

Dear Father

I have been thinking of writing to thee for some time but have not got at it until Ezra wished me to write in his letter which I fear thee cannot make out as it has not been but a short time since he first ~~was~~ commenced to write but I thought I would let him send it if it was not so nice as some do I do my ~~own~~ work this winter and it keeps me pretty busy we are having very fine weather now Phebe writes she don't think they shall stay in Chic much longer as they don't like it where they are I wish thee could come to Michigan in the summer. Hiram liked the little paper thee sent very much We do not hear anything from Daniel Does thee hear from him

has John Robertson visited
you yet I hope he is enjoying
himself this winter Irving is
here yet he is a good boy and is
most he wants to work by the
month through the summer I think
he will get a place near here
James health is pretty good
now I have got a big turkey
in the oven and would be so glad
to have Father and Ezra and Mary
come E and Bet to take dinner
with me But as that is out
of the question to day Does thee
hear from Thomas Chace often
I fear this letter will be rather un-
interesting and will close with
much love to my dear Father and
other friends write to me if thee
can as so good by affectionately
thy daughter — Mary A Robertson
To Father

Albion march 1 1860
Dear Grand father
As I have been ~~learning~~
to write I thought I would
write to you it has been
a good while since we have
heard from you please write
as soon as you can we have a good
school and I attend Ellen says
ver often she wishes grand pa
was here and so do we all how
is grandpas health this winter
we are all well we have a nice
colt and plead out to water
we have three large horses we
sold old colonel last summer
Irving has improved very m-
uch in his studies school
is out in ~~front~~ two weeks
and then he wants to get a
place to work through the

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summer as this the first
letter I ever tried to write you
will have to excuse me
your affectionate grandchild
Ezra Cornell Robertson

Albion March 12 1860

My Dear Father

I received thy short letter the evening of the 10th and as I had made a letter to thee that week I did not answer immediately as I should it not been so recently that I have wrote. I have just read a letter of ten pages from Phibe to Jane she is very much concerned for my spiritual welfare which is very kind in her she don't seem to consider any one else in the family in danger but myself and why is it because I don't make a hypocritical profession of popular religion which I never yet have found it in my soul to do never, I can't make a pretence but it would be but mockery and I utterly abhor the thought yet my prayer is to do my duty to all

around me and to be led in the path
of duty to God and man and yet
My Sister Phoebe says I am led away
by Infidels and ~~but~~ writes very hard I
think because I don't see it my duty
to unite with an orthodox church
and consequently be a hypocrite I wish
I knew my Father's feelings and would
ask his advice if I was not ~~so~~ afraid it
was asking to much I hope the will
excuse me and be assured I think of thee
very often and wish I could be where I
could see thee and assist the Mission is
going to write and I will conclude
with affectionate love to my Father
Mary O'Rourke

Dear Father

As Mary has
commenced a letter to you.
I thought that I would write
a little I wish that you was
here that we could talk in-
stead of writing but we will
make the best of it
We are enjoying our selves
pretty well with nice weath-
er plenty to eat and enough
to do We have had the nicest
latter part of February and
so far in March that I have
saw for the time of year
Stock in these parts are a
coming through the winter
very nicely our wheat looks
first rate I have 36 1/2 acres
and 4 acres of rye I have
not done much this winter

but churning and getting up
wood I have a man at work
for me that has been at work
for Daniel Upton through the
winter. He says that Mr
Upton is well and smart
Phebe sets here and says give
my love to Grandpa and I
can vouch that all the rest
would do the same if they
were here. They are all a
growing nicely and appear
pretty healthy.

~~Ellen wants me to tell you that~~
she has got a nice little lamb
I want you should write
as often as you can

With much respect

I am

H. D. Robertson

Oil Works Mar 19 1866

My Dear Father

It is a long time since I have written to thee but have often thought I would. but from time to time have neglected to do so I get letters often from Jane she seems very happy and is pretty well considering all things. I also got a good long letter from Deborah a short time ago she writes with a more cheerful spirit than she ever has before since they have been up in the woods and seem to be very comfortable. She seems to be rejoicing in a warm love and her letters indicate an enjoyment of time and

heartfelt pity. I am
such an Anti Spiritulist
that Mary dont write to
me much. I am sorry to
say I would like to get letters
from her her health is
good this winter Jane says
and I am also sorry to
say Daniel does not write
to any of us now. he still
answers my letter I wrote
him when Jane was
married. If there is all
I would like to have the
come and see us with Ezra
Sometime when we get in
the new house, we will have
plenty of room it is most
as large as yours and there
are two nice bedrooms below
and 24 up stairs. I want
the to send me some of
that nice Sweet Corn.

you have to plant in
our garden this Spring
when Ezra comes. The
men are clearing of a
little piece of new land
near the new house for
a "truck patch" as the
Ohio folks call it. I think
there would be loneliness
here we live so far away
from a village but I do
not get lonesome I get
along finely in my log
hut. and it makes me
think so often of Old DeKuyt
that I almost enjoy it.
I see but very few of our
sort of folks most are old
Country people and people
from the South. I got a
letter from Eunice Barnard
a spell ago she said they
were well as usual.

I suppose she goes to see
Elijah's folks. Tell them
I never wanted to see them
so much as I do now

I suppose you heard about
Henry Gifford running away
last fall and leaving his
family. Jane says he
turned up in Cap Co
this winter with a broken
link and sent for his
wife. That is the way men
are glad enough to have
their wives when they get in
trouble. Well I have more
much as she will be able
to read I think so I will
stop. from thy

Loving Daughter
Phoebe

Abion March 31st 1860

Dear Father

I have just got the baby asleep and will try, and improve the opportunity to write a few lines to thee, it is not because it is an unpleasant task, that I fail to write to thee oftener, it is not only a duty but a pleasure when I once get about it, but like a great many other things I am very apt to procrastinate,

I think I shall have to brag just a little about our boy, he is a fine little fellow if he did not weigh but $7\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. he is two weeks old tomorrow morning, last Sunday morning he had gained one pound and tomorrow his father is going to weigh him again, don't know which side of the family he is going to resemble, his father says his eyes are like his Grand Pa Cornell's

we are having very pleasant spring weather, except it's being very dry. A week ago last Monday morning, when our folks went out to attend to their chores, they found that a couple of strong dogs had been among their sheep during the night, and about thirty sheep lay scattered all around over the farm unable to stand, some of them dead, but most or less bitten about their throats and heads. They succeeded in killing one of the dogs, the other escaped at the time but they afterwards caught it. James found the owner of one, and he promised to make it all right, but whether he will or not remains to be seen. Several of the sheep have since died and the rest mope around, holding their heads on one side. We received a letter from Edward and Angelina not long since. They were preparing to camp out in their sugar bush, intending to make sugar quite extensively. James

family were all well. Edward says he received a letter from Daniel not long since. He complains that one some of us, answer his letter, and seems to feel quite forgotten and neglected, which I do not think he has any reason to as far as I am concerned at least for I am sure it is himself that has failed to answer my letters. Irving is at Hiram yet. he does not succeed in finding a place to work. Tell Mary Ann that Cyrus Robertsons eldest daughter was married last Sunday evening to one Howell, and Edwin Brown was married to a lady of Orleans whom he had never seen until within two weeks of their marriage. I don't know as thou will be able to read this, if not thou will have to get a pair of younger eyes to English it for thee. If thy health continues as good as usual, I hope we shall see thee in Michigan this coming summer we should be very glad indeed to have thee come. I suppose thou hears from Phoebe quite

often - she has plenty of time to write
Please remember me to all enquiring
friends. Mary is quite laid up at
present with her feet and ankles. They
break out in sores and are very painful
she can hardly get around at times
I must close for the present, hoping
to have the favor of a letter from this
even. I remain respectfully and affectionately

Thy daughter Jane

Hall River 4mo 8 1860

My dear Brother
Elijah Cornell

Yesterday I rec^d thy last
letter part of it wrote by Ezra. which was
very acceptable, this being a rainy day
I thought I would not go to meeting this
after noon, I thought I would spend
the time in writing, the spoke in
thy former letter about Rebekah being
here we had a good visit from her of
a bout one week she seemed to enjoy
her self well, we are all in usual health
I have not been so well through the
past winter as heretofore but am some
better now yesterday I took hold of a
plow for a short time but had to
give it up, It would bring on the
palpitation of the heart in a few min
ets, I am not able to do much and
never expect to again, I am in my
73 year past the age of man

He wanted to hire how brother
Robert got a lary with his money of air
I will say that he will loose about
two thousand dollars, which I the
most he is worth beside his house and
lot, It seems hard in his time of life
but he will not want much and that
not long, He wanted to hire from
the old friend here I can tell the
that they are gone here now Mike
Chau the daughter I shobed I still here
but poble, the widow of James Pierce
I still living at the age of 96 still
about house Aunt Sybil I still
with us at the age of 91 and as well
as she has been for a number years
she has been with us most of the time
for three years, Betsey Purington
I still living so I Ruth & Dianna
I do not think of any more to write
about, Enach Bayle the last of
the family died last season—
Enach has left two sons who make smart
men John Bayle left one son

I saw on a count of Ezra farm land
paper by Horace Greeley which I was
much pleased to see, If I could write like
Ezra I should like to and him often but it
is quite a circumstance for me to sit
down and write a letter, I can not do
it as well as I could a few years ago
my hand are getting some what stiff
and I think my ability to do it has failed,
I want Ezra to write me often —

Hall River Is Increasing very fast there
is between thirty & forty building going
up this season that we know of and
likely many more that we do not know
of, I must bring this to a close for this
time my wife gives me in love to the
& Ezra & wife Affectionately thy Brother
Eliab Cornell

Miller Chase

Whaca July 7 1860

Dear Father

Thy letter together with Hiram's was thankfully received and I was very glad to hear from you and to hear that you were well. I take it for granted that the rest are all well although you did not mention them, and as the wished to know how the weather had been here I would say that we have had a very growing season so far not any too much rain, we have not had any rain since the evening of the 4th when we had a very heavy shower.

We had a splendid Balloon ascension here on the 4th. Mr Brook made an ascension in his new Balloon (the new world) which he built here accompanied by two young ladies of this place the day was very fine and with a little air they went nearly straight up for about a mile or so and then moved off in a southeast direction but remained in sight for about

two hours and finely came down about
sun set some 8 miles of with out upset-
ing the basket and was back in town
again by 9 o'clock

I have been to work for the last 4 weeks
for Ezra building a foundation for an addition
to his house and a large cistern and also under-
pinning his barn which he has raised up
two feet and built on in addition the
whole length for stabling they have just
commenced haying our crops look very
fine we had green peas on the 4th from
our field and have had plenty for our selves
and neighbours ever since and they are very
fine Father Burdick has got quite smart
so that he does all the work in the garden
and he has got the finest garden the ever
saw for this time of year he and Mother
have gone to McClean on a visit to her sisters
will be back tomorrow

Mame and Jerome are with us at present
Jerome is helping us through hay and Harvesting
he makes quite a farmer

Egner has gone to Ohio again but will be back in a few days. Alonzo went to Kentucky a short time ago and bought some 7 or 8 head of short-horn heifers which I think are the finest they have on the farm they cost about \$1000.

Well Father how does the enjoy thyself since thy arrival at Effion does it seem like home, or does the feel as much at home as while living here. I suppose however that no place seems as much like home as when Mother was living and you were keeping house by your selves. It does indeed seem hard that those social and domestic ties must be broken but so it is and we must console our selves with the hope that we shall again meet in our Spirit home and be reunited to those loved ones that have preceded us to that sunny clime where universal peace reigns and parting is no more, let us look forward to that happy hour with pleasure and be prepared to meet it with a smile upon our countenances when we are called to go hence.

Please give my best respects to Harms
family and tell him I will write him
in a few days when there is any thing
new turns up. Tell Mary if she
will send over she shall have a mess
of green peas. Tell Jane I should
be very much pleased to hear from her
and her little responsibility I suppose it
has got so that it can call grandpa
anew. I expect it is a very smart child.
Please give our love to all and
be assured I remain as ever E.B. Cornell

P.S. I suppose Jane has heard of Ann Nelsons
she has been very sick for a long time but
she is now getting better and the prospect is
that she will get well E.B.C.

Hall River 11^{mo} 26 1860

My dear brother
Elijah Cunnell

It has been a long time since I heard from the. After receiving this I hope the If able If not some one will write me and let me know how It is with the how It they health and how It the situated, and If the Expects to remain there for the future, I want to hear from the as often as convenient, we are all in usual health here I often have the turns no more than I could expect for one of my age I shall be 75 years old in the 2^{mo} next, my Wife 7 years younger than my self she is quite smart for one of her age, two of our daughters are at home single one is a widow the other has not been married, the third one the eldest of the three is married and has three children well situated, Brother Robert is at home of late he has mostly done doing any work except tending his garden he is living with his 2^d wife, he has lately lost two thousand dollars by a failure of a man that he had built 27 ships for, and has lately failed and only poor gets on the dollar as I understand It makes Robert feel poor but I think he has a nough to carry him through.

Aunt Sybel Chas & still with us she
she will soon be 92 years old the oldest
one a aunt here, except the widow of James
Here she is 96 or 97 I can not tell which
she is a aunt house game, I do not know of
any thing that has taken place here since
I last wrote that would interest the —

We had a fine visit from Ezra & Wife
this fall which was very agreeable to us
We often hear from Thomas Chas they are
well for any thing we know they often
visit us, Eunice has lately spent a week
with us, Fall River has got to be a large
place the would hardly know it if was to
come here, It has all grown since I came
here. I do not think of more at this time
that would interest the so I will turn to
a close for the present

Affectionately My Brother
Eliza Correll Miller Chas

Agricultural College Arid
Dec 15 1866

Dear Grandfather

I have not heard from you in so long a time I thought I would address a few lines to you. I'm well at present & going to College at Arid with Perry. We commenced going Dec 6th as the school began then. I should like to see you very much & I trust you are enjoying a good degree of health. The College to which we go is intended to give a student a good thorough education in English Languages & Chemistry & also other branches too numerous to mention. with a practical knowledge of Agriculture. The College is large enough to accommodate 200 students. They have a farm attached to it of 600 acres to practice & experiment on. We ~~board~~ ^{board} & room at the College.

The charges are \$200 a year for board & room. washing &c. We expect to continue 3 years to complete our course of Education. This Term is the first beginning of the College. Perry sends his love to you & wants you to write to him. we like our ~~new~~ home very well much better than we expected. The weather is very cold now days. The thermometer degrees above zero this morning which is the coldest it has been yet. Grandfather write to me for I should like to hear from you very much. Direct to Acad. Ag. College. Seneca Co. N.Y. Good by for this time.

From your affectionate Grandson

Benjamin Cornell

To Elijah Cornell

Ag. College Ovid Dec 18th 76

Dear Mother

I received your letter this evening and was very glad to hear from you on account of the carpet for I tell you this room is enough to make the strongest man in the state of New York home-sick however I am not so yet and trust I shall not get so. I have got the measure of my room and find it to be ^{ft} 12 ⁱⁿ 6 by ^{ft} 13 ⁱⁿ 6 and besides that I want a piece to put down in the bed room in front of the ~~bed~~ beds that will take a piece ^{ft} 6 by 6 I can't put on a decent pair of pants without spoiling them. I have got permission to come home Saturday to stay until Wednesday I wish you would get the carpet so as I can ^{fetch} it back with me then there won't be any trouble about it. I received a letter from M. C. Bristol a day or two ago he seems to like his school very much but it is what I call a great school he says they go and come

when they are a minute to and behave as they
are a minute to after they get there he also says
he thinks he will spend the holidays in
Dryden principally in Etina I think.

I received a letter from Alonzo to
day you will have to tell him that
I will answer his letter when I come home
as I have got out of ~~paper~~ paper the
same to Mary.

My love to the children and your self

Over your affectionate son
O. H. Perry Cornell

M. A. C.

Fall River 2nd mo 1861

Dear Brother

Elijah Cornell Thine of a late date
part of it wrote by Mary came to
hand a few days since, and was
gladly read by us all, to see a
letter wrote by one of thy age, I
think I am nearly done writing
and am 15 years younger than thee,
I was 75 the 2^d day of this month
and think my self a hunt done
with the things of this world,
and a great hope to be prepared
for the one to come, I think I
am as well as most of folks of
my age, though often have ill
turns, quite well at this time
so are the rest of our family
Except Sarah Children which have
been sick of late but are getting
over it same

Last week I went to Providence
to Quarterly meeting and stopped at
Lyon Durintan. It was who married
a slave in ~~Massachusetts~~ ^{Connecticut} he is not living
left her with a handsome property,
there I saw Ruth, sister to Lyon
they both inquired after ~~me~~,
Ruth has been twice married
and is now a widow I believe
she was left with some property
to help her out, Ruth took care
of her sister Betty the last till
she died, Betty had spent all
that her father left her and
was supported by the meeting
for some time, Abigail Pierce
the widow of Eliza Pierce she
was the daughter of John Gibbs
deceased this life a short time
since she has lived with her
daughter for many years she
knows that Joseph Chau married
the son of Asa married her.

Joseph Chau married Nancy
the only daughter of Chimney
Pierce his widow has been in a
deranged state for a number of
years, the widow of James Pierce
is still living at an ^{advanced} age
nearly one hundred, The shade
of Saml Wpton is the before the
last letter of him well, I had
a paper sent me from some
one of the family giving an ac-
count of his death, and a very
good account of him; There has
not any thing taken place with
any of thy old friends since I
last wrote, Brother Robert is
well I think of nothing more
to write at this time I want
to hear from thee a gain soon
and from Mary, the family
gives me in love to thee and thy
children in them parts
Ezrah Cornell Miller Chau

Dear Uncle,

For several years I have been engaged in collecting information respecting our ancestry, I wish thee might have an opportunity of perusing what I have obtained. Thinking thee might be interested in so doing, Benjamin Chace and Rhoda Upton were married 1770. Benjamin Chace and Sarah Cornell were married 1777. Elijah Cornell and Sarah Miller were married 12th mo. 2nd 1769. Benjamin Miller was born 1707. * They were the parents of nine children, - Charity born 1728. - Benjamin born 1731. - James born 1733. - Patience born 1734. Rachel born 1738. - Mchetable, 1740. - Robert born 1742. - Mary born 1744. - and My Mother Sarah, born 1746. I find the date of thy birth to be 10th mo 17th 1771 but have not learned the date of the birth of thy brother Ezra Cornell, if thou knowest or can procure the date of Uncle Ezra's birth and will send it to us, I shall be very much obliged to thee. We have today received a letter from Cousin Ezra, the family were well, he is just now very busy, was about to start for Albany. Very Respectfully thy niece Mary R. Russell.

*The wife of Benjamin Miller was named Mchetable.

I like to have ^{Feb 1861} forgot to answer
My Inquiry about John Corb. he
is still living at the homestead
of his Father with his sister
Elizabeth who is very feeble and
has been for a long time
John is poor his son Benjamin
owns the place where he lives
John two daughters a few years
since moved to Iowa Sarah was
married Elizabeth was single
who died last fall Benjamin
lives at Kariadone Rd. he is
Clerk of a Store

Miller Chase

Agr College Orid April 17th 1861

Dear Mother

We arrived here all right yesterday noon in time for dinner and just in time to escape the storm, I find things looking about the same my room was just as I left it but I tell you it looked rather dusty we went to work immediately after dinner and took up the carpet and cleaned it and put it down in the corner room and a more pleasant room you never saw Kirk and myself are rooming together Ben thinks he had rather room alone than any other way and I am willing.

There are now some fifteen or twenty new fellows here already and more ^{kept} expected every minute, the boat on the Seneca which was due at eight this morning

has not arrived yet and it is now two in the afternoon we are expecting some twenty or thirty students on that and more up the lake when the boat comes back. The Major says that he expects about eighty students this summer it will make quite a regiment the seemed to be a more respectable set here than there was last term.

I wish you would send me that dressing gown of Father's that he had when his arm was broken it will be a nice thing to study in the boys all have them and it will save my coats Father will never use it and also my tooth brush that is in the cupboard and you might put in that pair of white stockings that was in the wash. I wish you would have some of them send me the weekly tribune as we cant get any news here at all no more at present. Give my love to all and a share to yourself Your affectionate son

O. H. P. Cornett

W. A. G.

Ag. College Acad June 2nd 1861

My Dear Mother

I received your letter last Friday and thought I would answer it to day although I must confess I was very much disappointed in not receiving the money. As I have no money I of course cannot get home at present I shall stay and make the best of it until July and then I shall come home to return here no more I have lived in this drunken hole long enough the institution has got the worst kind of a name from one end of the county to the other and even at Geneva, yesterday forenoon I was up town and there were two or three of our most respectable boys up town I was talking with Mr Jones he said when they came along that they would go back backed in each others arms, we have all a

name alike at Ovid, N.Y.

Last night two of the boys
and H. C. Barney came home dead
were four or five others with them
sprung. I for my part am done here
I shall not come back here under

what ever. No more at Present Give my love to all
the folks Ever your affectionate son,

O. W. Perry Cornell

Michigan Asylum June 4th, 1861

Dear Parent,

I have received a letter from Angeline by Albion, and have answered it. my health is good and I have my strength. my expences amounts to \$3.50 per week, which ~~with the~~ few articles of clothing I have had, will amount to quite a some of money. I think my health is fully restored, and now I am anxious of returning home as I have got mowing and harvesting to do, and I want to visit three weeks before I go up home, Brinsons folks want me to come and see them before I leave town. I have not been in their house yet. nor Doctor will not let me go even to see them. I do not know what he is afraid of I believe it is against the rules of the Asylum for any attendant to let a patient speak ^{any words} or step in to any store or other dwelling I expect Eliza Eliza will pay my expences. I have been well these six weeks and should have been to home I asked Doctor Van Daeen to let me go home, some six weeks ago. when he said he could not. untill some of

E. S. Cornell
June 4, 1861

of my friends wrote for him to relieve
me. if this is all I wish James Finch
would drop a line asking for my reli-
ief. as it is important I should be at
home Angelina is a lone and knows
ones to do any thing, or pull in crops
without waiting untill every^(one) is done plan-
ning before we can get a little help
I do not know what further need
there is of my staying at the Asylum
without it is to run up a bill of expen-
se against me. There are about one
hundred and thirty men and women pa-
cients at the Asylum now and I presume
many of them will never get a way untill
they are carried out in their coffins. many
of the males were shut up on account of jeal-
ousy with their wives, and some wives of the
unfortunate victims since there stay here have
married other men, and gone off, a pretty
way to do business. I believe this is not the
case of little wife of E. S. C. for she has written a
very good letter since her return home. well I
must begin to close this half sheet. dont forget
to have James or Hiram to write Doc Van Dusen
to let me off immediately and I will be responsible
if any blame accrues to any one, as I do not
want the name of running away from here. Thyne
Elyjah Cornell With much Respect E. S. Cornell

Delevan House Jan 17. 1862

Dear Frank

I want to hear how you are getting along housekeeping if you miss mother any, and how every thing and every body are prospering. I returned to Albany night before last after quite a tedious journey.

To begin the history you left us at Portland where we took the cars for Syracuse at six, arrived there in due time, Norman met us at the depot and we went home with him and stayed until 3 o'clock the next afternoon visiting, when we took the cars for it arrived here at half past 9 in the evening all night remained here two days ~~which~~ we left for the east on Friday morning.

Crossed the river on the ice and took the cars at Greenbush for Providence Via Springfield and Worcester changed cars at W^o arrived at P^r about half past 6 Friday evening, remained there till next afternoon, when we left for Fall River by Steamer had quite an arctic voyage there as we encountered quite a quantity of ice most of the way, Met Uncle Miller at the dock waiting for us found them all well as usual, Rebecca went with us to Fall River her health is not very good, is better than when your father was there, Well I visited about there untill Mary got pretty well acquainted and felt quite at home with our friends there, when I left on Tuesday morning for Providence, in company with Rebecca, arriving at P^r about noon left there next morning in quite a snow storm for Albany at twenty ^{to} minutes past 8, arrived at Worcester on time where I had to wait a short time for train from

Boston, from there to Springfield all right when I had to change cars again, After leaving I found by the conversation of passengers in the cars that there had been a bridge broken down the night before by a train of freight cars precipitating eight of them into the stream below one filled with fat cattle they were most of them so injured that they cut their throats and were dressing them on the ice, there were a couple of men on the train that were coming up to speculate on the beef I suppose beef will be plenty and cheap along that road for some days to come, Arrived at the scene of the disaster we had to leave the cars bag and baggage and embark in open sleighs and cutters of every conceivable description and go four miles up the stream to get over to the other train amid a pelting storm of sleet

got to the train all safe and
was glad enough to get there as my
feet were almost frozen. This delayed
the train so that we were two hours
behind time. When I arrived at the
depot found your Father there
waiting and wondering what had
happened to delay the train so long.
I think I have spun this yarn long
enough and will close with love to
all. Write often and tell Alonzo he must
share this letter with you as I received
a letter from him the evening before
I left for the east and did not have
time to answer it. Tell him to write
often. Did you see or hear any thing
from Perry when you passed through
Dyden on your way home from Cortland.

Ever your affectionate Mother
Mary A Cornell

I. C. Cornell
22. Jan^y 1862

Ithaca New York

Jan 22^d 1862

My Dear Mother

I received your kind letter of the 17th Monday I should have answered it before but I thought I would wait untill I saw Emma

You want to know how I get along housekeeping. & if I write you any well as far as the House is concerned we get along first rate. every thing looks just as it did when you left. and we eat & sleep just as much as ever. but I must say I write you but you know I have got a house keeper of my own now. & we make it go pretty well. A B C was up to day it is the first time he has been up since I was married. he said that he had heard that I was married but he didn't know whether to believe

it or not. but he appeared to be very good natured about it - he wanted to know of Sue if she thought she could live here & be contented & she told him she thought she could.

Ellen Dow & myself went to Dryden yesterday we found the folks there all well except Hattie & she is gaining slowly. she has not been dropped yet but thinks she will get her drops on next Sunday. Em had got homesick enough. she was bound to have some of us stay with her but I told her we would come up again in a few days - so she contented herself on that.

Ezra has got so he has been across the road he thinks he will be able to go to work next Monday John's arm gets along very slow he is so careless that he hurts it every little while -

Ed & Angeline went up to EBC

last Saturday & returned this eve they leave for Poppler ridge to morrow. Angeline got her drops & got it made & has been wearing it for nice about a week -

Perry came to Ithaca the day I took you to Cortland he was in town 2 days - A B C Clark nor myself did not see him he did not come near home - Ben has been telling around that you let him have \$150. when he left home - it may have a good affect - but I guess it will not save him from feeling hard up before long.

Doc Morgan says that Hoda's wife had the old fashion Black Tong her dying has compleatly upset - Had he has not been out doors since she was buried (Sunday)

I went up to see him to day he says that things run in his head so that he cant do any thing

Moods folks lost a child in
Firehollow Monday morning with
diphtheria - I was telling El
& Sue that they could stay home
& keep house next month while
ABC & I came went to Albany
to the winter meeting of the
State Agricultural Society. They
said that was just where they had
been calculating to go -

Uncle E B C has made up
his mind to leave the farm
next spring. If God should break
up it will make it bad for me
I will have to hire enough if he
stays where he is - We are having
the best fligging that I have known
in 10 years around here -
Dad says give ^{them my} ~~them my~~ love

Your affectionate son

Frank Cornell

P.S. Write soon. Tell Father that
I have got 2 more lambs since I wrote
since they are both smart

Ithaca New York

Feb 3^d 1862

My Dear Mother

I received your letter of the 30th Saturday morning and calculated to answer it yesterday but I was too lazy. You know how I have always been. and I assure you I am getting no better very fast. I made out to get to Church with her yesterday for the first time since she has been here. The reason we have not been before was ~~that~~ because there has been no path through the cemetery & the cutter has been gone every Sunday before. We have had the nicest sleighing for 3 weeks past that I ever saw & we have a good prospect for a month more. If you & Father comes home the first

of next month I think I can give you a ride in a sleigh from Portland but it is a long time till then & the mud may show it self by that time.

You need not worry about us we are getting along as nice as can be keeping house. I tell them that it is nothing to keep house as long as you have somebody to foot the bill. I received a letter from Mary last week she appears to be enjoying herself very well. I guess much better than Em does. Em begs hard to come home with me every time that we go to see her. If it was not for their being so lonely to Lynden without her I would bring her home for company for sure. I expect her & Edie down this week to stay a spell.

Hod is living where he was and is getting along as well as

ps Do you hear any thing from Perry. I understand that he is going to take a farm in Oregon. Bob I called one one side the other day to tell me that he did not have any thing to do with making the match and

he did not want to be blamed for something that he had had nothing to do with

could be expected he was sick about 2 weeks after his wife died his mother is with him now. I think he will have his sister or some body else keep house for him he thinks it will seem more like home to live so that he can have his little girl with him.

I am not sure which Wood it was that lost a child but think it was a brother to the one that married a Wilson. I forget his name.

Mrs Mortimer says that she used to love with Smith Ely. she says he is a tall slim man & his wife is a little bit of a woman with light hair. she says if you get acquainted with them to give them her best respects.

So Swift is sick with scarlatina & So Morgan has got the diphtheria. All of our folks are well I believe. It is getting late & I will close.
Your affectionate son
Frank

Ithaca ^{Feb} Mar 26th / 1862

My Dear Mother

It is with sad feelings that I commence this letter. I feel as though I could die at any moment willingly rather than to have ^{you harbor} such feelings as I cannot help but think that you harbor against me. I admit I have done wrong in some things but is this the way to punish me for those by punishing ~~and~~ another? You are punishing Louise for my faults. Does she deserve such treatment no Mother God knows she don't. She is and always has been as nice a girl as Tompke Co affords. I know you think you have reason to think otherways but you have not you have been told something by a certain relative of mine against her character but Mother mark my word for it every

Perry to his Mother
Dec 26. 62

word that has been told to go against her character is false ask any one that knows her ask Frank's wife ask Mrs John Kendall or even Frank if they can say any thing against her, Tell me what you have against her that is what you have been told concerning her and I will prove to your own satisfaction that it is false. If you and Father knew the pain you were causing her unjustly you are not the ones that would continue. You used to think a great deal of her and why is it that you should not now, did she ever treat you in any way wrong that you should thus use her. Mother & Father both of you ask and ~~ask~~ ^{ask} for forgiveness for all everything that I have done wrong for the past two years and if you will but forgive me I will show by my conduct that I do not pass it by without notice Now dear Mother please answer this soon show it to ^{per} Father and urge him to forgive me

Ever your affectionate son
O. W. P. Cornell

Mother

Waverly, July 1, 1862

Dear Frank

Dear sir
we arrived home about 4, or
all safe found all things right
hope you got home all right how
is things out there can you get what
you call for yet Frank I want you
to send me over 1 Basket of cherries
those large red also 1 Basket for Wm
Shepard, and 1 so for Sam, I max
of the Waverly House I ask to go to the fruit
dealer and order them sent over
by express so it will not make you
much trouble then send the bill and
I will remit the money all well
write soon keep the calf until I send
and I want to buy one of the heifers
so to have a pair of thoroughbred
yours e

G. G. Crane

our folks send love to you all,
Bob

W. G. Creamer
July 1962
to Mrs.

Miss Jane Hardy to
Mrs. Ezra Cornell
about a Thanksgiving
box being sent by their
Sewing Circle to the

Civil War Soldiers
in 1862.

Thursday Evening

Dear Mrs. Cornell

I forgot to tell you that
the day for the monthly meeting
of the officers of our Volunteer Ass.
was changed from the last Satur-
-day - to the last Thursday of the
month - So don't - so of course you were
not at Mrs. Tschenn's to-day - as we
else was but myself - however Mrs. J.
and I were not idle, we concerted
a scheme which waits the approval
or disapproval of the rest of the officers -
You have seen of course the urgent ap-
-peals from the Sanitary Commission for
shirts - drawers - socks, ^{their supply} quilts etc. of
which is entirely exhausted. Well our
funds you know are entirely exhausted,
but we must do, if we can, somewhat
do you think of calling upon the peo-
-ple of this favored village, through
the papers and the pulpits, to send
in their gifts small and great, cloth
garments or money - to make a thanks-
-giving box for the poor soldiers who
keep a piteous Thanksgiving bed: of

suffering - don't you think we can get
a good try? Please let me know what
you think of it. Mrs. Liking approves
the other ladies I have asked even

Yours very truly
J. L. Hardy

W. L. Hardy
Oct 23

Mrs. Mary A. Cornell -

Bought of Otho E. Wood -

Etna Dec. 24, 1862 - One ninth of Widows Dover interest,
and $2/3$ of $1/9$ interest in \$1150, stock & tools
apprised Apr. 1, 1860, by Lemm Grover and Smith
Robertson, and purchased by "The Heirs of Benj.
Wood," ~~decree~~ from Mrs. Olive A. Wood, the
same named in a Bill of sale in possession of
the Managers of the Homestead Farm of the late
Benj. Wood — \$114³⁸

Rec. Payt. by E. Cornell's notes
Otho E. Wood

Etna Jan. 1, 1863 -

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y. July 3 1863

Mrs Mary A Cornell
Madam

By direction of
your husband, I send his & your
Circular to P. J. Partenheimer - Yours
is \$308, and I have informed Mr Parten-
heimer that \$308 of the money sent
belongs to you. Please sign and
return to me the enclosed receipt

Yours
J R Alvord