

Telegraph. Office Syracuse March 13th / 47

Friend A.B.C.

your letter was received & was very happy
to hear from you, I think I never have ~~seen~~ you, or kept from
you before, I started for Oswego on Monday of last week, & your
letter reached here on Tuesday morning, one of the operators in
this office telegraphed me that I had a letter from Ethica
supposing it was from (Kubbin) (you say that is his real name)
as I am always happy to hear from him, had it opened &
telegraphed to me at Oswego to my surprise it was from
you I stood as short as a hooker to think I had
getting acquainted with another Cornell, because all that
I have seen are all good men especially your father E. Cornell
he is one of the best men that has any thing to do with
telegraphing, before I forget it you must give my best regards
to your father & of course all the rest of the Cornells
as I have left that letter you sent me at home I shall
have to answer your questions as well as I can
think, you said that "Kubbin" would write me soon and
show me the difference of our hand writing & don't
know what you mean & when you ans this letter I wish
that you would explain this matter fully to me.
Mr. A.B.C. I should be very happy indeed to hear from you at
any time ^{that} you will take the pains to write to
me & when you write I wish you would give me all
of the ~~most~~ latest important news you have in Ethica

E. B. C. Sullivan
March 15th 1847
Syracuse, N.Y.

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and if you ever come our way just give us
a call we will be happy to see you at any time
while I think of it will you please give my ~~kind~~^{affection} to
him, ^{Nathan & Isaac} & tell him I will hand his letter as soon as I get
time I am in the middle of some very important
~~unfor~~ business therefore I have not much time to talk
with my friends & "mean boys" - I don't say boys to make you
think that I feel my self above you or any other of ^{the} "boys"
I merely say it to show you that I am writing with
men upon some very important business I would tell you
but I promised them that I would not tell any one &
I would not let any other of the men or boys about
it if I knew that they were all a flocking together
with swords & guns & would stand before & tell ~~them~~
that me that if I would not tell them in five minutes
that they would shoot me dead I would kneel before them
& tell them to shoot if they wanted for I should not
tell them, ~~but~~ I have never had much practice in writing
& I know that this will not pay you for the postage
I will stop

~~Yours Respectfully~~
Yours &c

you must excuse the Bad writing Edw. Fellows

Edw.

Elijah Cornell Pres^t of Thaca &

1846 Auburn Mt Co To Olin Curtis.

Oct 1st By J Eddy & Co

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19 th		Soldering Copper	06
Feb 5 th	1	D ^r Camphur	19
15 th	1	" "	19
	1	doric & Glap	31
March 3	1	D ^r Camphur	19
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Rec'd Ithaca May 25, 1888
of E. Cornell Eight dollars
in full for the within
bill - for the Ithaca & Auburn
Tel Co -

Rec'd Ben Curtis

Homer March 30th. 1847

My Dear Parents I received your very kind letter of the 29th ult. I was much gratified to hear that my letter was received with so much pleasure and joy. I have joined the Methodist. I considered before I did so, but I made up my mind that I had better become a member of some Society. I think it has been better for me since I joined the Society than it was before. I can't tell the reason why it is so but to look on the other hand and see how I spent my first days it looks ridiculous to think about it. I have disobeyed my mother's request very much since I left. Y^es, I have squandered many a Sabbath's day away in idleness and mirth but I trust all of my past sins are forgiven me because I never felt so happy as I do now. I never experienced a happier week than last was. my desire is for the future of living a different life.

I want you to understand me for I think it is for the best that I joined. I should not of joined the Methodist if there had been a Society of friends any where around here that I could enjoy myself with. I did not do this because I thought the Methodist were better than the friends but because there were no Society of them here, I think it matters but very little what Society we belong to if we do that that is the next night to us I think we shall go a long in peace and harmony. I hope by my joining the Methodist it will not be the cause of moving your comfort and happiness because I would rather have my name taken from the list. He wrote that the was all alone. I wish that I was there to help the make ware, not that I am homesick for I am not I have found out that farming for me in the west, or in Michigan will not agree with my health.

I shall be home as soon as it is convenient for me, I shall come prepared to work with ^{the} and learn the trade, for forming the work of my delight it will ~~not~~ ~~permit~~ ~~my~~ ~~health~~ me to do it on account of my health. I shall possibly be home about first July or August, it will be depending on whether Bro Ezra wants me to work with him on the Tete-a-tete, we are all enjoying health except Phoebe and myself she is rather miserable although she is about the house she has a hired girl this spring her name is King. I am not bad off but I have got a sore throat, I believe Theron Mary and Eliza, are well this spring Polly Robertson is unwell confined to her bed with the inflammation on the lungs, The Spring has opened favourable for all kinds of business. The Deaths of our Dearington friends was quite unexpected. I have been engaged this past winter in going to school to Professor J. J. Walcott one of the best teachers that I ever saw, and I have made quite a progress in my studies you must not judge that I have not made much progress by my letter for I have a poor pen and a poor place to write. I do not know as there is any thing more that will interest you.

tell Eliza that I had wrote to him when I get a little more time. Francis Barnard is to work to marble at his trade tell Ezra that I wrote him a letter last winter and have not received an answer yet. Mart has hired another cooper be not discouraged if I live and nothing happens more than common I shall see you before another year rolls around. Edward C.

Elijah and Eunice Cornell,



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Elyah Cornell
Harris Trallo
Thompkins Co
N. Y.

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Union Springs March 30th 1847

Dear Mother

I take my pen in hand to day to pass the time away as I am not at work, I have got a very bad Cold but how I caught it I do not know, I first preceived it last Sunday after noon, I went out to shoot a mess of ducks Sunday morning for dinner and came back with one wild duck and one duck in the lake through the ice but I got out so quick that I did not get much wet. I was at work yesterday but though I would not work to day, I took a dose of Balsam last night but it did not help me much, but I guess I shall get better soon. Robert Howland is building a new house and is going a head of Charles a great deal, their father was up here last winter from New Bedford & said that he could make money faster than his boys could spend it, good on his head. I shall come home as soon as the Steamboat gets to running. I will come Saturday and go back Monday and only lose one day from my work. I had a letter from Deborah some 2 weeks ^{ago} I think. they were all well. I had a letter from E. B. C. but did not get it in almost a month after it was written so I thought it not worth while to answer it. I dont think of any thing more at present except them shirts. If thee will make me a pare of fine ones with plected bosoms I will pay thee for them when I come home which will be soon. Tell Jane & Emeline that they must each write me a letter next first day, I must now write to father so good bye

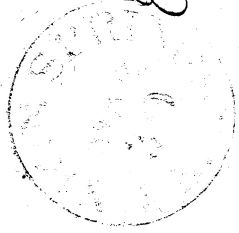
To Eunice Cornell }

From thy affectionate Son
D B Cornell }

Dear Father as I have been writing to Mother and had plenty of room left I thought I would answer thy letter of the 20th. I have got something of a bad cold but am in hopes that it will soon get better. I got thy letter fourth-day night and was glad to hear from home. but it was sad news that came from Dehuyt Deborah told me about it in her letter.

I heard that some body was in Spring Port with a load of Earthen Ware from Ithaca last week but did not see them or any of the ware and did not know as it was true. I think a load of ware would sell well down here. I dont know of any thing more that would be news and my head aches so I will conclude for it is now 11 O clock & my team is not fed,

from thy son
D. B. Cornell
To Elizah Cornell }



Ernest Cornell
Ithaca

Tompkins Co

N.Y.

This may Certify that Lucretia Miller Rents the bar
Room Cellar Kitchen consisting of three Rooms, and
a day time Privilege of the Sitting Room for
one Year from the first of April 1847 for fifty
Dollars ~~and~~ Nelson Tallmadge on his part he
agrees to pay the S^d Lucretia Miller Monthly and
every month ^{four} ~~four~~ Dollars Seventeen cents and at
the Expiration of the S^d Year peacefully give up
the possession of the S^d Tenements to the S^d
Lucretia Miller or her Successor or heirs
where of we have Signed our Names

Witness
Elyah Cornelly

Lucretia Miller
Nelson Tallmadge

May 17th 1848 Received paid Eight Dollars &
Eighty Eight cents ————— \$8 88

Honour. May 27th 1847.

Dear Father

I sit down to answer thy letter as I have a little time to spare I wrote that I was going to work at my trade again but have not done so yet as my health is rather poor yet I am here in the grocery yet and can not leave to come home yet as the man has gone to buy a stock of goods and there is no more to stay here but we tell Matt that I want to be here very much but it so happens that I can not leave probably I have got to stay here next week out and then I am a going to work at my trade again but I do not think that I can work at it as I have I pain in my stomach a good share of the time I have been advised not to go to work at the Pottery business again but I do not know what to do but the Doctors that I am a doctoring with say that I had better get a horse and waggon and go to peddling and they think that I will get over the dyspepsia after a few years I am a going to try it again and if I can not work at it I shall try to get to peddling something but do not know what as I think of nothing now I must close to close

John H Corwell

Geo H. Cornell
May 7, 1845

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Elijah Cornell
Itasca Iron Works
Co
N. Y.



Rochester June 12 1847

Dear Parents

I take pleasure in informing that since our arrival at Rochester we have bin in the enjoyment of good health which is one of the greatest blessings conferred upon Man by his Maker, we have got pretty well settled but B. A. does not feel much at home as yet I think after she gets acquainted she will be more Contented, I am sorry to say that Cousin Nancys health is quite poor we went up there first day afternoon with Martin and made them a visit

Martin started second day morning for Michigan

John Roberson came in the office third day & who do you think he introduced to me well it was Henry Slaid an old School mate of fathers his wife & daughter was with him he said he use to be well acquainted with my father when he was young he Enquired if father worked at his trade I told him he did he seemed surprised to think he was carrying on Business at his advanced age I told him that father retained his age very well and was very smart for so old a man he was on his way home to Fall river he had bin west to visit some friends he sayed he should like to have gon to Ithaca & made you a visit but he was in a hurry to get home he wished me to give his love to father which I do with great pleasure for I never saw a man that looked so much like father in my life

Mother Burdick was taken with a stick in
her side yesterday morning and was so that she could
scarcely move and was obliged to have the doctor
she is some better ~~to~~ day, they have lost their
horse that was sick when they left Whace
they had to leave him when within 8 miles of Veter-
Loo where he died in about a week after he left
him.

Provisions of all kinds are very high in
this place flour 84 dollars per Bbl & Everything
in proportion Wood is from 3 to 4 dollars per cord

it takes about all I can earn to support the
family &c I wish you would write on the
receipt of this letter and let us know how you
get along

Yours affectionately

E. B. Cornell

To E & C Cornell



Rochester June . 15th 1847

My Dear Sister

your verry kind epistel came to hand yesterday and I haster to answer it for I have felt verry anxious to hear from you I commenced a letter for you a week ago but was hindred from some cause or other and have not had leisure since that I could finish it I will therefore make another effort to give you a short history of our new situation you will soon see that we are all as homesick as we can possibly be you will enquire what is the cause I thought Rochester was a pleasant place yes it is a beautifull city but there are menny reasons why I feel discontented in the first place our house is inconvenient and hard to do work in I hav to work as hard again to do my work as I did at home in the next place our children are a going to have a verry poor chance to school the publick schools will all close in two weeks not to comence again untill september the cause is they have not money to support the schools in the next place our expences are double what they were at S'thaca we cannot have one drop of sour milk without paying for it and glad to get

it so we had been ^{here} two or three weeks before
I saw a drop of milk of any kind we pay
two cts per quart for buttermilk four for
new milk we have had one quart of new
milk since we came here these are a few of the
reasons why I feel homesick Father and Mother are
more discontented than we are if possible Mother
has been quite sick so they were obliged to call
a physician she is quite well now our family
are all well except Marion she has had a very
severe time with the tooth ache for a week past
she will be obliged to have it extracted soon
Nancy Macys health is very poor she can not
do her little work we went down there with
M B Wood had a good visit Nancy was here
and made a visit it is about two miles
from here to their place a long but pleasant
walk I do very much miss our affectionate friends
and kind neighbours in Athol tell Mother how
I wish I could step in and help her quilt a
little while and enjoy her beloved society with
your cheery company to enliven the scene I
believe I could for a little while forget my
homesickness it is past nine and I will come
to a close thank you for your receipt and
your letter too, write again soon I am your
affectionate sister

B A Cornell

B A Law I must finish this letter I will
Endeavour to do so, I Can inform you that
I have a pretty Easy task to keep the line in
order to what I did last winter having 2 to
assiot me on the same rout that I had
a lone in the winter, I intend to find some
other Buysnes to employ a part of my time if possible

Tell Alonso that J. R. Beaumont was up from
Syracuse last Sunday to make us a visit and
Spoke of the receipt of his letter, he said it was
a first rate letter and that he would answer it
as soon as he had leisure, he is about Alonso's
age or perhaps a little older and has the whole charge
of the Syracuse office, I have had intimation that
Office has had an offer of \$1000 a year to go to Canada
when that line gets started Tell Alonso that
the Prospects are fair for him if he will only
be diligent and improve Every opportunity to qualify
himself in the various branches of Education ~~that~~
which is necessary to make the man

Please give my love to father & Mother & tell
them we miss their Society as much as they do
ours & would be glad to live near them so that
we could step in to see them often

The sheet is about full and I must
bring my portion of the letter to a close by
requesting you to write offa Ezra ~~W. F. F.~~ for Boston
monday morning I talked with O. C. W on Sunday he was
in the city then but was not in office at the time V B Cornell

Mrs E Cornell

~~Macca~~

Dunphy's Co
N.Y.

E. J. Cornell
June 15, 1847

Thurs 7th mo 24th 1827

Dear John

In order to do as I would be
done by I have to inform thee that when we
got to Benjamin Woods on our Return from
Quarterly meeting we found Ezra there and the
next third day following He and Mary Ann
started for Michigan and expect to be gone a
bout three weeks and Mother Jane and my self
live in their house and take care of the chil-
dren while they are gone and as I have got
so much to do I want thee should write to
Deborah and give her the information and when
they Return If it does not slip my mind I will
give thee the Michigan news. We have
lately heard from Daniel and was informed that
he was going to work at haying and harvesting
couple of weeks at \$5 per day and thought
Doubtfull whether he worked in the plaster
living any longer but he did not say what he
should go about. Mother does not appear to be
very well but is about house but she seems to be
feeble and Complaining Nothing more seems to
occur to my mind that would be interesting to thee
I must conclude Requesting thee to write to Debo-
rah wood as I have not time and am anxious she
should know that they have gone

Elijah Cornell

Elyah Cornell
Jth Mo 24th 1847

Elyah Cornell
John Cornell Courtland
Courtland County N.Y.

Providence 7th mo. 1847

Dear Parents

I delayed writing long, but have often thought of you & have been looking for some intelligence from you and have no doubt that you ^{would} be pleased to hear from us. I can inform you that we are all enjoying tolerable good health. The children have been remarkable healthy for a long time. Eunice has a touch of bowel complaint now. but has been very well for a long time past. The boys are quite helpful to me they go after millr at the farm alone (that is the two oldest) and do a good deal towards delivering it I do not have any other help this summer. All the children go to school except the youngest. Frelove Pratt continues to keep house for us. I put out the washing & ironing and most of the sewing have got their summer clothes all made except two jackets which are under way. Our friends and relatives are generally well. Aunt Hannah Robinson has been sick with the colic morbus but has ^{got} some better it is not thought to be healthy in this city at present although the number of deaths are not I think greater than usual there has been some cases of the typhoid or ship fever and people have been alarmed. I have not heard any thing from Uncle Palmer or Milled for a long time. I believe they live a Fall River & have given up Milling as the mill has been taken for some other use; the season though backward looks promising Flour & corn have fallen to half the former price or nearly so.

Since I commenced this Aunt Hannah has got better
Emie continues to have the bowel complaint slightly.
& I am somewhat troubled with a bilious spell which
is common to me. The colera morbus on infantine has carried
off quite a number of children within a short time past
in the neighborhood and quite a number of older people sick
with a fever. Please to write & let me know how you
are and what the children are all about I have not heard
any thing from them (except Mary) for a long time, I wrote
with to Ezra if I knew his whereabouts, as there is no telling
where to find him except by recent information.

The weather is very wet at present with us and the season backward
corn particularly so potatoes are considered good in general
hay there has been a very large crop. Father lives in
Cumberland about 10 miles out and has a farm this
year, my ~~two~~ oldest Brothers live in this place Alonzo
works in a calico or printing establishment & Benjamin
works at his trade painting, Annasa lives at Dover N.H.
and works at the same trade the other two Burges & Joseph
work at farming by the month. My Business is pretty
fair this season better than last year. Whortleberries are very
plenty this season more so than for many years past & the children
are teasing to go to grandfathers to pick some. I expect that we
shall go next week, as there is a vacation in the public
schools of 3 weeks beginning next week. I do not know
but you will think that what I have written is hardly
worth mailing for must confess myself very boring
any thing interesting or useful so I must conclude & remain
Yours &c - your son affectionately Tho C. Case
P.S. 20, Essex St - (and wife Cornelia)

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Elijah Cornell
Thaca, N.Y.

Compliments Country

Union Springs Aug - 27

Dear Mother

I now take my pen in hand to answer
Jane's letter of the 4th Inst. I have no almanack
I cannot tell the day of the month but it is
"sunday-after-noon" at least -
the apology I make to Jane is that I have not time
to write 2 letters, and as I have not written to
Mother in a long time it her turn, however if you
quarrel about it I will write no more -
tell Jane I cannot make it "handy" to go to De-
Bryter untill some time in the fall -
I was too much engaged to answer ^{her} letter before

Yesterday I went about 2 miles north to a "raising"
and got there soon after the 8th bent was put up, I then
helped put up one bent and another about 8 feet or 20
when they had to stop to fix the "rigging", I then
came home got my supper and started for town
when I was told that the bent after being raised
had fallen to the ground, killing one man almost
instantly and hurting 3 or 4 others
the mans name that was killed was John - Olli-
Oliver, both his legs were broken and his brains all
crushed out and the bent lay across his ~~middle~~
back when D-Gauger left, the building was a heavy
flouring mill - - - - -

I do not think of any more news except that all
the "paddies" in the quarry have left and we have good
peaceable times ~~the~~ tell Jane that "Yankee John"
has been to Auburn and got him a dandy suit of cloths
and that I am like wise going to get me a suit and
"Yankee" and my self are coming to make you a visit —
it is most supper time and I must close with my
best wishes and love to all my friends

To ———

D. B. Cornell

P.S. is Cornell at home, if so write to
me as soon as possible if not tell me where
to direct a letter to him or to C.B.

D.B.C.

I forgot to ~~to~~ tell you that I am
well

Albion October ~~24~~ 24/47

Dear Brother

I have delayed answering your kind letter until now not because I had forgotten it but for the want of a convenient opportunity and something in the shape of news that would be interesting. And I don't know now as I shall find much news to write but as Edward has started for home I thought I had better write the best I can. He is at present in Springfield where he intended to stay 2 days and then start for Ithaca. He expected to take the Ithaca line boat which with good luck would arrive at that place the 29. I expect he is on the Lake today and should think it a very favourable time as there has been no wind for several days. I want some of you to write as soon as he arrives write all how he got along and what it cost him. I have borrowed some trouble for fear he would suffer some with cold tell him to sit down and write all about his journey. Mr Wood has been unwell for a few days but Shiras was there ~~day before~~ sixth day and he was on the gain the rest were well —

Hiram has got about through with his job and
feels very well satisfied with what he has made
It is raining very moderately and looks very much
like fall of the year. You write your health is poor
but don't wait what seems to be the difficulty
Monday 28th I hope you will write more particular I am glad
to hear you are going to school and hope you will
not have to leave on the account of poor health
Hiram has just started for Colhamago he will be
gone 3 days M B W has gone to Detroit to day he is
better I tell Mother I don't know of any news to
write Only that Mark is pulling me and teasing for
a whip he is a great healthy boy
Mell Baker is has got to be Thursday and my letter not
mailed yet I thought when I commenced writing
I should send it so that you would get it a
bout the time Edward got home but with good luck
he will be there bout the time (this is stolen)
Last night I was with you all in my dreams and
we were all so happy the whole of Eyras and E. B.
family included there seemed to be great doings
and all appeared to be uncommonly happy I don't
know when I have taken so much comfort in

a dream. Hirom has got home & gone to live
he returned from Kalamazoo to day his job is now
finished tell Edward Webster Phelps worked while
he was gone. We are having beautiful weather now
but very cold nights it freezes. extremely hard and
is warm and pleasant through the day. Where does
E.B. family live please ask Betty Betsey ~~Ann~~ to send
me a receipt for candlewax with nutgall soon can
write it in a letter if she does not choose to write
I wish that mother and Jane would sit down and
write me a good long letter write all they can think
of about my old acquaintances that is all that
good. I do hope they will. I shall answer A.B. ~~for~~
next time I write to them I think tell him to
write faithfully. Friday morning as Hirom is going
to town I will close my letter and send it a
long. I shall expect to hear from you soon and hope
mother will write some. I should rather have a letter
from her than any body I know & I will conclude
with sending my love to all friends.

From your affectionate sister M. C. Robertson
I forgot to mention what now that I had not ~~for~~
forgotten the advice which I gave and am glad it
was kindly received as it was given in kindness and
must for your good, do try to take the right course.

Mary Robertson
Albion



G. H. Cornell

Phaca

N.Y.



Mary Robertson

Ashtabula, Ohio Oct^r 30th 1847
Mr O B Cornell Dear Sir

Yours of the 21th inst came to hands last evening. and in answer I have to state that I write you at Buffal. the same day on which your letter was dated, and in that I tell you how the whole particulars of my operations.

Mr Rindick arrived here last evening with full contracts to Cleveland, prices ranging from 40 to 48 cts. I showed him your letter saying that he would come back to Erie and begin to set the Poles, and I presume he calculates to do so.

My address seems to be to move on beyond Cleveland. before doing so I shall necessarily have to have more funds which you may send to this place as I can remain here cheaper than to go to Cleveland and remain there until you remit them. I shall want a sufficient amount of funds for all emergencies, the route to contract I am informed, is some 200 from Cleveland and my travel from here and back will be not less than 600 miles.

I last evening saw a Pamphlet which has been published by O. Reilly and his associates being quite a voluminous work purporting to be an exposure of frauds perpetrated upon them by H. C. J. Smith. Kendall. Speed. Cornell and thus in the mean time threatening all opposition and intrusions upon the line. Of this and upon this subject I have no remarks to make. however I have ten thousands questions put to me concerning the interest and the disinterest of the two lines. But I make it a point to say but very little in reference to it.

There is a station very much wanted at this place for which the inhabitants are willing to subscribe liberally. say at least \$2,000. This amount was subscribed to the other line and 10 per cent over

paid into the hands of a receiver here but the
Subscribers, becoming jealous thought best to call
it back and have done so and are now
waiting to see who and the right N. Hays and
when they come ascertain to their entire satisfaction
who is right then they are prepared to do liberally

I think the feeling is in our
favor so much so that were the Books open here
to day they could be obtained at least \$2,000

I have been quite sick since
I saw you but it has not interfered with my
business as I was taken in the evening and
moved on the next morning. I am now quite
well and hearty. Mean time ^{except} my best wishes
for your own wellfare and the success of the
Line

D. C. Cornell
Buffalo
N. Y.

Yours Truly
Oliver Allen

Oliver Allen
30 Oct 47

Nov 1st 1847

My dear P.

I have been able to work all the time since I left home but I cannot say that I am perfectly well for I take cold about every day and although I take every precaution to prevent it yet I feel the effects of cold almost every day. We get along slower than I expected when I left home. We have the wire up about 24 miles but there are several brakes in it already occasioned by flaws in the wire which escapes our notice when we put it up. We shall have the wire all up by tomorrow night ^{to this place} but the registers have not come yet and there is likely to be some delay in getting them. Mr Speed handed me a letter from E.B. Cornell stating that he had been to Buffalo and up the line as far as Ashtabula ~~we~~ had contracted for poles all the way and says they will have them all set to Cleveland this month if they have good weather. We commence to day setting poles from Detroit to Cleveland. Mr Wade has the supervision of that portion of the line at the same wages that I have. The remains of Uncle Macy was conveyed to its final resting place yesterday. He died early on Saturday morning. I arrived there yesterday just as the procession left the house though the mourners being ahead and going south I did not see them until they returned. A friend by the name of De Garmo staid at the house and we had an interesting chat in the absence of the family. Charles and his wife was there and Mr Hatch & Spoor with their wives making three sisters dressed near alike and all took tea before going home. Martha has gone east to spend the winter. She went about ten days ago. Rowley is going down to Toledo to work on the telegraph. I would come home if I could leave consistently but my presence is required here constantly.

I have not received any thing from you so I conclude that you have no serious trouble. I shall be up on Saturday if not before.

Yours affectionately

(Wheat is worth 90 cents here)

M.B. Wood

Wausau Dec 17th 1847

Dear & Respected Cousins

- I beg excuse for not answering' e're this. Cousin Ezra's very kind, and much welcome letter, but I really could not compose myself to write you, having' lost my Dear Father 9 months since. And when I received that letter I wept for no Father was here, with me to welcome it -

He died last May after an illness of 12 days of dysentery, it is indeed hard for us to bear, but we try to be reconciled, it was so sudden to us, that not untill of late have we been able to realize it. And daily are we reminded of him - he was not only ^{a loss} to his family - but the whole community. A procession of 300 and upwards followed him to his final resting place. The largest that ever appeared in our streets, it consisted of the Sons of Temperance (of which he was an active member) all of the Engine Companies (he being one of the 3 directors) - also from respect to the Odd Fellows. I mention this in regard to his funeral, that you may know how much he was respected - by all who knew him, and not untill now, have

we been able to appreciate his worth - but he who
"sunders the wind to the shorn Lamb" will protect the
widow and the fatherless - Our family at present
are all enjoying a good degree of health - I was
so glad to hear from you - for I can never forget
any of you - and I tell them here at home - I can
never forgive myself for not remaining with you
longer - but I thought then it was impossible.

But if I ever travel West again - and I may
in the course of a year or two - I will not fail
but travel on to that never to be forgotten place
- Fall Creek - and I hope if by chance you are called
this way you will not fail of visiting us.
I can hardly bear the thought of not meeting you
again for I know you are advanced in years -
but be that as it may - I will strive to meet you
in a better land - where there is no parting with
friends - but all is pleasantness and peace -

I often think of Jane especially when I look at her
gift - that I keep so close - and does she remember
the time we walked up that mountain - I call it
"Tell cousin" because he must call this his letter - but
I did not know where to direct as his business
calls him - all over the country - but it is intended
for all - I do not know that I have written at all
legible, at any rate - you will excuse me -
for I feel in some haste - and before closing
I must make one request - and it is this

That some of you will write me immediately
tell Cousin Mary Ann - she must write - it would be
so pleasant to hear from you often - and I will be
more prompt in answering - With love to all and
from all I remain your affectionate cousin
Elizabeth F. Swain

Newmarket
Mass

Elijah Cornell.

Idharca

Thompkins Co.

New York

Dear Parents

I must acknowledge that I have been remiss in writing, and ought to have done so long ago. My neglect was brought in remembrance by receiving your kind letter and was glad to hear that you are enjoying that greatest of earthly blessings, health. I can inform you that we are all well (except some slight colds) the family have all enjoyed uninterrupted health for a long time which I believe calls for thankfulness on my part at least. we are keeping along the same as usual. F. & L. P. still continues with us as housekeeper. She talks of leaving this Spring. I hardly know how we can get along without her, as the right sort of help are very scarce. Plenty of Irish girls but they are not fit to take charge of work. Our friends are all in health so far as I have heard. Daniel and Sarah Gould lost one of their children a little girl between 4 & 5 years old. She died the 9th of the month of the croup. I have engaged milk for another year at the same place and of course expect to keep on setting milk. The business is about the same as usual, but it is getting harder to collect bills, as money is scarce, and not much prospect of things being better. Father, as the boys are all with ~~me~~ at home suppose them leaves off work for awhile and make a tour to the east to see their old friends & grandchildren. I can but think that now is the time if they ever expects see to them again, it is only 12 hours travel from here to Albany by Worcester. I should be much pleased to see them & the children join with me in expressing the same

We should be pleased to ~~have~~ both Grandfather & Grandmother to make us a visit this summer & no doubt but that you will try to come, if you can make it convenient. It has been a mild winter in this State but have had quite a cold snap this spring. we should like very well to make you a visit this summer with some of the children at least but do not know it will be. ~~Not~~ ^{Don't} thinking of any thing that would interest you and for ^{want} of matter to write I will try to ^{give} a little description of children. Rebecca is at tall girl of her age as high as many women but strong and is quite a help to me but like many girls of her age 12 years wants to have her own way. Eliza Leacock is a very large child of his age 11 years almost as steady as a man seems to be of a mechanical turn by building machines whenever he sees any thing that is new. Alonzo is not large more light minded easily overcome but is the greatest scholar among them, and is a very ready reader. Edward & Albert the ^{two} are nearly as large as Alonzo. equal size. The neighbors do not know them apart (unless it is a few) Edward is the most resolute and persevering of any of the boys. Thomas is a great good natured baby sort of a boy. Eunice is the darling not only of her father but of the whole family, even she seems to ^{be} uncommonly ~~of~~ an even disposition very tractable and enjoys good health. Please to write often & let me know how you are getting along what the children of the family are all up to ~~or~~ doing.

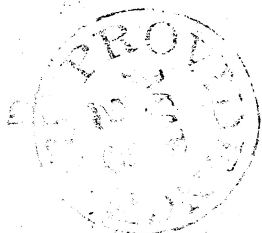
I would not have you think that I did not write
because that I was waiting for you to write
but I am willing to write at any time when I can
find time & anything that would be interesting
tell Alonzo B. - I have not forgotten him yet
& think shall write to him before long I should
like to hear from him so with wishing to be re-
membered to all my acquaintances in your parts

I conclude affectionately your son
Wm. C. C. C.

To Elyah & Eunice Corbett.

Providence 3^d mo 21st 1848

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Elizabeth Bennett
Providence R.I.

Dear Aunt

Luncheon June 26 1848

I thought perhaps thee would like to hear how father got along while he was on a visit to the west he returned last fifth day after being gone most five weeks and he says he never enjoyed himself so well in his life he started second day and got Rochester third day night found them all well he staid there till fifth day morning and got to Aunt Annas seventh day morning they were all very glad to see him Aunts health is quite poor she is now at Rochester and will come out here if she is able but father thinks it is doubtful he says if she dont come thee must go and see her he staid three or four days and then took the cars and went to Martins and found them well and glad to see him but Frank was about a hundred and thirty miles from there he thought he should not see him but Mart said he would go and tell him father was there and pretty soon he asked him when he would meet him at Ypsilanti and he told him so when father came home he met him there but he could not coax him to come home with him but he said he would be here next fall he thinks Phebe and Mary have both got very pleasant places and finally he says I must tell thee that he saw more than he ever did when he went a voyage to Europe he says perhaps he shall go out to Ithaca after quarterly meeting we want thee and Uncle Elijah should be sure and come out to quarterly meeting now do come tell Mary Ann to come too

I had a letter from cousin Robert Bernard a short
time ago they were all well and have got a daughter
about six months old. Gilbert and Avis have returned
from their journey and had a very good time
they found Aunt Ruth and Avis and all the
rest of our folks well. Avis said she saw Rhoda
Lifford in New York she said she was coming
home in the fall. Tell Deborah Matilda is
very sick and when I was to home last first
day they thought she never would be any better.
I have not heard from her since Mary and
Phebe sent her some blacks by father and she
must come out and get them Robert said.
Talk of going out there some time this summer
we shall not be able to make a very long visit on
account of my school I go home every week and it
seems very long since there Caroline lives to Georges
and Mary and father are there alone Mary stands
all alone part of the time while father was gone we
expect grandmother up to make a visit she is
very smart we expect Aunt Amy here in a week
or two and Aunt Ruth talks some of coming now
you must be sure and come out for we want to
see you very much and then if there is any thing
else you want to know we will tell you I should
be very glad to have a letter from some of you
tell Jane to write and Deborah and all the
rest and to try and keep C. Straight Emma

Aunt Emma

Sunday morning I come here and found Aunt
Mary here she expects to stay till after quarterly
meeting Benjamin Wood was buried fifth day I knew
nothing about the particulars of his sickness Matilda
is getting better she has got a girl a week old

C. B.

He was thirty miles from
he should not see him but
uld go and tell him father was
soon he asked him when he would
to Ypsilanti and he told him so when
home he met him there but he could
him to come home with him but he said
he here next fall he thinks Phebe and
both got very pleasant places and
says I must tell thee that he saw
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says perhaps he shall go out to Thos
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now do come tell Mary Ann to come too

Dear Parents

Albion Sept. 8 /44

As an opportunity offers to forward a letter to you I will improve it although it is difficult to write I have so many cares the children are around to day. Abina has the Chills however it only returns every other day and then she is very sick. The Chills fever differs from the fever and ague in one respect after the fever leaves there they are very sick they do not get up smart as after a fit of the ague and when they get into a sweat it appears to weaken them much more than after the ague and if you do not watch them they will sink down and die before you are aware. Martin has been sick with an intermittent fever left him a week ago and he gains slowly he sits here now a writing but is feeble yet. Edward has the ague yet and of course is very weak too. I think we shall not let it run much longer but I am afraid if we take it up he will bring it on again by over exertion or eating as we have a plenty of melons and it is hard for him to let them alone. I never enjoyed better health in my life except a few fits of the ague. Mary is well but the probability is she will not come home this fall when Paul

Sent the paper & thought she was calculating
to go but since I found out that it was very
uncertain. She is out sewing at this time
She does not know that Edgar is going so soon
We do not hear from you as often as we
could wish grandpa is well he is heartier
than I ever knew him to be since he got
over the ague we have all had our turn now
it is two weeks since we were first visited
by sickness and it seems that we have been
remarkably favoured as we have not had but
three cases of the fever and they not very bad
I have been able to take care of them all
the time except one week and then we
not have to hire and we could not get any
if we had. We received a letter from Uncle
Johns they are well and Robert intends to sail
for New York the 20. of this month & he is going to
see Charles and will visit of them and DeKuyper
in his route. Edward does not get homesick but
I should not wonder if he did he is been sick
so long. Edgar appears to think more about
Dorchester than any of the rest. Since he has been
sick when he wanted something to eat which
we had not got he will say if we were
in Dorchester we should have it. They all talk
a great deal about you and Arline says tell
Grandma we are coming to see her one of these
days, We miss our friends much.

Martin being sick put his work back very much
his wheat is not sowed yet he has 22 acres
ready to sow and 18 more which he has got
to plough once more. there has been a great
deal of sickness around rather more than
usual. if Martin gets smart & shak not
be discouraging he does not get homesick
Mary likes it much but some of the folks
more. what are you all about. what are E.D.C.
folks about and M.A.C. is it sickly there
what are those boys about if I had hold of
them I would try to find out why they do
not send me a paper once in a while.
we do not hear a word from you or Lucretia
What is E.D.C. do do about is he coming west
or is he frightened because we are sick we
have not kept any thing back we have not
tried to deceive you we do not wish to in-
fluence any one although we would be
happy to have our friends here.

I do not think that Edward will not be
able to work much this fall but is not
worse off than many a one has been who
has come to the west before having the
ague. it is time to give Martin and Arline
their medicine and I must quit so Goodbye
from Yours - Ever Affectionately
daughter A. Wood

Little Heart

Oct 11 1848

Parents

Elijah Cornell

Attaca

Wm

May

Dear Parents,

Union Springs Oct 3rd 1848.

It is with great pleasure that I now take my pen to inform you of my safe arrival in Spring Port. and that my friends are all well. I left ^{home} as you know on Friday but the boat that I wanted to come on left before I got down to the landing and so I had to take the other one but that boat was not loaded and so I had to wait till the next day, we left with the boat on Saturday, but we had a head wind and only got to Mireas (off Snellsville) on Saturday night. I went ~~over~~ up to Snellsville and stayed over night and the boat got under weigh before I got down in the morning. so I started on foot and beat the boat. I got down about 3 o'clock Sunday night, I am now at work for J. C. Gawler the man that I owed, I shall not be at home in 2 or 3 weeks, tell father to get that money of Ezra and take out that dollar and then I owe Galmaed and ~~Robert Johnson~~ a little, pay them and send me the remainder by mail. I have been to work hard to day and am tired

I dont think you could expect any news
but if you do I should not know what to
write, D. C. Yanger has sold most all the ware
And I guess he will want more soon I will
look around and see if I can find market
for alound of ware, and I will see about that
clay and send some if I can. I will write
again soon, and now good bye for the present
from your son &c

To Eliza
to Eunice
Cornell

D. B. Cornell

D. B. Cornell

Oct 3rd 1848



PAID.

Edw. Cornell Esqr

Mass

W. C.

Union Springs Oct 10/48

Dear Parents

I promised to write to you last Sunday but I had no convenient place and so I now fulfill my promise. My health has been good since I have been here and I am still at work for John B Ganger the Merchant, I have only two more days to work for him and then I don't know but I shall go to Albany with a man that is going down from here.

I think Father had better come down here with a load of ware, as soon as he can make it convenient.

Glass pots and stove tubes and flat pots and milk pans and crock would find a good market.

Has Ezra been home or not, I wish you would get that money of him and pay Talpadge and Johnson and send the rest to me but before you send it. Just enquire by telegraph for me and not send it unless I am here, I don't think I shall be home this winter. you may let

can have that gun and get that dollar
that I paid him, tell John to come in
the Telegraph office and talk with me
some evening I don't know of any thing
more of interest only that General
Taylor is a whig and never surrenders
for he holds a commission worth \$6,000
per year and will not surrender it
till he gets one worth \$25,000 per year

To C. G. and
D. B. Cornell
Athens

Yours in haste
D. B. Cornell

L. B. Cornell
Oct 10. 1848

Elijah Cornell

Ithaca

N. Y.