenny

“The journal covers the period 1758 through 1763 and details Kenny’s experiences on two expeditions. The first was via York, Frederick, Cumberland, and Braddock’s Road to Pittsburgh, to carry provisions to the Pennsylvania and Ohio tribes. Israel Pemberton, a fellow Quaker and one of the Commissioners for Indian Affairs, had invited Kenny to oversee the operation. Details of the arduous journeys, as well as incidents of the French and Indian War, such as skirmishes, intrigues, scalplings, and Indian alliances with British and French, are mentioned. Kenny’s second assignment was as a steward of a trading store that had been established at Pittsburgh by the Commissioners. One of the Commissioners, Joseph Morris, invited Kenny to take the assignment.”

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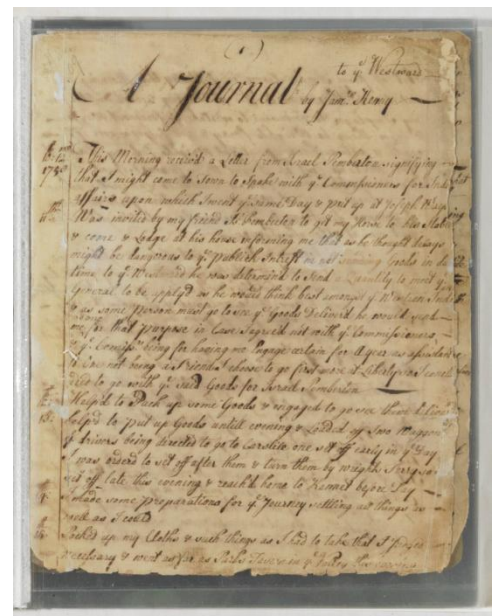
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