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## TRAVELING THROUGH HISTORY

The last couple of days we have been experiencing the heat and humidity that has been creeping eastward. Tomorrow we will start to escape it as we go into Canada.

We have been traveling through the hills and valleys of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. With the exception of a few cities, population here is pretty sparse.

A lot of the towns in these states are situated along rivers. There are covered bridges and lots of old factory buildings. You can see that they used the flowing water to generate power or to power pulley systems to manufacture products. The sad part is that these old buildings are ghost towns. Shoe factories...gone, woolen mills...gone, a mute testimonial to the overseas flight of our industries. Many of these closed factories have been revamped into unique other uses.

This area is the only place that you can pull into a gas station and start pumping gas without declaring or providing any method of payment first. It seems like they still believe people are honest! Ayup!

An interesting fact we learned is, the Notre Dame Cathedral was constructed with pink granite from Maine.

The last of the New England Toth Indian Statues is in Burlington VT.

Burlington is situated on the shores of Lake Champlain. There are several State Parks around here and we are ensconced in one of them.



Our plans now include traveling to Hamilton, Ontario Canada to visit with three of my Canadian cousins for a few days.

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