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Weather at Valley Forge: It was 160 winters ago that Washington led his army along the Old Gulf Road to Valley Forge. The wind was cold and piercing and snow was falling. One-third of the men were barefoot and many in rags. Upon reaching Valley Forge they had to build huts of logs chinked with rocks and clay. These huts as a rule had no chimneys. Fires built outside served as their kitchens. That winter was described as one of uncommon severity; roads were blocked with snow and the Schuylkill River was frozen. Imagine the weather odds, when the normal winter there averages about 34 degrees, with an extreme of possibly 13 degrees below zero and 25 inches of snow!
