

Tall River 9 m 15th 1858

Dear Brother and Sister

I sit ^{down} to acknowledge the received By Benjamin which was
very acceptable to us as we had not heard from you
in some ~~time~~ ^{time} also that you was all well which is a
great blessing to inform we are all in good state of
health at present here with the rest of the Prisoners
I have been thinking about coming up there this
season ~~fall~~ but Edward has got ready to set out for
the western part of the country tomorrow morning and we
cannot both of us leave at one time and so I must
give it up for this year but I think ~~that~~ of coming
next summer if we are all ~~well~~ in health until
that time we have had very dull times here for
the want of water I have not earned my Board for
three months past the crops about here are much
better than last year every thing is very high here
corn \$1.25 fresh beef 12¢ lb and other things in proportion
but we have some hopes of better times soon for
we had a great rain here last week which raised the
large Pond about 6 inches and it looks very ^{much} like
more coming soon and if we have as much more
rain as we did last week I can grind some again
I heard from Thomas Chas. D. ~~only~~ a few weeks ago
since they was all well Elijah I want to see
the old family very much I must conclude and the
most inquisitor of Edward the rest of ~~the~~ ^{my} wife
gives me in love to you all
Palmer

Palmer Chase
Fall River Nov 9th 1838
Elijah Cornell

Elijah Cornell
The Printer N Y

Bury 6 1831

Dear Mother

I now withdraw from the noise of the world to write a line to thee as an opportunity offers to send one I was very much disappointed that Benjamin did not send my dress for I want that or something else write a long Gude and wife is a ^{going} out to Duxbury this week the fore part and I want Benjamin to get the dress do it up tight and good and leave it to smiths and they will ~~but~~ get it for me if they are out the first chance you have I want you should see and if it is not gone send it to me Peris folks does not know that I wanted to sell it and I dont want they should if I dont sell it tell Benjamin and Deborah that there is a ³ or 4 Gentlemen and Ladies a going to Duxbury to Quaker Meeting and if I come with them they will expect to go home with me and take dinner and if they want them to come they must write me a letter and I will do as they say about coming if they want to have us come I will send word when and you must flock pretty slick for they are very smart folks and perhaps I will catch some of one as I want to hear from ~~and~~ ~~not many~~ Aunt Mary very much I should think when there is a chance you might write a line if no more so I could know how you got a long I have got some lace for mother some caps which I shall send by Uncle I am afraid there is not a nough for a cap my pen and ink of miserable and I must stop writing

from thy child
J. Gray

Mary Connel
July 10th
1831

1839

Friend Connel
Dear Sir

Waco Sept 22nd 1850

Dear Parents

Having an opportunity free of postage I will improve in answer to thy letter. The stated that Daniel Mann had sold his farm and the purchaser asked the if the would take \$47.00 per acre for the if I approved of the selling I should consider that a pretty fair offer if the could get such an offer, I say if I approved of the selling I hardly know whether to approve of it or not as I am totally unacquainted with the calculation provided the did sell. I am afraid that the place and comes out here and depends on even for a situation, things may not turn up as you all anticipate, I find that there is a vast difference in the aspect of E's affairs from what there was when he was in business for J.S. I know it is very hard times for us all at present, I say if the should sell the farm and home and things should take an unfavourable turn, and the should get out here and have nothing for the boys to ^{do} to advantage the would not enjoy the self as well as the would at home on the old home land

I should earnestly recommend (for the comfort and happiness of the and Mother in your old age, and the benefit of the juvenile part of the family) that if you did sell the farm to purchase a small piece of cultivated land large enough for the boys to cultivate with the superintendence of their father, and where you could enjoy good and holisom society and where you could make yourselves comfortable and be in a measure independant. I dont think of any situation that you will enjoy your selves is as well ^{as} this

I dont know but my advice on this subject may
be uncalled for and considered Eromous by some but
I give it as a duty I owe to the well fare of
those that have watched over me in infancy
and studied my interest when my mind was
fitted ^{with things} of much less importance than theirs now
is

I dont know but you may think I have
Selfish motives in view but far be it from that
if you should ~~let~~ and move out here I should
take pride in doing all in my power to make you
comfortable and happy

Ive spoke about some brass wire I have but all
over I have and cant find any that will answer
I dont think there is any in the place
as respects Geborahs Boots I have no measure
and could not get a pair that would fit her I
dont think it would be worth while to send
a pair of shoes out there on uncertainty and another
thing I want the money at present more than
she wants the shoes

William Henry has been very sick but Betsy Ann
returned from mantins but he is now getting
better Betsy Anns health is not very good Mr. & Mrs.
people buried them here to day she has been
sick some time Betsy Ann was called
on an Express at Egnas ~~the~~ after noon
I dont know how they do Mant's people are
well I dont think of any thing now

Give our respects and love to all Aunt Mary
in particular these lines from your dutifull
son and daughter

W. & B. A. Cornell

Lyah Cornell

DeKuyper

Madison Co

In care of
Francis Barnard

NY

Ypsicantly Nov 11th 1839

Respected Brother and sister

we Received Mother Elijah's letter and Eunice in
in season was glad to hear from our friends in
De Ruyter also Received one from Ezra Cornell
yesterday which informed us he had sent a Box
of Dutch Corn Potatoes see the Box has not
Come to hand yet Robert is going to Ypsicantly to
morrow search of it which will be gratifying
to him if he finds it we shall write to Ezra as soon
as we get it -- Maria is with us and has been
two months her health is poor she has had the
fever and ague which makes her very
weak and brought her out and then well
his health is poor so much so that he does not labour
any but can go round and see to his Business is a born
ing out after Maria two or three weeks hence
I had the Chills last summer was confined
to the Bed three weeks and was a long time Regaining
my strength however I think my health is now as
good as usual as is the Rest of our family our
Crops are tolerable good this season had one hundred
bushels of wheat and twenty seven Bushels of wheat
we have six noble bags that we shall sell in a few
days they will not fetch much produce is very low
and money very scarce the mentioned of selling the
farm I am sorry on sister Mary's account I think
she will miss you very much

1000
1000

Edgar Cornwell
De Ruyter Madison
Co
N.Y.

Phil M
De Ruyter
1849

I here mention a Receipt for the Dropsy that has been known to do great Cures in that Complaint and I want you to try it for sister Mary that is take a large single handfull of green Bark of the sweetgum and put it in a quart of good wine and let her take a little three or four times a day just as she can bear it. Richard Glaser says he has used it to do great Cures it was that that Cured Phebe Gardner when she had the Dropsy so bad many years ago I feel anxious to have it tryed a mediately

John Pierce and Deborah and Harriah has had the fever and were quite leable the last we heard from them we had a letter from Nancy not long ago all well no prospect of selling their Property in Rochester at present these hard times

with much Respect to you all I remain your
affectionate sister Anna Mearns

Ps Nov 6 Robert has been to upstate in
search of the Box Cannot find it he is
going again to day in hopes of finding it. he
returns his sincere thanks to Ezra in thanking
so much of him as to send those articles if he never
gets them he says if Ezra will please to write
in what part of Monroe County the man
resides he will take pains to go after them

Articles of a agreement made and entered into this twenty first day of the 9th month in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty Nine between Elyah Cornell of DeRuyter in the County of Madison and State of New York of the first part and Appollas Severance of Cazenovia in the County aforesaid of the second part Witnesseth that the party of the first part in consideration of the terms here after mentioned agrees to ~~sell~~ convey confirm and give a good warrant Deed of the farm on which he ~~now~~ lives and owns known by lot No 62 in DeRuyter County and State aforesaid by the 15th of the 5th month next ensuing and accommodate with house room for moving on ~~to~~ farm by staying if Required anytime previous to the 15th day of the 5th mo. aforesaid

And the 2^d party of the second part agrees to give the 1st party of the first part thirteen and one third Dollars pr acre for each and every acre contained in 2^d Farm by Measurement if Required to be measured which is estimated at one hundred and fifty acres in the following Payments (Viz) Two hundred Dollars by the first of the twelfth month next ensuing and Six hundred Dollars by the 15th of the 5th month next following and the remainder in annual payments of two hundred Dollars in each payment with interest on each payment annually. The first installment to be paid on the first of the fifth ^{next} after the payment of the six hundred Dollars

all of which the parties Bind them selves their Heirs Executors & administrators to the true performance of all the above written Contract in the penal sum of five hundred Dollars as witness our hand interchangably Signed and Delivered in presence of Appollas Severance
Daniel Barnard
Elyah Cornell
John Barnard

of Sixty Eight

(NB) As there is two hundred Dollars against the 1st part & the Loan Office it is agreed by the parties that that shall be deducted out of the amount of the price of the farm for the party of the second part to pay it

And likewise the party of the Second part agree to secure
the payment of the installments by a Mortgage on the place
at the time of Receiving the Deed from the 1st party of the
first part And it is likewise agreed by both parties that
the interest of the 1st payments shall commence the first of
the fourth month one thousand Eight hundred and forty
in witness where unto the 1st parties have put their hands
and Seal this tenth day of the twelfth month One thousand
Eight hundred and thirty nine in presence of
Daniel Barnard Apolloas Severance
Anna Barnard Elyah Cornell

\$200 Received the 10th day of the twelfth mo 1839 Two hundred Dollars
as the first payment of the within contract Elyah Cornell
5th mo 20th 1840 Received of Apolloas Severance three
\$360 hundred and Sixty Dollars as part of the Stipulated
May or second payment Elyah Cornell

240 Received 9th mo 3rd 1840 Two hundred
and forty Dollars Elyah Cornell

Seneca Falls April 27th

Dear Sister

We have concluded to send Eliza Ann to you and with her a few directions which may assist you to manage her with more ease than you would be able to do if you were left to find out her disposition by experience. She has been long enough with me for me to be able to give you an idea of her good qualities and of her bad habits. I feel a great responsibility resting on myself with regard to her and to no one of my acquaintance would I entrust her so soon as to you. She is a good hearted girl and easily led by persuasion her bad habits will be therefore easily surmounted by pointing out the right way to her and showing her the evils of the wrong remembering always the rules of good government and that a child must be governed ~~by~~ in some measure by fear of punishment the habit of telling falsehoods is one that she has indulged in but I believe it nearly conquered I think it will be necessary to watch her in this particular another is a propensity to tell news which will have a very bad effect if indulged in I know no one despises the character of a tatter more than you do I feel that you will guard her against this most despicable of bad habits another which it will be very necessary to guard against is that of telling what she will and what she will not do she has contracted this habit by being allowed to have her own way for this reason we wish you to guide her in all things by your own judgement and not allow her to think that her will is law in any case she is very ambitious and high spirited and you will find it much easier to get along with her in this way And for any misdemeanour fail not to punish her as you would a child of your own on this point we fear you will be too indulgent judging from your good nature but let me caution you never to promise her a punishment ^{without} conforming strictly to your word and above all never allow her to be saucy These directions are calculated for both of you but as she will be most under your care my sister I have addressed you most particularly I have given you a plain statement of the case and I think you will feel more interested in her welfare than strangers.

would be I can therefore rely on your efforts to guard
her from contracting other bad habits and instructing
her in moral rectitude and virtue I have one request more
to make which is that you endeavour to make her content
with occasionally visiting our sisters without contracting
much acquaintance in that place I would also add
the privilege of studying when she has leisure

I have not time to add more
than to subscribe myself your
affectionate sister. E Bristol

Ms E Bristol
Apr 21st

McLean May the 30 /40

Dear Parents

I expect when you receive this you will be surprised to hear I am back to ~~McLean~~ McLean but so it is and I will try to explain how and why I am here ~~the~~ it is a week now since I have had the ague and fever and Bullards folks said if I would sew for them all I was able to work and help them get ready to start there journey they would take me a long with them and now I must tell you ~~the~~ here they are a going they are a going to the city of Providence and expect to be gone 3 months they are a going in a 4 horse carriage they are a going through Deluxes and Snyena and if I go with them they will want to call on Father and Mother and stay all night and mother must stick up for they are very nice they are a going to take all there children which is 5 in number but they can all be tucked in one bed they want to start the 10 of June but dont think they can get ready.

before the 15 of June they are very nice folks and
are very anxious I should go with them the only
trouble is about my going I havt got a cent
of money ~~now~~ am I able to work and get any
I have ~~been~~ sick all the spring and have not been
earning any thing if I was able to work I would
not think of going but I am not able to work
and dont feel as if I should be this summer
I find my constitution is completely broke
down and I dont know as I ever shall be able to
do any more hard work I had made up my mind
to spend the summer with mother but if I can
make out to go and see Sister Lucinda with
out having it cost me much I feel as if
I wanted to go it may be I never shall have another
chance I think all it will cost me will be my
what victuals I shall want on the road but I
cant think of going three or four hundred miles
with out one cent of money let what would happen
and if I go I shall have to depend on my friends to help
me
If Father if he will lend me 5 dollars I will pay the
as soon as I can earn it after I come back with
out the car I cant go for there is no where else
I can get any money

all that I am able to do now is a little
sewing hardly enough to pay my board But the
folks are very kind to me and want I should go
with them they think it will improve my
health and I feel as if I should be able to work
after I get back if I go after having a resting
spell from work if I go with them we shall be
to DeRuyter somewhere ~~about~~ between the 10 and
20 of June they calculate to start the 10th
but I don't think they they will get settled so soon
if father has time to write, and have a letter get
here after he receives this I want he should write
to Mary Cornell McLean Tompkins Co I don't think
of anything else at present only I want mother
to ask Deborah is she will lend me her
cloak and if she will to have it there to home
this from your affectionate child
Mary Cornell

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Ms
Dear Mr. Peppin
June 22
Elijah Cornell
De Ruyter Madison
Co.

MS

Wm. Cornell
Mc Lewis May
30 1840

Ms
Dear

Ypsilanti November the 3 1840

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I take the pen to write in answer to your
Acceptable letter which we received yesterday
informing us of the death of our Dear sister.
I must say it was not unexpected to me I
have been looking for it for this year past
I think she must have been a great sufferer
more than we have been sensible of —

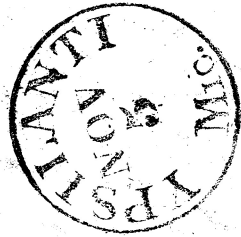
I have to inform you of the death of Saminlaw
Garnis P Allen he died the 13 of September
about the middle of August we went
out there and found him very feeble but
not so but what he could walk a bout the house
and step out the door every day while we
were there his flesh was almost intirely gone
and his voice intirely gone he had not spoken
louder than a low whisper for six months past
his strength held out admirably and did so
untill the last the day before he died he sat up
to the table and took dinner with them was taken
with a Coughing spell soon after Dinner and
Expired the next morning about nine o clock
In Regarde to maries being in a Decline that
is a mistake she was well and smart as
any one could be in her situation it was a sorrow
to her to think of parting with her

husband she had given him up entirely
and seemed very much Resigned to it
James was a very agreeable man we all sat
stare by him but so it is we all must part
we have had too letters from Maria since her
death in the last she said her health was good
and was coming home we are now looking
for her daily and I dont ~~think~~ she ever
will go back there a gain we staid seven days
with James and Maria and he lived three weeks
to a day after we left them

Dear sister Eunice ^{the} Cant think how sorry
I am for the misfortune she has met with
I wish I could be with her and help to a
leviate thy suffering. So be careful and not
try to get about too soon but strive for
patients and Resignation for on that our
happiness depends - we are all well and have
been so all summer now I think I will fill
up the paper with giving you some account
of our domestic affairs I want you should tell
Ezra the Corn and potatoes he sent us has
done well his Uncle think a great deal of them
Robert and his father has Cleared off ten
acres of new land this summer and got it
in to wheat and it looks well that makes
thirty five acres they have Cleared since
we have been hear they have sowed Eighteen

acres of wheat this fall they have got the
corn all husked and now drawing it in
we had four acres that turns out thirty Bush^{ls}
to the acre our wheat was very much hurt
with the Insec we only had one hundred and
twenty Bushels after it was thrashed we have
just put up our hogs to fat we have nine
noble fellows but they won't fetch anything
after they are fat there is nothing that
will fetch money but wheat and that
only five shillings the Bushel tell Ann
Write Matthew Coleman has married our
daughter Elizabeth and lives with her
and mother we had a letter from Nancy
long ago all well one from Charles likewise
he and his wife is coming out here next
spring Charles is making money he says
if nothing ^{happens} to him in one year more
he shall be able to buy just such a
farm as he wants the last we had from him
he said he was going to Washington the first
of October for what purpose he did not say
he intended to go and see Susan I hope he
will we heard from Susan this summer she
is doing well has property enough to live
on and bring up her children do write as
soon as you think proper and let us know
Susan gets along after our love to you all
we remain your affectionate brother and

Susan Coleman



Wm. L. Dwyer
Dr. Dwyer.
Madison Co
N.Y.

Robt. May
Apr 30 1840

Dryden Dec. 1 / 40

Dear Parents

Yesterday we received a letter from Mary that requires some explanation that we are unable to give she states that she sent a quite a number of articles home by Bullard which we have not heard from and would like to know if you have. the thing she says she sent were Deborah's Cloak some thing she borrowed of me Lucretia sent Jane a blue dress and me a pair of white cotton stockings Mary sent mother a book mustain handkerchief and Deborah an Album and her black merino shawl which she gave 11 or 12 dollars for last fall she sent for me she expected I would buy it. She says he refused to pay her for her work thought she ought to have that for taking her to R.D. She told him she was not willing to pay him any thing but her expenses which was 2 dollars he would not settle so but said he would talk with Father and was about it and do as we thought best. she says they were 2 weeks on the road she did 2 washings and ironings for them waited on them nights and mornings and carried a young one in her lap a good part of the way. We met Bullard's folks a little this side of DeKuyter and so far was he from talking with us about Mary wages that I believe he tried to shun us for had we been 1/2 an hour later we should not have seen them. I asked him to go to Father's but he could not think of going 3 miles out of his way he was in such a hurry. Mary sent me a letter by them to which I did not get now. Mrs. Bullard and Mary sent Deborah a book and she forgot it and left it to her

Shirley Moore

Fathers and that was all the things she mentio
they were in such ^{a hurry} and he had somuch to say to
Martin in so short a time that I neglected
to say any thing about the cloak which
I expected if she sent it I should find it
to M. Dean with her cloths which they said
we must call and get which we did.
Mary wants us to write to Buland if we have not
got the thing but we do not know where to
address a letter to him or his wife either he said
he should leave her to her fathers this winter in Onida
County but I do not know what town they live in
his name is Curtiss I believe they call him general
now if you have not got the thing perhaps you
can devise some means to get them. I do not
know of any way that we can Mary says they
have not reciev'd but one letter from home and that
was 4 or 5 months ago I think you had better see what
you can do about the buisness and write to her soon
She had not heard of mother's misfortune until I
wrote after I got home and I did not what
ailed mother expecting of course she had heard
of it as I understood you that you had wrote
since it had happind they ^{are} waiting upon suspicion
until they hear from me again which will be soon
as I shall mail a letter to them when I do this
Ezra warms here first day he is very anxious
for you to move out here he says you had
better pack up the things you can as you will
not go back to DeRuyter again to live we
shall be disappointed if you do not live with us
this winter but if you do not want to you had
better move soon as there is places enough for
you to live and Elizabeth folks are in great haste
to have Deborah Edward is well and contented
and will commence going to school soon
Benjamin is a teaching school at the falls

I told Buland about it he said he would go to see them about it but I have not heard from him
and tell them about it but I have not heard from him
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and tell them about it but I have not heard from him

I have got my weaving done and my carpet
on the floor and rags enough left to keep
Mother a cutting a month. I have got a
barrel full pecked and am saving them for
her she must feed all she can get and we
will fix her out with a carpet too. Edgar
caught the whooping cough while we was
going or coming from home and has been it
pretty hard but is a getting over it some
now but sis coughs hard she tells after about
poor grandmothers toes. and Aunt Jane and Amos
We have sold 26 yard of fulled cloth and kept
10 yards for own use for $7\frac{1}{2}$ and $7\frac{1}{2}$
we have not heard from mother since we felt
only by a letter David got from Gilbert she said
mother had got so she could get around the house
with crutches and you calculated to me & some
Ezra talked of coming out with a 2 horse carriage
with a cover to get mother and the girls but
it so difficult for him to leave that it
is uncertain whether he will come but I think
Martin would have come if you had wrote as
we told you and will yet if you want him
to he has not got but one horse that would
be fit to come with. Lydia is to Seneca Falls
yet her health is very poor and Polly is a
getting down again Lucretia has named the
boys Edward Mo and Albert H. Mary says she had
just got out in the kitchen the 17 of Nov. they
were born the 16 of sept. and weighed 15 pounds she has
an hour later we should not have seen

Providence 12th mo 19th 1840

Dear Mother

I have felt a strong inclination to write to thee in a more particular manner than has been my practice to especially since we heard of thy misfortune. I have felt a deep and tender sympathy for thee in this trying circumstance and sometimes at most am disposed to question why it should so be that in all of our numerous family we should be so highly favoured as to escape any thing of a serious nature and at last it should be visited upon thee in so trying a time. But undoubtedly it is for some wise purpose we have no cause to complain for the mercy and goodness of our Heavenly Father hath followed us all the days of our lives few families have been more favoured than ours has and may it be our concern individually to seek for an humble thankful frame of mind ^{and} with a single eye to the Father of all our mercies endeavour to live a life of innocence and peace divesting ourselves of our duties in such a manner as when summoned to leave this earthly scene we may close our eyes with the assurance of a happy hereafter this dear Mother is ^{my} sincere desire but I find it is no easy task to perform my duty with that piece of mind which is desirable and I am often let back to past years, to times

When under your kind and tender care and am often
deeply affected at the recollection I began now to see how much
anxiety and trouble I have made you and what a vast
amount of care you have been supported through in
bringing up so large a family, I feel very sensibly my
inability as a mother and often am led to crave strength
and patience from that hand which is always stretched out
to aid those who are of an humble and contrite heart.
We are all in the enjoyment of health at present and
feel truly thankful for it, it is of favour that we have been
very much blessed with ever since we had a family the children
is getting along nicely Rebecca and Elizabeth Cornell goes to
school and makes good improvement and Atlanta is as
good a child as can be when I was confined I expected to
a great deal of trouble with him but he did not
to be with me and now he goes in the trundle bed with
out any fuss, and the twins is really a sight worth
looking at they are good quiet babies and look so near
a like that we often mistake one for the other and
they are as fat and healthy as they are good at first they
weighed 7 lb and half and ^{11 and} three quarters a piece and now
they weigh 16 and only 3 months old Thomas is very fond
of them the greatest hand for children there is again
he sends his love to them and all the rest give my
love to father and tell him not to make any arrangement
to prevent his visiting us in the spring and then be
sure and come with him I write now bid thee farewell
hoping thou wilt keep up good courage, from thy affectionate
Lucy

gives my love to Deborah and tells her we all want to see her very much she must
write to us often and Benjamin wants her to write or say a word to us

Dear Mother

As Lucretia was writing I thought I would help her fill the sheet I want to see the very much and the girls all so I think she must be very much confined to the house this winter on account of my broken limb I think some times I wish I had returned in the fall with Bullards folks but as it has turned out I think it is for the best that I did not I am a learning my trade and think I shall like sewing very much it ~~agrees~~ agrees with me my health is very good and has been ~~every~~ since I left home I saw very glad brother Ezra thinks of finding out what is meant by them things not coming I sent you by Bullard and hope he will succeed in tracing it out ~~what~~ that does I do for a cloak has she got one or does she do without I am very sorry about it but dont think ~~you~~ ^{you} are to blame I am in hopes it will all be made up if she dont get her cloak I will pay her for it when I see her which time I hope ~~will not~~ is not far distant

Today I have had a stop in my letter and have got different ink I am at Daniel Robinsons where I board which is a mile and a half from Thomases I am learning my trade of Content Robinson she teaches me to make coats and boards me for 8 mo time which is ^{giving me} 4 mo time according to the common rule I have worked 4 weeks Mother I want thee to ask Benjamin if he cant find time to answer that letter I wrote him in the 7 mo ~~tell~~ Sister Id the next letter will be for her I want thee to take care of my things that is to home I dont think of anything more give my love to all brothers and sisters and friends tell Ezra I received his word of advice on letter writing very kindly and hope I shall profit by it — Farewell from thy affectionate Mary Corn



PAID

James Cornwell

Itasca Comings

N. Y.

in care of E. Corvill

*Guertie Chase &
Mary Cornwell
Providence - R.I.
12. Mo 19th 1848
Mother*

Providence 4th mo 5th 1841

Dear Parents

as there is a good chance to send
I thought I must write a few lines altho my news is
very limited our healths are quite good at pres and
except myself being lame the account of which I have
stated in a letter to Elijah B. I get a long nicely
as regards my family concerns it has proved a very
great favour to me having Mary with me and I can
not think it will be any disadvantage to her
Rebecca and Elijah C. goes to school and is a getting
a long very well and Elango is quite a good boy he wants
to be out doors all the time the twins are fine children
as need be very quiet and play full and look very
near a like Mother I was really in hopes
they would come and make a visit before you
went to keeping house again but now I am afraid
that it never will be brought a bout but if
they cannot leave to come I hope thou wilt
encourage father to come when there is an oppor-
tunity for it we all feel very anxious to see you
but I dont see any prospect of visit you very
soon if way should open I should hastely improve
it as for our prospect in business Thomas has engaged
Thus did she show the mission of her ~~glad~~
and being care-worn with deprees of mind
Her courage galled could not a prospect find
a gleam of hope where by to stay the heart
its ray of hope some solace to impart

milk again this season for 3 and 4 cents
per quart rather better chance he thinks than
he has had before. Can tell all the news and as
I want to copy a few lines on the Death of aunt
R. E. composed by uncle John I will conclude my letter

Asleep in this dark and solitary state
Performed an act Oh! shocking to relate
To get relief by causing life to cease
A quick transition to a land of peace

P.S. I have made each of the boys a cap and told
them it is to encourage them to be good boys and
I feel a great concern for them to be very particular
in forming good habits and to keep out of the company
of bad boys and not allow them selves to use bad language
or quarrel with each other and the ladies as for Jane
my love to all do write soon. L. Chase.

The following lines was written when deeply affected with
the loss of my dear Wife who died the 23rd of the 7th mo.

Oh how shall I thee solemn truth declare John Earle 1840

Of her who was the partner of my care

We twice twelve years were by the ties of life

Connected closely endeared as man and wife

Those of our Children which to us remained

Had to the years of understanding joined

Reflecting comfort on our present care

Our joys were mutual to each one a share

And often was the sympathizing mind

Called into acts of love and friendship kind

In which she ~~shared~~ bore the most conspicuous part

Proving true the charms of woman's heart

With close confinement to the meanest life

She more imparted than she did receive

With more than common skill of woman's art

Extensive views and strength of thought and mind

To counter-act the ills of human life

Thus did perform the duties of a wife

But much with love her humble mind was fraught

Preserved from evil both in word and thought

No jar or discord felt for different creeds

But showing forth her love by virtuous deeds

And acts of kindness to a well-bred

Thus did she show the mission of her ~~glad~~

And being care-worn with deprivations of mind

Her courage quelled could not a prospect find

A gleam of hope where by to stay the heart

No ray of hope some solace to impart

16 June 1861

June 1861
Tall Creek

Seneca Falls April 11th 1841

My Dear Sister

With sincere pleasure I improve a few leisure moments to write for Lydia as well as myself you must not think we meant to neglect you in not answering your letter before I had just written home when we received your letter and we thought best to wait a spell before we wrote again it is such hard work for Lydia to write that we do not think it best she should write much she has not been quite as well for a few weeks past but we think it is owing to the bad weather and her being confined to the house so long the walking has been so bad she ~~has~~ not taken her regular exercise in three or four weeks but it is getting better now and I hope she will begin to gain again, the doctors say they will cure her at all events if they do not it will ^{be} want of skill in them not a defect in the system. Lydia wants to know whether father and mother expect to go to Michigan and if they do how soon they want her to come home if ~~not~~ they do not go she will only come home for a visit and she wants to know whether Meritt will want his trunk or not if not she will not be to the trouble of bringing it if she only comes for a visit, the doctors say she must not come home yet to stay long if she can avoid it

My dear sister I have for some time had it on my mind to write to you but it is difficult for me to find an opportunity and I feel that I have neglected it to long but I hope you will excuse me, I have a great deal on my mind that I want to say to you but little time to say it You have suffered a severe loss may Heaven grant it may be for your good Oh that you could feel that your afflictions are for some wise purpose and although nature must and will mourn yet could the eye of faith see those loved ones, bright beautiful spirits free from a world of sin and trouble their gain by the change would constrain us to say God's will be done though it should be with tears in our eyes Oh my sister look for consolation where alone it can be found, to that God who gives us all the blessings we enjoy and who in his allwise providence withdraws such as he thinks best but though his dispensations seem severe yet if we go to him for consolation we shall not seek in vain, I write from experience, I know that the joys of the christian are such as the world can neither give nor take away I have not time to add more John sends his love to you Lydia will come home as soon as she hears from there again Our respects to all Lydia received a letter from Emily today April 15th write every opportunity Yours truly Elmira Bristol

Mrs E Bristol
Apr 11th 1841

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Mrs Mary Ann Cornell
Ithaca

N York

De Ruyter ~~the~~ 10th mo 1841

respects from Governor a few lines from the a few
days since. requesting me to answer it soon but being
to my business I have not been able until this time
as to that hour I did not hear of for any
lengthy time but the agreement was to pay
at the rate of \$50 per year for what time
I had the place When I settled with Ezra I
paid for the time that I occupied the house
and one day even at all events I paid all
he demanded of me as to my agreeing to talk
with the about the concerns I never did to
my husband and further more Ezra never
asked me to talk with the concerning the
house after we had got there with our settlement
I says to Ezra they fathers for the talk of going on
that hour as near as I can recollect his reply was
there has been such talk but father don't
like to pay for it next as he don't have any
object of the depending this year and I told him
he must settle that with the and all the reply
that I gave was as near as I can recollect I am
willing to leave what I write and so I am but am
not willing to pay any more rent
this from thy well wishing friend David Wright

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Elias Cornell
Athaca

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D. Murphy
October 1891

Providence 7th mo 10th

Dear Parents

1842

I sit down this afternoon for to give you an account of my journey home as it seems to be the first time I have seen since my arrival. I took a line boat at Mount Agema 2d day about 6 o'clock as the pack was not looked for until 6 a boat I and came to Little Falls for one and half cents per mile and boarded which till until 5th day about 2 o'clock then seeing I was not likely to get through as to get something with I left and took a packet and got in Schenectady 6 day morning and crossed in the evening for the Albany morning boat but owing to a mis understanding I did not go in the morning line but had a pleasant time down the river in the 5 o'clock boat and staid at Schenectady until 5 and went on board the Rhode Island and got home 1 day morning about 6 o'clock found them all well as could be expected considering the times which have been those of the most trying that have been experienced since the proclamation of Independence for rather since it was gained we were all overjoyed to be favoured to meet again the twins did not seem to know me when asked where mother was they would point to Farelve they seem well and improve nicely in short they have all got along as well as though I had been with them as far as I can see Thomas was quite the worst off of any of them he has not been as well as usual all the time but has kept a boat seemed to be getting better before I got home and is quite smart now but not as well as in cool weather as summer does not agree with him as at other seasons of the year he was disappointed to my not getting along sooner but has not told me as much about it as the neighbours has

Ezra has not got along yet we here there has been
a snake in the canal perhaps that is the reason
as he thought he should be at Providence I have
not given up looking for him he need not be afraid
to come though the city is under Martial Law
travelers come in and pass through - there has
been no mention reports about the combat at
Sepatchet that I don't know what is correct
it is stated that many were killed and
buried without coffins one man was killed
and Uncle S. who is the city undertaker attended
the funeral and there is some that has not
made their appearance since but it is thought
that they have gone away on account of alarm
one young man was shot that was on one party
by the force on the other side but is thought not
dangerously wounded, lived on the hill here I heard
something about what was going on when I was
in Utica and felt rather down but am glad I
was absent as it was a time of the utmost ^{national} commotion
as they represent it to me I am in hopes it is over
but I don't know there is many laying in prison
to a wait there try at Anthony's mother died
seventh day and he dare not come home to attend
her funeral he would be arrested they say if he did
come in the place, Frelove got all worked up
and was near giving out she went ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ a way as
soon as I got home and I was alone till seventh day
she come back again and means some better my ^{self} ~~latter~~
is worse on the account of being without help but
I think Frelove will stay in the me now some time
she has had several applications to go to other places
but she says she feels more at home here and I am in
hopes of ~~seeing~~ ^{seeing} her

(It cost me about 11 dollars to get her.)

Tell Mary I have not seen Elizabeth yet but think
 she will be in soon Stephen and Andrew called
 to here from her last evening and wanted to know
 when she was a coming back and I told them per-
 haps she would be down in the course of another
 season and they wanted to know if she would stay
 or only come to make a visit I told them I did not know
 but I thought she might stay a little time they seemed
 to feel satisfied and we had a very agreeable call
 from Anne Pontent was over here and I give her the
 money and she said there was one dollar more than
 she owed and I have as took it and Pontent seemed
 pleased to get her part but said she told her if
 she would come back and finish thy trade she
 need not pay the money I told her how she got along
 sewing and she said she learned faster on the acc-
 of working extra hands so when she takes printing
 she can tell them how they can get along fast & learn
 much Hannah is not very well I dont know how
 Anne received her letter as I have not seen her
 Pontent said if she could not work to but one she
 was glad she did omit her as it would feel worse than
 she did, I want to this sent to Martins as I agreed
 to write to them and then father wanted me to write
 to them and I thought she would be as much as I could
 write at once so you must all take a share of it I
 feel quite anxious to hear from you I hope you will
 some of you write as soon as you receive this and write
 all the news give my love to all I want to hear in
 particular from Brother and Jane what sort of a
 day they had second day I thought they felt about
 as well as I did tell them to keep up good courage
 and all the rest of you so far well I shall



Eliza C. Cornwell

Wm. Thompson Esq.

State c. 1. 2.

Providence Jan^y 1842

Dear Mother

I ventured to tell Lucretia something of a concern which I believe had been presented to the view of my mind, respecting thy state & I would remark why it is so, is more than I can fathom, probably no less surprising to thee than myself, who ^{am} but one of the least of the flock. Lucretia says she did not express her errand so fully ^{to thee} as she wished she had done, & the view thereof I thought it would conduce most to the peace of our minds for me simply to write what has seemed if I am not very much mistaken to be required of thee in order to obtain that peace of mind which I believe thou desires more than any earthly blessing & the want of which thou has passed many a lonely hour often as it were in silent watches of the night when no eye saw or ear heard the language of the heart if not of the ~~body~~ ^{soul} has been, why am I thus left now in the decline of my life without that consolation which I so much stand in need of, & why is it not with me as it was in my more youthful days. Oh that I could enjoy the consoling effects of the spirit of truth as in days that are past. It is not in my heart to judge at all but simply in as plain a manner as I am capable of, to spread a few things to the view of thy mind, believing that for the sake of peace of mind thou would do any thing that thou sees to be thy duty I believe it is our duty at all times to keep strictly on the watch even unto the spirit of prayer following our guide in the way that he points agreeably to scripture declaration where he says I am the way the truth & the life & man cometh to the Father but by me.

On the other hand, if we trust to our reasoning capacities although as far as human acquirements can discern we are traveling precisely in the way that leads unto life. but I think that at last we shall find that it leads down to the chambers of death for I am convinced that there is a way that leads so near parallel with the way that leads to life, that human scrutiny with all its acquirements & powers has never been able to discover the difference & it consists in imitating the form but does not possess that power that nourishes the soul up unto eternal life & I believe that the true seed or church that possesses this power can bind on earth & they will ^{also} be bound in Heaven as it is said in ^{the} scriptures of truth whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven & whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven & I think whenever it is our lot to be bound by mistaking our way as I before alluded to or any other cause. I believe we shall obtain that peace of mind which we so much desire in no other way but by confessing our faults & asking for their ^{to} forgiveness by ^{our} transgression & extend ^{us} towards ^{their} sympathy so that we may be loosed from our bonds on earth & I confidently believe we shall be loosed in Heaven. One thing more & I must close I wish to bring to thy remembrance the case of Naaman the Syrian leper (2nd Kings 5th chapter) who it seems went to be healed & he was directed simply to wash — ~~in~~ in Jordan seven times and be clean but it appears it was so contrary to what he expected that he was very much displeased although he was willing to do some great things

And it appears that he queried are not Abana
& Pharpar rivers of Damascus better than all
the waters of Israel. May I not wash in
them and be clean so he turned & went away
in a rage. but when he came to be convinced
by his servants that there was no other way
he became witting & went & washed in the
manasse as directed & he was made clean & was
afterwards confessed that there is no God
in all the earth but in Israel.

I think I shall feel ^{more} easy to leave the subject
with thee, asking not only to ^{be} excused, ^{for taking} this
liberty in addressing thee but also for thy
parental care & sympathy towards me at all
times for I often feel the need of the advice &
counsel of my friends & remain thy affectionate son
Thos Chas

Thomas Chase
Providence R.I.

Jan 4 1844

Mother

Ernest Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

(Longfellow Co.)

(in case of Oct. Wood)

Seneeca Falls July 12th 1849

Dear Friends

I now take the present opportunity of addressing you I have concluded to stay down here they will not hear one word about my coming away up there again they say if I have got to work out I may as well work down here as up there Polly is ~~a~~ going to be confined and she wants me very much they have been depending upon me all the spring and said if I come down I should come there and stay Harrison's health is some better so that he has gone to work again Fanny's health is quite poor she caught a very heavy cold last winter and has not been well since and I am afraid she never will be again Eliza's health is quite good at present her little boy has had a very sore mouth but it is getting better now John's health is quite poor he has had this influenza and he is pretty poorly the rest are all well Mrs Stradler is dead she died last week she had this complaint she will be lost as much as any body I know of Harrison's folks had engaged her for a couple of weeks Mary Ann Jones is ~~a~~ going to be confined in the course of three or four weeks I have not seen Laura yet they say she carries ~~the~~ her gold watch without cost ~~12~~ 112 dollars they have not gone to keeping house yet they board at the ~~the~~ old folks so does Walton and wife I was out to Harrison's last Sunday and I went

out to the field and see my favourite cow she has not
come in yet but she is the handsomest thing I ever saw
she has growed ~~to~~ half since she was come out here she is as
fat and shines like a dollar she has got a very large bag, to
say all I could in her praise I could not say enough

I want you to send me my things all that you can in that
trunk such as my frocks and aprons my cloths all that you can
get in my box I want you to wrap one of my old frocks round
it be careful and not turn it hollow up words for there is a
book in it I want you to send my books and papers my
School books & Libby may have ~~as a present~~ all my School books
as a present there is my speller and deffence she may have I want
you to have it directed to Schahod & Bristol and the one that
carries them down to the boat had better ask the Captain to have
them put aboard of the cars and sent over the cars run to meet
the boat Jerry may have that little cup that I my father gave
me Franklin may have my box of shells and I do not know as
I have got any thing for Hongo only to tell him as I have
thousands of of times to be a good boy and mind his mother you
must kifs O P Cornell once a day at least for Shige and when
you come down you must bring him by all means & if I had
have thought I should stayed I should have wanted to gone up
to Dryden and make a visit that carpet bag I will send up the
first chance I get I want you to send my things by a week from
next Saturday and when you get ready to send them please send
me a paper so that I will know about it I do not know
any^{of} thing more at present give my love to all engeryng friends
accept a part your selves E A Bristol

don't let Ezra see this if he is at home and I don't expect he is

to Bristol

July 18th 1843

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Mrs Mary Ann Lowell

Worcester
Hampshire Co

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State of New-York.
TOMPKINS SURROGATE COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Benjamin Cornell - deceased.

TOMPKINS COUNTY, ss. I, *George G. Green* Surrogate of said Tompkins County,
DO CERTIFY, that on the *17th* day of *July* one thousand eight
hundred and forty *three* before me, the said Surrogate, personally appeared *Ezra Cornell one*
of the executors
of the estate of *Benjamin Cornell* - deceased, and returned on oath or affirmation an inventory of the
estate of the said deceased, which is filed in this office, and of which the annexed purports to be a duplicate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, the said Surrogate, have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my official seal, this *17th* day of *July* in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty *three*

Geo. G. Green - Surrogate.

I, John J. Speed and I, Elijah B. Cornell do swear, that I will truly, honestly, and impartially, appraise the personal property of Benjamin Cornell deceased, which will be exhibited to me, according to the best of my knowledge and ability.

SWORN this 23^d day of April 1842 before me,

E. B. Cornell
J. J. Speed

A true and Perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels, and credits of Benjamin Cornell deceased, made by Rhoda Cornell administratrix & Epa Cornell administratrix of the said deceased, with the aid of John J. Speed & Elijah B. Cornell

appraisers appointed by the Surrogate of the County of Tompkins, duly qualified, and after service of notice on the legatees and next of kin to the said deceased, as the law directs, on the _____ day of _____ 18

ARTICLES.	VALUE.
7 1/2 Bus of Buck Wheat 3/	2 81
1 1/2 Bus Ears of Corn 2 2/	3 08
13 Bus of Spring Wheat 7/	11 38
27 Bus of Potatoes 4/6	5 56
2 Span of Horses \$75 & \$100	175 00
2 double Harness \$10 & \$15	25 00
1 Single Harness \$15	15 00
1 Saddle \$3. 1 Wagon \$20. 1 cutter \$10	43 00
1 Sleigh \$10. 2 plows 10/ 1 Farming Mill \$15	29 00
1 Cow \$10. Wintering 19 Sheep for E Cornell	19 50
Interest in 25 Sheep on the Wool com 1/4	17 50
3 ways 40/ - Hauling 100 loads manure \$10.	15 00
Ploughing 15 Acres \$21.50 1 Clock \$10.	31 50
1 Corn cupboard 40/ 1 leather trunk 40/	10 00
31 Bus oats 2/3	8 72
1 Bbl Plaster of lot of timothy seed 10/	2 25
lot of clover & timothy seed 12/	1 50
1/2 Bbl Salt 5/ - 1 Buffaloe Robe 2/	3 62
4 3/4 tons Hay \$4.50 Stairs & Straths 2/	21 37
100 feet Boards 20/ - lot of straw 8/	3 50
Am't due from Turn Boat Co for Wood	443 80
Am't due from A. Porttinkum do	66 73
Am't Due on Notes from Elijah Cornell	8 00
Am't of Credits due on Book	93 76
40" Corn Meal 4/ - 60" flour \$1.50 3/4" buck flour 59 Cts by EC	41 35
Crops on the Ground Wheat & Rye	2 89
	175 00
	\$831 53

Ants forward

\$834.53

Articles Taken by the Widow Rhody Cornell

1 Cow \$15 1 Stove \$25 2 beds & bedding \$25 3 broasted \$12 \$77
 Benjamin's Cloathing \$50 Clock \$10 Crockery knives & \$10 \$70
 Stove & Rocking chair \$6 6 chairs \$4 2 trunks \$6 Wash tub 12 \$17.50
 Table \$5 Cupboard \$5 2 doz spoons 19 tea board 10 Whisk Head \$13.50
 2 chests \$2 3/4 Bbl Port \$4 2 Hams \$2.50 Pickles of Soap of 15.50
 Book & Maps \$5 brush & candle sticks 41 - - - - - 550 \$199

Left Clock \$10 Cupboard \$5 Trunks \$5 all of which
 1 in appraised on other page - - - - -

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WE, whose names are undersigned, appraisers appointed by the Surrogate of the County of Tompkins, having first taken and subscribed the oath herein inserted, do certify, that we have estimated and appraised the property in the within Inventory contained, exhibited to us, according to the best of our knowledge and ability; and that we have signed the duplicate inventories thereof. Dated the *17* day of *July* 18 *43*

E. P. Spence
W. B. Cornell

I, *Ezra Cornell*
one of the administrators of Benjamin Cornell dec
 deceased, do swear, that the within inventory, is in all respects just and true; that it contains a true statement of all the personal property of the said deceased which has come to my knowledge, and particularly of all money, bank bills, and other circulating medium belonging to the said deceased, and of all just claims of the deceased against me, according to the best of my knowledge.

SWORN and subscribed this *17* day of *July* 18*43*,
 before me,

E. Cornell

Geo. G. Freer Surrogate.

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in the presence of

Benjamin Cornell

Duplicate Inventory

Filed July 17th

1843

Boston of Ezra Cornell

Seneca Falls Feb 4th 1844

My Dear dear Sister

You are not forgotten though you may feel neglected but you are not willfully so for we have had sickness trouble vexation provocation and every kind of action enough for excuses untill I have become so nervous that I can scarcely write at all for I do not know what I want to write indeed I will not write any thing about ourselves except that we are in tolerable health and are living alone once more and we shall not be likely to go to Michigan in the spring I wish we were there now or almost any where out of these diggings for John thinks he cannot make arrangements to go sooner than a year from next spring or fall so that we shall have time to visit each other two or three times before we go and by the way when Ezra comes home you and he must come down and make us a good visit for I am afraid I shall not be able to get up there this winter though I do not know how to stay away from home till spring for fear I shall not see poor Lydia but I hope John will get up there if I cannot. write to us soon and let us know how Lydia gets along and all the news you can think of for I want to hear from you often if I cannot see you give my love to all to Ezra particularly I hope he is at home before now and if he could realize how much we want to see him he would come and see us if possible

Dear sister

Yours Affectionately Elvira Bristol

Feb 11, Dear Sister Elvira has left this open for me to finish it has been I think I did not think at the time it would be so long before I should get time to write you a few lines but so it is and you must forgive the neglect and I will try and do better next time

We are enjoying pretty good health at
Present and hope this will find you & yours
enjoying the same. Best of Blessings we have
him still considerable since Merit & Horriet
left here. But that has been a Blessing in
Comparison to our other troubles. I thought
when you were down here that we had got
through the worst of them. But Lord we had
not hardly commenced the first chapter. But of
this I will not write of at Present. I will leave
it for the word of Mouth. The Communication
will be quite as soon that way as you will wish
to hear. I heartily wish I could see my Property
so that I could go with Merit in the Spring to
Michigan so that I could once be clear of ~~the~~
the Peticate Part of my own relation for it is
A Curse to any Mage to have such as I have.
I have tried hard to have them so conduct
that they would be an honor to their selves and
A Comfort to us and it is exactly the reverse of this.
But enough of this. You know what the ~~same~~ Book
says of the fulness of the heart. The mouth speaketh
this is the case with ^{me} I can't think of any ^{thing} else day or night
hardly. But this trouble has you got home is he
well are you coming to see us before he goes back.
How long does he remain home & C. How is Lydia getting
Along how is Merit has he got quite well and the
rest of our friends are they all well. Please write
soon. Dear Sister and let us know about all these
Matters don't say up as I sin against us our neglect
for not writing before we will do better next time.
But write at once on the rest of this and tell
Brother you he must come and see us before
he goes back if possible. Please give our love
to all.

Mrs. M. Horrell

Yours Affectionately
J. S. Bristol