DeRuyter March 5 1860

Dear cousin

As I thought you would be anxious to hear from us I take this opportunity to write My dear sister is no more she died yesterday at half past five P M she has suffered a great deal since she has been sick and stained her reason till the very last she said it looked dark about five minutes before she died and thought we would need a candle to eat supper by she died very easy it appeared as though she had gone to sleep she looks very natural she suffered more night before last than she has ever done before she complained of her back just as Elizabeth did I have thought of you often lately and wish some of you were here but that cannot be Robt is here and we have sent for the other boys My dear mother died two years ago yesterday about the same time of day I cannot hardly feel reconciled to it I shall feel very lonely but I suppose all things are ordered for the best and therefore must submit the rest of us are well please write soon give my love to uncle Es folks and inform them of our loss

from your affectionate Cousin Emma

Mary Ann

Albion June 14th 1850

Dear Parents Brothers and Sisters —

I received your kind letter this morning and was glad to here that Sister arived safe at Ithaca but am sorry to here of Fathers and Mother feeble state of health as I have made a good cal of reckoning on there returning with Phebe But if fate designs otherways I must submit I however have a hope that there will yet be a way made clear for them to come I will now inform you that we are all well and then tell you about the weather Friday after P left we had rain that wet the lap of the earth 2 inches it then cleared off and Saturday all of our brothers and sisters come here Otto Snyder and wife with the rest and cot roast pigs as we had 2 roasted had a first rate visit and after they had all gone home M B came poking along he said they warned him him out to work on the road and as he had no money to hire to hire a hand he stayed and worked himself and sent one communication for which he got 60 cents he stayed here all night and in the morning went up to Johns to see the children we finaly hicked up and all hands went up to Brown and had a good visit and a first rate rain and finaly rode home in the rain but diddent care for that if it would only rain Well monday morning it was clear and fair out and Brothes Philop started for home and M B went Albion which is the last we have heard from him he took all the dryden folks home with him to stay all night when they came up from Detroit and the women around Albion told him they was going to write to you for one morning

for one morning they see 5 women come out of his house one rite after the other and they wouldent have such work when you was gone — But never mind aunt ~~Betsey~~ Rachal sore they made the beds all up nice again Yesterday which was thursday we went up to Vincent Birhops and had a good visit and this after noon it is raining a gain which is very welcomb as the ground had got very dry again the rain has reared things very much wheat is heading out is generaly Poor Hirone hink if nothing more befalls his piece it will yield 10 bushes the ~~[illegible]~~ arre Oats and Barley looks miserable and gardens of book as barron as if it was the first of may in fact every thing look discouraging to the farmers in particular I dont know what will be come of ous things never looked so discouraging to me in the world as at present But it is doubtless all orderd for the best Phebe I wish you would get some slips of the Honey Suckle and set them out some where where they would get rooted and when I go east I will fetch them back with me now dont neglected it for we must contrive some way to get that frower here it would seem so much more like home I want you should get home as soon as convenient Polly talks as though she had quite a time with the children, & But you know ~~the~~ small things looks big to some folks Arling nor Edgar hant been here at all since you have been gone Egoes by after the cows but dont come in Orson is a pretty good boy most of the time he and mott aggrees pretty well I get along very comfortably with them Mill Jane you seem to have given up the idea of getting a letter from me but if you knew the cares and responsibilities that a mother haves with 3 children besides other domestick concerns

to keep things mended and worked up and all in order you would not think strange of my neglecting to write and as for my keeping my new dresses for you to make it would not be any thing strange if she should for new dresses is out of the question with me this spring I have not had any nor dont expect to not because I dont need them but because I feel to poor to get them in fact it is hard times with us and we may as well own up as any how I hope you will succeed in your business and be prudent and equinomicale dont spend all you earn in dress but make it a rule to lay by a little every month I think if you do you will not regret it in after years I fear you are amost to fond of dress and fashion I hope you will consider well and try to make a good improvement of your time and money I dont know as you will thank for my advise but I hope you will take it kindly as it was intended where does sister Deborah live now and what is there prospects do they think of commung to michigan

make the new I have

Well it is saturday night and a chance offers to send to the Office and I will finish and send this about your commeng to Mich nothing would give me more pleasure then to greet you here was it not for your leaving our Dear Parents but on there account I cannot urge it it has rained all night and all the fore noon and is now pleasant agone good buy I come soon my love to all

Mary C Robertson



Mrs. M. P. Wood

Ithaca Tompkins

Co N. Y.

Union Springs Sept 9th 30

Dear Brother

I have for some time put off writing to you, expecting every Saturday that it would be so that I could come home but I have now given up all hopes of coming if I wait until the hurry of work is over and I dont want to ~~breakin~~ leave and have my boss think hard but if I said I must go he would let me go in one moment. We have just ~~began~~ a large store which take us all the fall and part of the winter if he dont hire more help. we have just finished a small gothic house for Robert B Howland. Edward I am very much cramped for money at present and dont know as I can pay you as soon as I told you I would. do you need it right away or not. I am in debt a little here at work for small wages, but I am learning a good trade and shall be in better circumstances before long. if you want to use that $5 I will send it some way or another. but if you dont want to use it I will give you my note at 7 pr cent that and $10 or 15 dollars more if you can spare it. ask father if he dont want to come down here to live next summer tell him I am going to buy a house and lot just out of the vilage and the garden is first rate and I want him to

come and live on it with me. tell Jane that she must not blame me for not answering her letter give my love to mother and tell them all I want to see them. It is now breakfast time so good

Edward

D Bloomfield

Providence 11th mo 18th 1850

Dear Parents

Not having heard from you for some time past I have taken pen to address you believing you would be pleased to hear from us. we are all enjoying tolerable good health except Albert who has had quite an afflictive dispensation he was taken sick with the rheumatick fever & suffered severe pain for several weeks after he began get better a sore broke out on his left knee near the joint & last week the doctor took out two peices of bone about as large as the thumb nail the doctor thinks that it will now heal up. There has been a great danger of it rendering him a cripple for life. he is so now as to sit up all day but does not walk. Rebecca & Alonzo have been away this summer at the Friends school they have been at home for weeks past Rebecca & Elijah are going away to the school tomorrow for 6 months. Aunt Rebecca Chace is very low with the consumption I was down this last week to quarterly meeting at Somerset & to Albert Chaces our friends those parts are all well. Uncle Walters son Brownell was coming home & was the last heard from nearly gone with the consumption so that they doubted that he would be able to reach home alive Palmer & Miller are both visiting & staying near Uncle Palmer daughter Ruth is better than she has been but is nearly helpless as regards using her hands

I have not heard from any you for along time please to write & let me know how all are & what the children and grand children are all up to in business. I am still selling milk but have had rather poor times this season owing to its being hard times and a crowded market but its growing better now. Content Robinson is with us as housekeeper Edward Thomas jr. & Eunice go to the Public schools Alonzo will assist me this winter and not go to school, ~~this winter~~ I think he is ahead of either of the others in learning & thus far has had the best chance. Rebecca is large of her age weighs last summer 136# is very useful about the house work & I hardly know how to space from home as there is great deal to do in so large a family but now is the time for her to get her education and that must be attended to. I should be very much pleased to see you again but it is very uncertain. I sometimes think that I will try to come to Ithaca but it is hardly possible for me to leave my family as they are at present situated. Please excuse my imperfect manner of writing as I had not thought of writing untill a few minutes before I took my seat this evening So with love to you all

I remain your son affectionately

Thos Chace

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Elijah Cornell
Ithaca
N. York

Union Springs Dane 23rd 1851

My Dear Parents

Thinking that you would like to hear from your unworthy son, and feeling it my duty to write. I embrace the present opportunity to address a few lines to you.— my health has been very good untill within a few days, but today is the first day I have been Idle on that account. I have got cold and and also a severe head-ache. but I am in hopes it will soon leave me. I want to see you all very much for I have good news to tell you. I have lately made up my mind to Serve that Being which in His divine mercy has spared my life, and blessed me with helth so long. I can not penn my thoughts but I can say (with many other of my companions in this place) that I feel an inexpressable pleasure in doing as I would like to be done by. I am as happy as any mortal well can be. I have read my Bible to my wife almost every evening for 2 weeks. we go to Meeting regular and we both of us try to set a Christian example before our friends and before the world. and we both of us pray in our humble manner ~~to have~~ strength to serve the Being we pray too. can you not give us a Parents blessing.. Mother I feel that thy Prayers for me has been answered. and with the help of Him who is able to guide me I mean to ever be found Praising His Name and reading His word. and now my Dear Parents can you and will you forgive me for my conduct towards you. ~~Oh~~ I have Prayed to God to forgive me and when you can forgive me I think He will forgive me too,——

I want you to write to me very often, tell Jane never to get tired of well doing. tell her to never neglect her duty and put her trust in ~~[illegible]~~ in him who has power to save. and will impart his blessing to all that truly serve him.. tell her to write to me as often as she can find time. give my love to all my Brothers and sisters tell them all to write —

We had a tremendous fire here day before yesterday noon it was a new building about 100 feet long 2 and half stories and was situated in the south end of the vilage on the west side of Main St Mrs Tuttle sends Mother and Jane her love and says she would like to see. I must now bring my letter to a close so good bye

from your Son DBbornell

Union Springs Feby 14th 57

My Dear Sister Jane

I was this afternoon very happy to hear from you, you know Jane that we some times feel so happy that the tongue cannot express the feelings of the heart, and I find that pen fails to discribe the joy of my hart at receveing your letter. but I am going to try to come home in the Spring, and tell you what I cannot write, Jane my Prayer has been and is still that we may know the will of God and be strengthened by him to do it. I find that happiness in religion which is unspeakable and full of glory I am happy in the thought of my turning from the path that leads to death. let us be faithful to our God and live —

My health is not very good. I have had a severe headache for a bout a week and I have now got a bad cold. but I trust it will soon Pass off. Maria likewise got a bad cold and finaly we all are troubled with colds and and coughs. I should like to come home now but Maria cannot leave now. we shall probably be able to come home in May next, if nothing happens. we intend to go to house keeping in the Spring, and then you must all come down and see us, Jane your letter makes me one sick indeed I want to see you all very much tell Father that I received his letter yesterday and tell Deborah that I got her letter some time ago. tell James that Potatoes are worth 75 cts pr bushel here, tell Edward that I love to go to Church now as well perhaps as he or any one else does. and to you all try to help one another and try to bear with one another

and Pray for and with each other and you will be strengthe
by him who is able save. to keep forward, if we are
faithful and Pray without ceasing we shall grow in grace
and knowledge of the truth. & let us put our trust in God
let us give him our whole heart and be directed by his holy spirit
and we shall at last be happy in eternity. it is some with
Maria as it is with me about writing it hard work for her but she
says I must write for us both. Jane you must write often and
let us know how you get along give my love to all of my friends
and Maria sends her love to you all write to us and tell our
Friends to do the same. Remember us in your Prayers as all
the children of God remember each other. give my love to
Mother and Paine & have not wrote one half what I want to
tell you but if the Lord is willing we shall make you
a visit in the spring, and now good bye and Pray God bless
you all. is the wishes of your brother and sister

D. B. Cornell

Union Springs Feb 25th 31

Dear Sister

I take this opportunity to inform you of our health and prosperity. we have all had severe colds but am geting better now. the open wether has caused a great deal of sickness around here. Jane I continue to attend Prayer Meetings yet and enjoy them first rate there has a great work began here and we have had some of the most remarkable conversions I ever knew a week ago last sunday there was nine converts baptised and five more were baptised last sunday. one had a glorious time both days. it was the most Solemn thing I ever witnessed. I am a bout to either go to keeping house or taking a room and boarding with mr Tuttles folks, or some thing else and I dont hardly know what. I want you to see C.B. and ask him what the prospect for work is in Ithaca for if things dont go off to suit C.B. here he is going to pull up stakes and go some where else. If I come home I will help build your kitchen and build you a sistern the first thing but I dont know as I shall leave here yet. but I want to hear from you immediately so as to make some calculations what to do. I dont want to buy me a lot here until Maria sees how she will like Ithaca. Jane I want you to give me directions how to direct a letter to John. tell Edward he must write to him. let us all my sister continue to pray for him. for it is said that the prayers of the riteous availeth much, and it causes my heart to bleed to think on my past life and also on Johns past life and sins also, but let us be faithfull to god

I have just read two or three chapters in the bible and found one of S. C. Adams texts which he told us was in the bible but he said we must find them for our selves. one of them was in the first chapter of Proverbs 25 verse the another was the same chapter 31st verse. he preached as good a sermon as I ever heard Jane I have goot a thousand things to say to you when I see you but it is hard work for me to write. Mr Maria sends her love to you and says I must tell you just what I am a mind to so I will tell you that shee wants to see you must come down as soo as you can. Mother Tripp sends her best respects and would like to see you all. Tell John Tenilegan to ever press onward and look upward to that Saviour who died on the cross for us all. and here is my hart and hand to meet you in that heavenly land where we shall part no more. tell Edward that I cannot pay him that little debt now but I will pay him as soonas I can tell him to never get weary of well doing but take the bible for his guide and never look back. give my love to all christian friends and all others write how fathers health is and how mother gets along give my love to both of them and tell them I never wanted to come home so bad in my life. write soon an remember me as your affectionate Brother

D B Cornell

To Jane

D. I. father and mother I met Ebenezer Wanzer on the side walk last night and Daniel Merit I think hes said it was was with him. he said he thought he should go to Ithaca next week if nothing happened good bye DBC

By E. J. Reynolds, Oct. 14, 1850, Mr. Joseph B. Clark, printer, to Miss Emeline Hoagland, both of Union Springs.

Nov. 24, by the same, Mr. John Raymond to Miss Susan Tripp, of Union Springs.

Nov. 25, by the same, Mr. Lott Cook, to Miss Caroline E. Van Riper, of Waterloo, Seneca Co.

By the same Dec. 15, Mr. Daniel B. Cornwell, to Miss Mariah Tripp, of Union Springs.

Dec. 25, by the same, Mr. Nathan Jennings, to Miss Betsy Smith, of Union Springs.

Jany. 16, 1851, by the same, Mr. Nelson A. Chase of Seneca Falls, to Miss Catharine McConly, of Springport.

Brantford 11th May. 1851.

My Dear Mother

I received some days since a communication from Alonzo stating that the Girls are to be home on a visit about the 15th of this month and also that they wished me to come home on a visit to see them, which I should like exceedingly well to do. but I cannot shape my business to do so as I see at present. Morton starts in the morning for New York to purchase Clay and he s[illegible] I will have to remain at home and [illegible] end to the business of the Shop until he returns & then if it is not to late and I can get some one to take my Team I may possibly get away. Business exceeds by far our expectations this Spring so that we can hardly satisfy the wants for Wan.

Give my love to Mary. Phoeba and the rest of my friends. and when they arrive from Michigan let some one drop me a line. how long they will stay at Ithaca and if I can come I will

Respectfully Thy Son

John H. Cornell

Mother

My health was never better than it is now. I way 145. pounds J.H.C

J. McConnell
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May 11th 1857
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Albion June 5th /51

Dear Brother

I am going to venture to write to you this afternoon although I hardly know whether a letter from me will be acceptable to you or not. do be so kind as to tell me what I have done to offend you and why you have not written to me in such a long long time I wrote to you some four or five months ago. but never a word have I recd in reply, I am not a going to think that it is because you have not wanted to write to me & therefore I shall insist upon your sitting down as soon as you receive this and answer it, You will see by looking at the post-mark of this that I am away off here in Albion again and it seems quite like home here I can assure you, I returned with Phebe last week. we left Ithaca Tuesday morning, arrived in Buffalo about 5 P.M. took the "Mayflower" for Detroit. had a fine time on the Lake. the Mayflower is the most splendid boat on the lake there was about 6 hundred passengers on board and none were sick. we landed at Detroit about 9 o'clock Wednesday P.M, and were calculating to take the evening train for Albion. but when we come to look for our trunk to have it put aboard cars it was no where to be found, We had come all the way from Ithaca in company with Dr Knapp and his wife of Adrian (acquaintances of Phebe) and he had taken care of our trunk for us. before we left the boat Phebe gave him our trunk with the central R.R. baggage to be carried directly to the cars, and we thought no

more about it until we were ready to take the cars. Mert met us at the wharf & inquired about our baggage we told him what we had done. he said it was all right. but when we looked for it where it ought to have been it was not there Mert flew around & went back to the boat but it was not there he then went to several Public houses thinking perhaps it might have been taken through a mistake but he could find no trace of it. we finally concluded it was best to stay in Detroit over night and see what could be done about it Dr Knapp & Mert went out again after tea but returned without any clue to us finally came to the conclusion that it must have been stolen and I began to think that the Poor house was the best place for me. it contained all of my clothes except what I had on my back besides some of Chubs. we left the next morning for Albion without finding it. arrived here about 1 o'clock PM and about two hours later Harrison "Telegraphed" us that the lost was found — and then weren't we tickled They sent it up the next day, it seems it had found its way into the freight house and had got stowed away with "Lost baggage" Mary came in on the cars last night she staid one week after we left. Hiram was here waiting for her so that we did not see her but a moment; she left the folks all well, she said she had got Father & Mother in her trunk. I tried to get her to leave them but could not as it was late and she was in a hurry to start, I went to see them as bed that I could hardly walk till some of them came down. Several of my old acquaintances have called to see me. some I find that I know have left the place. I went to church last Sunday but I saw more strange faces that those that were familiar —

There has another company started for California from Albion & vicinity this spring. Mrs Robertson has gone — George called to see me the other day. he says when I get tired of city life I must come up and stay with them two or three weeks he is going to fetch his wife down so that I can get acquainted with her —

Ann Stevens is not in Albion. I believe she is taking dressmaking out west somewhere

Dave Crayne & Anna Vandyne were married the day we got here they were at the depot waiting for the cars.. Mr & Mrs Flemming are here learning to Telegraph. you will recolect who she is. you know you beaned her home from here one night. her was in calaforniee then, he made about $3000. Will Flemming returned with him I believe he brought home about the same amount. Amanda is not married yet I suppose she thinks I have surely come to Mich to get married this time by the by I guess you will want to know by this time what I have come for — well I hardly know myself. they all told me at home that they would come if in my place (prehaps it was only to get rid of me) we came free from Buffalo. it only cost us $5 apiece. I was afraid that you would not come home to take me and so I thought I had better embrace the oppertunity, it did not seem hardly right for me to leave Father & Mother but they thought it would be the best thing for me to come. Phebe wants me to learn to Telegraph and I mean to if I can I believe I shall like it first rate. Ezra wrote to Phebe that they were going to have more Ladies on the Line, the boys are more damage than proffit. they are nearly all too tormented lazy to do anything.. I dont think I should have confidence to go into an office. but you know it will do me no hurt to learn — — — —

I shall expect to see You and M.... out here this fall - dont disapoint me. she said she was comming and not alone ether and I cant think that any one else but you will come with her - Norman said he would come out here this fall if I would go back with him. I told him I wouldnt do it Daniel & wife were at home the week before we left. we liked her better than we expected too. I suppose you will be comming home one of these days with a Canadian wife - you better hadent. I shall have to close for it is about time to get tea. Phebe is out this afternoon. I have not been to Seminary yet - saw Miss Hunt to church - Do please write as soon as possible & oblige

J. H. Cornell — Yours Affectionately - Jane Cornell

Dear Parents June 8

Jenny has gone to meeting with Arlinie and said do comence a letter home if you feel like it but the fact is I dont but if I begin she will finish it we are all well. we have had to work pretty hard to get things start since we got home. I dont know but we shall work Jane to hard. but hope for the best She seems to enjoy herself finely so far and I tell her she must keep money enough to go home with if she gets homesick. She shall have the means to go with any day she wants to She thinks of you all the time and speaks about you very often. the pictures are a great comfort to us Little Kitt and Marys little girl have great times about Grand pa And Grand Ma they both want them and are not willing the other should have it Martin is home to day he is well Jane will tell you the rest tell Elijah all three of my beans haves come up and I expect great things from them it is dark so good bye

Phebe

June 10th 77

Dear Father & Mother

Phebe commenced a letter to you tow or three days ago and left it for me to finish. I have had so much of one thing & another to attend to that I am ashamed to say that it is unfinished. I was going to write to you one day last week but I said she had just Telegraphed you and thought I had better wait, so I wrote to John & am in hopes that I shall hear from him soon, I have felt first rate since I have been in Michigan with the exception of a short time when we thought we had lost our trunk, but I did not bowron a great deal of trouble even then. Mary had a fine time comming home, she Telegraphed us in Detroit that she was comming Hiram Phebe & I met her at the cars, and she went up home that night - she had no difficulty on the Boat or cars in getting passed, she said there was nine hundred passengers on the "May-Flower" Mr C. M. Heaton & daughter from South-Bend has been stopping with us for a day past, they came in on the cars from the west yesterday noon, and have just left for Detroit. I like their appearance very much, Miss Heaton is a musician and as we had no instrument here for her to play on Mr & Mrs Flemming Kitty & I went over to the Presbyterian Church with her right away after breakfast and she played on the Milodeon for us until almost noon, they are going to return Satturday and sout know but they will stop over the Sabbath with us. Mr H says that I must spend a week with them at South-Bend before I go home, they are going to visit at Mr Speeds in Detroit I have seen a gent to day that I used to go to school with when we were both children, now guess who it is. I know you cannot for I never should have thought of such a thing if he had not mentioned it, his name is Henry Mann. Phebe tried to make me think that I remembered him, I have heard the name lots of times but dont recolect any thing more, he inquired very particular after Daniel said they used to be

great friends. his folks live in Concord, he said we must certainly come out and see them,, Nearly all of my old acquaintances have called to see me. I went to church last sunday four times,, the Baptist church is but a few steps above here, Mr Loomis says that I had better make up my mind that I can live here as well if not a little better than I can in Ithaca. Mrs Loomis started this morning for Canada she is going to be gone about four week,, We think those pictures are just as natural as any thing can be. I am so glad you had them taken, they look as if they would almost speak,, I shall have mine taken and send home by Hiram if I dont go myself,, Mr Heaton says if they dont want me to go home they must hunt up some one that will keep me here, I told him that they might not be able to find any one that could do it, — — —

How are you all getting along at home. rejoicing I suppose to think I'm gone, I want to see you all real bad, has Mary And gone to New York get with Mame — tell Molly she may read this letter and then she must sit down and write me a great long one to pay for it — I wish she would not wait for me to write first I would do so in a minute if I had plenty of time — Phebe found the children almost naked and the house in a perfect hurah,, they had kept a public house here while she was gone,, she has got any quantity of sewing in the house now I have not had time to make ether of my dresses. I have made one for Arline & got one almost done for Phebe, Mary Browne did not like the dress that Mary got for her East so she is going to keep it herself. she wants me to help her make that, I went up there and made one for Mary Browne before Mary got home Geo Robertson & lady were here last satturday, I think I shall like his wife very much he says when I get tired of City life I must come up there & stay a week or two Theodore Robertsons little boy was very sick last satturday we have not heard from there since,, I want to go up to the Semenary this evening to a lecture and must try and finish P's dress before night. so I shall not be able to write any more for the present,, do write as soon as possible, tell Deborah to write — I want to hear from home real bad dont disappoint me — Elijah & Emma Cornell,,

Yours Affectionately Jenny

Tell Molly to please to write to me soon and tell me what time to expect her out here this Fall

Pine River July 6th 1881

My dear Aunt I take my pen a few moments to let you know how we all get along in the woods. I was at home yesterday and our folks were all well as usal. I am [illegible] miles from home and I can not get home very often. I have been home two times. I suppose you want to know how I get along teaching school. And I believe I can say that I get along first rate. I have from eight to ten scholars all small and a dollar a week and boarded. and a log shanty and slab seats and puncheon flowers.

They are having Sabath schools started around here I know of four right around in this place. we have one in Uncles Edwards house and Uncle is superintendent and they had fifteen scholars week before last and not quite so many yesterday. The man name that is around establishing them is King

from Lansing perhaps you know him.
We have plenty of strawberries and the largest I ever saw of field straw berries. Mother and aunt Angelzie have each preserved twenty weight and mother has got several pounds dried sugar. Mother says tell Granfather that the cars dont run between here and Albion but if they did she would send him a basket of [redacted] straw berries. It even beats old Dekyter for them. They had grand times in here the fourth or rather the third a free dinner and dance, and their was between three and four hundred there they said, I did not go.

Father and Uncle went out of the woods a while ago but did not bring in all of the load and father is going again before great while we got that box of goods that was left at Parmas all safe. and they came very good to us I assure you. poor grannies dresses looked so natural with the pins sticking on the sleeves just as she used to wear them. it made us more fully realize her death. The meat was just as good as

Uncle Ina says I can go to Albion any time I please and go to school and I will some of these days, but I dont know as I do about it. I dont believe mother can spare me. I will see about it. I do not want to go. like to go to school but I know if I do I will have to work harder than I do now. I go to school all the time I can. I go to school every day I can. I go to school every day I can. I go to school every day

21 July 1851.

My esteemed relative: I should have forwarded this medicine, which I inclose for Sis, before this period if you had not informed me that you had procured the "dwarf elder", which I desired her to take for sometime before taking this.

I wish you to give one of these powders every night for a week, and then intermit for 4 days; after which you will give them for another week and then let me hear from her.

It affords me pleasure to hear that she is convalescent. Poor child, I have felt much for her.

How do you succeede with the tumer? Do you [illegible] any thing for it?

Any intelligence from my friends in your region will always afford me much pleasure.

In much haste, very respectfully,

S. E. Shepard.

Albion July 28th 1851

Dear Father and Mother

I suppose you have been too quarthy meeting and had a first-rate visit and lots of strawberries. how I should like to be at home a little while this morning. and have a good chat with you. I could say more in five minuts than I can write in an hour. we are all well here. Hiram & Mary were down last saturday. I should have gone home with them if it had not been Examination and Exibition at the Seminary this week. Mary said if any of them got sick she should send for me and as she has not done it I think they must be all well. buby was better when they were down she was afraid he was going to be real sick. he has not been entirely well since he was so sick in the spring. I went to a Concert night before last and was very highly entertained, yesterday afternoon I went up to the Seminary and heard one class examined and stand until after Prayers and last eve I listened to a very interesting lecture by the Hon Mr Shearman of Marshall. it is raining this morning and I am afraid it will not be very pleasent for the exercises of the day. it is annual commencement of the Female Collegiate Institute. services to commence at one half past noon o'clock there is five or six young ladies going to graduate to day and this evening there is to be another lecture. I would like it if I was about sixteen and could go to school until I graduated. but that cant be —

How does thee get along with the work Mother. I often think of thee and am afraid thee will get sick. how is Father and how did he stand the ride to DeBuyter if you have been. I have not received one letter from you since I have

been here and I do not like it pretty much - why dont Edward write we feel very anxious to hear from you. Mart left on cars for west last night will probably be gone some time - he has been shingling the house.. we shall know how to appreciate a tight ruff we have been leaked on so long every time it has rained. I dont know how Hiram is getting along with his harvest, he has been to work at it this week and must be nearly done. we have had a great deal of rain but I believe the wheat has not been injured yet - I am going up there to morrow morning if nothing happens, it has been quite sickly around here this summer but we have escaped so far - There was one woman that got up day before yesterday morning as well as usual to all appearances, and yesterday at four oclock P.M. she was in her grave - it seems almost incredible - it was old Mrs Van Duyn, mother of that Mrs Flemming that was here while Phebe went East. she and another daughter from Niles are both coming on cars this noon, Mrs Flemming from East and Mrs Crane from west, they probably think they are going to be here in time for the funeral - the reason of their burrying her so soon was on account of its being Commencement to day.. I suppose Mary Lane has returned home before this time I want some one to write immediately as we are very anxious to hear how Mary is - Tell Molly I have not seen Delia since she went to Hiram Grove I want to see her very much and think she will be down before long - Mary said when I wrote home I must be shure and inquire how Fathers old mare & colt got along.. I was talking with Rev Mr Seltzer at sewing society the other day - he inquired if we lived in the village of Ithaca - I told him we lived about a mile out of the village - well he said it made it very pleasant to live as far as that out of town if one owned a team of their own - I was a good mind to tell him that Father kept a horse & carriage but I did not know but that the old mare had died or something else had happened to her.. Is Edward at work for Conrad yet and has he had his wages raised. How does [illegible] Dborah and family get alone, and Rhoda I want to hear how she is very much, I think it quite uncertain whether Hiram goes East or not this fall if he does I shall either go with him or send my

likeness which perhaps will do just as well. I have not written to John since I received his letter but I am going to soon I have had so much to do these I have not had time but we are getting catched up with our sewing so that I shall have more leisure. I could have just as much sewing as I could do if I should go out sewing, people had so much rather have their sewing done in the house- what should you think would be best for me to do- Phebe says she wants me to just as I am inclined to and I want to do that which is for the best, if I work for her I do home work and all her dressmaking for 1$ per week and it seems to me that it is not very profitable. I have just furnished her poplin dress it makes up very handsomely she says it's the only dress she ever had that suited her exactly. I thank that is saying a good deal for her for she most always finds as if any one else could make dresses better than I can- I did not have a bit left after making my dress and I thought perhaps I had better get some of you to see if that piece is there at Avery & Woodworths and if it is to get two & a half yds for me, If there will get Molly or Mary Ann to attend to it and write me how much it comes to I will send the money- perhaps if they could not find it that piece they could find some else where. I hate to have such a dress and not a bit to fix it with I will put in a piece of it- I have not time to write more at present tell Molly to sit down and write me immediately. My love to all. ever do write soon and oblige

Yours Truly Jenny Cornell

Abigail & Emma Cornell

Dear Mother

Satturday July 13th

I have been writing to Molly to day and will write a few lines to thee and send with it. I want to see you all very much and thee in particular. Molly wrote that thee and Father was about starting for quarthey meetting. how I would like to go with you. Phebe and I have been out to Ipsilanti and one of the best visits that ever was most. we found them all well. Aunt Anna's health is very good for her, although she has quite a hard cough by spells. she thought she never saw any thing look so natural as thy likeness did; but Fathers she could not make look natural to her. he looked so much older than when she saw him last.

I took a great liking to my new cousins espechely Simmeon I think he is a first rate fellow. we went down last Fryday morning. found Mart and Sim waiting for us. our folks were all at Mrs Bennetts (one of their neighbors) spending the day Sim took us right there. after dinner the men all went off hunting. got home again about 6 oclock. after tea we went home with Roberts folks and staied until after dinner satturday. Sim came down and took Mart & Phebe Aunt Anna & I up to his house and that evening Robert & Martha & Mr & Mrs Bennett came up and staid until after 1 oclock at night. we had a great time and no mistake they borrowed a fiddle and Mart played for us. Aunt Anna enjoyed it first rate. she asked me if Mart had ever played before thee and Father. she said for her part she liked to hear Music and she would not pretend to deny it. the next day we went to meetting about three miles and after meetting instead of going directly home Simmeon drove around some 6 or 7 miles father so we could see the country after tea sunday night he took us down to Ipsilanti and we took the cars for Albion. we got home about ½ past ten oclock. Arline told us that Kit was sick. (Mary took care of her while we were gone) and Mart & Phebe started off up here a foot that night. they brought her home the next morning. they thought she had

the Scarlet fever - she is most well now - I came up here night before last (to Mays) and expect to go back to morrow - they all want me to come out there this fall and stay two or three weeks with them and I think I shall do so. Phebe told Aunt Anna that any time she would come up, she would meet her at Ypsilanti and go back with her, so that it would not cost her anything Aunt seemed to think it was a capital chance and I think she will come she wants to see thee and Father so bad - she wants you to come out very much I wished you lived here, Tell Edward he must hurry and get married so you can leave home, Simmons + Marie + Robert + Martha are coming out there next fall with their own team - Dimis Mamie was at Phebes day before yesterday she has been to Illinois visiting - she has gone up to her brother Daniels now, she is coming to us again before she goes home. I can have just as much sewing in Albion as I can stand it to do. I have been well ever since I have been here I often think of thee mother and am afraid thee will work too hard and get sick Tell Father that he must make up his mind to come out here next fall if I don't come home - How does Deborah get along give my love to her and tell her to write and Rhoda how does she stand it this warm wheather, Mother I want to hear from home very much thee must set Edward to writing - I have not time to write more at present but will write again soon - My love to all - do write soon + oblige - I am

Mother

Jane Powell
Albion July 31st 57
Michigan

Fall River Nov 15 1851

My Dear Brother

This day I rec'd a letter from the
which was very acceptable and dated in Michigan which
I little thought of your being so far from your home
but I think well of it and think that you are favored
to be able to perform such a journey at your time of life
the writer that she is over Eighty years old I am 66.
In the 2d no next we have got to be old folks and why
We are preserved we can not tell but for some purpose
while others are taken away all around us and even
of our own family out of a large family but three
of us left we have more time to prepare for that
dread sentence Steward give an account of thy stewards
ship for thou may be no longer Steward I do not feel
my self fully prepared to meet that time but have
a hope which I as an anker to the sole sure and
steady It is a great thing to feel our minds fully
prepard to meet all that may be put to our lot
to bare O Elijah how I should like to see the & Wife
here once a gain but think it very uncertain weather
we shall ever meet a gain on this Earth stage but if
not that we may meet a gain in Heaven where to
be our last resting place I will now give the an
account of thy friends in these parts our Children
are reduced from Eight to three who are daughters
Sarah Mary & Lydia Bayee we are all well Except

Turn over

Mary who has been out of helth for some time with the Spinal Complaint and It affects her jineral helth but we are In hopes that She Is on the gain at this time Ruth, Palmer, daughter Is very feble not likely to stay with Us but a Short time, She lives In Westport She Is Intirely helpless, my Wife & myself are going to See her tomorrow I will not finish this till our return and let you know how we found her, Palmer Widdow & the little girl are very well Brother Robarts, fameley Are as Usual feble his wife keeps her bed and has for many years his Oldest Son Isaac lost his wife last Spring he Is left with 2 Small Children they are In Robarts fameley, Albert the 2d Son has been Sick all Sumer but now Is Some better he Merried George ~~Puritan~~ Puritan daughter She makes a worthy woman Robarts 3d Son Robart Miller Is not been able to do but little for two years past he is Single his Case Is a jineral Dibelaty, Richard his youngest Son Is well and quite Smart Robart has the Care of building Ships at Baunk town So Called the will know It by the name Robart has good Wages all the time between 2 & 3 dollars a day and has had it for many years he has got to be worth I think Some 2 or 3 thousands dollars not withstanding his Crippled fameley Robart helth holds out good he is about 60, Theophilus the Son of Richard Is merried lives to Tanton he works at the Brittana works he makes a good livery at his buisness Brother Edwart left 2 Sons Ebennezer and ~~Ebe~~ Edward who was very Enterprising men

Edward was much taken up with the Califana Excitement and went and after being there one & half year was taken sick with the tipo fever and died In that Strange land which was a great grief to his Mother & brother It was a long time before they could be reckoneiled to give It up but have In Same measure got Over It they are pretty well of as to a living — I think I have wrote a long letter So far and will write more when we return from Westport — Ume 16 We have just Returned from Westport found Ruth very low I Should not think It at all Storange If She did not live 3 days failed very much Sine I Last Saw her 3 weeks Since She Seems to be In a very Calm State and much Resigned to her Situation She Is a great Sufferer all the time — James Pirce who the may recollect Is not living he was Buried last first day he was 91 years Old his Wife is Still living — Gideon Chase Is quite Smart for a man of his Age he tended quite a field of Corn the past Sumer I do not think of more that will Interest the This Is as much for Sister Eunice as any One though not Addrest to her My Wife wishes to be Remembered to you all Eunice In particular In Love I Remain your well wishing Brother

Miller Chase

P S I want the to go and See Smt Upton, he live 3 miles direckley north of Gidley Station We had a good visit with them when In them Parts

Ithaca 24th Nov /51

Dear Parents & friends

I suppose by this time you will be looking for a line from me in fulfillment of a promis made on your leaving this place and as in the course of human Events circumstances have occured in which you have some interest or at least would have caused you some anxiety had you known of them at the time, Last friday Evening at 8 o'clock I was sitting in Mr Colins Shop talking over some matters of business when I heard an outcry in the street and on going to the door the cry of fire fire sounded in my ears and a mighty rush for the Engine house and although the night was very dark I could see no light, I took of course towards my own house first to see if I could discover any light in that direction but all was dark, I then fell in with the mass of Moveing Millions and floated on towards the Engine house but could see nothing to cause such an out-cry and bustle, but the Engines as if guided by instinct moved rapidly of towards fall Creek and on following in the wake I soon

discovered a dim light springing up in that direction, well the roads were very bad and the Engines made slow progress, on getting down at the corner by the Chapel the light increased and I discovered it was in the direction of the Factory, I accordingly quickened my pace and got down long before the Engines and found the whole South End of the factory in flames the fire spread slow but before the machiens got to work the fire got beyond the reach of our pipes as we could not get near Enough to reach the upper story where the fire had already made its way: well after making a desperate Effort to arrest the flames and found we could not succeed we turned our attention to saveing the surrounding property which already began to smoke with heat, the tavern house and brick House was on fire several times but the attention of our Engines was directed to that property which saved it, the Glass however in both buildings in front is prety much all broken out by the heat, the furniture was all removed from those houses and very much damaged your house was not Entered or disturbed but the roof at one time smoked with heat but one dash from the Engine wet the roof so as to put it out of danger

I was down the next morning and it was a sorry looking place, the factory and stock it was insured for $2500 the Building was set on fire without doubt as there had been no fire in that part of the factory for months The Stockholders and many others appear to rejoin rather than mourn at the loss

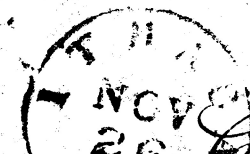
Rhoda has returned but her health is not good She has a bad cough Eyres folks are well he was home at the fire. The Cows are doing prety well but they miss Luther to take care of them We have made Sales of our sewing machines to the amount of $1750 my interest is one 16th

Tell Mart if I cant find any thing to do in the Spring I shall come out to Mich and make a visit

You will please write on the receipt of this and let us know how you get along and how you like the west.

Love to [redacted] and Tell her that there quite a revival in the Old Church this fall and several have been converted

plees remember us in christian Love to all our friends, most affectionately your [redacted] Son E Bonnell



Elijah Cornell Esq
care of W B. Wood
Albion
Mich

Copy of a letter. — Given to L.C.C. III

Ithaca Dec. 13. 1851.

Aunt Phebe;

We have just received your letter to Father dated on Sabbath last and having a few moments at my command this evening will try and write you briefly if I can do so with this pen, which is a hard job.

I suppose you have ere this heard of the decease of my dear little brother. Poor little Clayton ~~which~~ died on tuesday morning 2nd inst after an illness of a few days — something resembling the trouble that caused sister Libbie's death — I believe the health of all our friends is as good as usual — Mamy is better than it has been for over a year — She had the ague & fever pretty severly which we think has improved her health her much. Tall Creek dry I assure you look lonely enough

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Father is at present in New York and I do not know when he will be at home his health was not very good previous to his leaving home but is better now I understand.

You may if you please tell Grandpa the paper mill is progressing finely They have it all enclosed and are now finishing inwardly - It will I fear however prove at very poor substitute for the old woollen factory. I have quite a notion to enclose you this pen as a curiosity - but I will leave it to your imagination.

In haste truely yours.

Alonzo B Cornell

Mrs. P. Wood
Albion

Union Springs Dec 21st 51

Dear Parents

I received your kind letter of the 7th on the 18th and hasten to reply we were very glad to hear from you and joyful to hear such a good account of your healths. and your journey. I can inform you that we are all well except little Agnes who has got a bad cold but is now geting better we were fearful about a week ago that we should lose her but she is now almost well. She is now 11 weeks and 2 days old and she sits up in a little high chair and holds play things in her hands. Maria is geting smart again but she has been rather sorely afflicted with a broken brest her right brest gathered and broke twice or rather she had it lanced once and it broke once it self Brother Edward arrived here from Ithaca last 5th day he brot us news of little Ezra Cleytons Death, of inflamation on his brain, our friends are otherwise all well Tell Phebe that Brother Dean sends his compliments to her tell her that he informs me that Mr Sapp is as much of a Unitarian as he (Dean) is. prety good I reckon. well Mother Mrs Tuttle has just come in and is playing with the baby she sends her love to you all

Dear Parents

As Daniel has been writing to you and left the letter to me I will endeavour to fill it. and first will

Since I have been here I have drempt Molly and Norman were married
I expect it will go off some of this days brother John will calcpillar wont he

come the Ithaca Knews. as you
are a ware you left me boarding
with E.B. I staid five weeks and
before that time B.A. began to get
sick of me. the caus I know not
nor I care not for I shant go there
again to live under no consideration
whatever E.B. used me like a brother.
but B.A. far diferent. She kept asking
me when Mr Aldrich (the folks I am liv
ing with at present when at home)
was going to get in their Knew house
and if I could not get board some
where else untill they did get in
Mother knows how B.A. kept Stewing
about my coming there a long time
before I went there I see Daniel
has writen to you about the Death of little
Ezra who died the 2 Dec with the Brain
Fiber sick nine days
The Old Factory burnt up the eve.
of the twenty first of November there
is a reward of six hundred dollars
fofard for the man who fired it
with the other buildings which has
recently been fired in Ithaca. Name
ly. Joseph Burrett two barns Peter Abgar
Carpenter Shop and about five hundred
This makes two letters since I have heard from you

I took the Steamboat and came here. I should not have done here if I had not the new well.

which I can think of so I trouble have to conclude in form to all E. S. Connell
Norman and Edith and conductor are lending school at the academy this winter
marys youngest sister is going also. [illegible] is lending also I have written all of the knews
cords fo Tan Bark of or fifteen hundred
dollars. they have got John Herrick incar
sarated in jail for firing buildings
Old uncle Hill is in jail for attempting
Murder court set last Monday in which
Herrick & Hill have had their trials
they both have been found guilty of Arson
in the first degree Era is about building a rest road and Telegraph to California E.S.C.
Mr Conrad. has got in his knew Shop
I sleep in the office where I have a bed
clock Stove and a comfortable room
and board just a cross the street
a week ago tomorrow I was at work around
the fource pump packing it & so while
the draw pump was working and got wet
and went to dinner with my wet cloths
on. and kept on to work and in the
afternoon I comenced feeling chilly. I did
not think nothing a bout it untill Thur
day morning when I got up with a sore
throat. it kept gitten worse and still
I did nothing for it of any consequence
untill friday morning I went to see
Doc Sibly. when he tolbme I would have the
Long fever if I did not tend to it. I got
some be medicen of the Doc and comenced
taking it untill I got hefp friday morning
I went to him aard got mehan enough
to last whilst I was gone to Spring port.

Ithaca Jan 11, 1852

Dear Father & Mother & friends in the west

It has again come my turn to write to you, I should have writen on the receipt of your last had not some other of our friends writen just before its recept

Sister Janes favour was reed last Evening and verry glad were we to hear that you were all well and we are Equaly as glad to be able to inform you that we are also in the Enjoyment of that most precious blessing Health Since we last wrote you we have been down to Johns and found them all well but Marion she was quite sick with a cold and Overdoing &c but she is now well, There is one disease which prevails here in Ithaca at the presant time to an alarming Extent and I think I have for a few days back had the sintums my self but dont be alarned it is nothing more than the California fever there some 17 left from Lansing last week and in the course of a couple of weeks I think twise that number will go from here I will mention a few of them [illegible]ck Terry Ira gardner 2 or three of your [illegible]ys and a number of boys from the west [illegible]ill Chas Stuard has gon back and my friend O E Allen and Mead Culver has gon with him

I can inform Mother that B.A gets along with the Cows very well although she is alone Mama and all the rest of the Children but Helen goes to School the Cows are doing very well we make some 4 or 5 pound of butter per week besides using what milk we want the Old Cow is farrow and gives a good mess

Edward says your things at the Creek are all rite but I'll assure you it looks lonesom there since the factory burned the Paper mill however is all Enclosed which has a tendency to Cheer up the sadness of the scene a little

Perhaps you have heard that John Herrick has been arrested and found guilty of Arson in the first degree the proof was that he set fire to the building adjoining Williams Bank the penalty of this offence is <u>death</u> if it is proved satisfactorily against him

When you left here I gave you some encouragement that I would come to Mich in the Spring and come home with you but I shall have to abandon that I dear for all that large block of buildings is to be plastered by the first of May and a meth large house besides and there's not the first lath layed yet

we have had a verry snug winter so far here, there had been but one slight thaw since the first of December and most of the time tolerable good sleighing

Edward has just come in and says he has been down to Springport to make them a visit they are all well & says he should like to receive a letter from you as he wrote last he says he has just come from Eyres he has just got home and is quite sick with one of his old spells

I shall have to draw to a close as it is most time for church our meetings have been quite interesting this winter there has been a number of conversions

Monday morning. We have not heard from Ezra this morning but presume he is better we had a fine addition to our snow last night and now we have fine sleighing and neither cold enough to keep it

To Jane Thank you for your new years wish and I hope you will have many many happy new years I am glad to hear that you enjoy your self so well at Michigan I hope your enjoyment will continue and I know it will if you but put your trust in Him who alone is able to comfort you and render you that peace that the World cannot give I dont think of any thing more that would be new or interesting to you then from I will close by wishing you all a happy new year, I regret very much that I can't find room to come out and make you a visit this spring

B. A. & the rest of the family are united in sending there love to you all

Respectfully yours &c
E Bonnell

To our friends in the west

New York Jan. 18/52.

My Dear Mrs. Cornell: I would be glad to say something definite as to the treatment of little Mary's hand, but cannot without an examination. I will, however do the best I can.

If the ulcer is deep, presenting a hollow excavation you will cleanse it thoroughly with warm water three or four times in a day and fill it every time after cleansing with dry soft linnen lint, and dress it with a bandage. This is most likely to promote a healthy granulation and fill up the cavity with healthy flesh.

Give, at the same time, Lachesis, Hepar Sulph, and Silicea, in regular alternation, every second day, four globules well mixed in two table spoonfuls of pure water.

If the ulcer is carious, that is, if it proceeds from the bone, give Mercury, Sulphur Calc. Carb. and Lycopodium, in alternation as above.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar are well and living in 4th St. near us. Her sister, who was under treatment when you were with us, is very healthy and fleshy.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are well and they, with Miss Shepard, desire to be kindly remembered.

Give my kind regards to Mr. Cornell and all my relatives, not forgetting little Mary for whom I now write.

Very respectfully.

S. C. Shepard

Please direct your letters to Box No. 2670.

Spring Port Feb 8th 1852

Dear Parents

Brothers & Sisters

Not having as yet received an answer to My last letter I venture to address another to you to enquire into the cause of your neglect as I have waited nearly long enough to have got an answer from the regions of precious Metals if I had written to that region. I await your apology. I can inform you that we are enjoying usual health at present. our little one has been troubled with a severe cold but I think she is better now. our friends as far as my knowledge extends are well although. I have not heared from Ithaca neither from Deborah lately. and as for John. I begin to think he has forgotten his brother Daniel. for I have not heard from him in some months. Father and Mother I want you to write and let me know if you would like to have us live with you next Summer and if so let us know when you are comeing home. I do not think I shall live here longer then Spring. I have some thoughts of getting an agency in a health and property Insurence company and if I do I shall necessarily be from home a great part of the time. but if I do not go into it I think I shall work at my trade in Ithaca if I can get a good Job

I would also like to have some of you write what the
of success would be for me to come to Michigem to live
could not I get into some kind of business to get an honest
living. I can turn my hand to any kind of common labour
and can also shove a Jack plane, or turn a Stollers wheel
and I dont know but I could possibly swing a ~~Sledg~~ hammer
I can build a pork barrel, oil cask, or rainwatter
cistern, can not some of you either give me a job or a
recommend, pleas inform me what wages are generally and
how house rent is and also how provisions are and also
what is the price of first and second quality of pine
lumber and shingles, and also whether hard ware is
as cheap there as here, and if there are any Homeopathy
Doctors, or Unitarian Christians in your place, also
what is the price of village lots, and what is the
size of the lots generally that are now in Market.
now folks I want you all to read this letter and
every one of you to answer it, give my love to all
my friends and to all your friends also.

To the
Human
Family
in general

D. B. Cornell

Somerset February 18th 1882

Respected Uncle

I feel almost ashamed to write having been so negligent in not writing before but presuming that it is better late than never and by Father's request I pen these few lines to you. Father still continues to enjoy very good health is quite flesshy we have had the pleasure of enjoying his company now about two months most of the time he is at work for Mason Barney in Swansey has worked there now about 26 years. (in the time has built 3 or 4 vessels elsewhere) has built probably in all 60 Vessels he built last year three Vessels one Ship a 1,000 tons, a bark 300 tons, and a Schooner 260 tons he is now about to commence a Ship 750 tons, Father is 62 years old next April the 27th day, he is getting some advance in years will soon arrive to the appointed age of man if it is consistent to the will of the Allwise Being who is the dispenser of all things to spare his life till that time. Father went to Fall River last week on a visit stopped there two three days Uncle Miller showed him the Letters which you had written to ~~him~~ your Brother Miller Father brought three home with him written in 1851 the last was dated November 7th 1851 I was much

amused in perusing them being written by
the hand of an aged Uncle. Uncle Miller wanted
me to write to you to let you know that he has
received your letter, I have been out of health
four years this spring have not been able to do
a days work in the time I am very dyspeptic
accompanied with enlargement of the heart I
am very much emaciated but now am able to keep about
which I find is a great blessing when compared to
my previous state of health when I was wholly
confined to my bed, I feel very thankful for this
partial recovery and hoping by the blessings of God
that I may yet enjoy still better health, my mind
being weak caused by general debility the letter will
be written accordingly very imperfect, which I hope
you will excuse. Mother's health is very poor is still
confined to her bed, my oldest brother Isaac lost
lost his wife last April died of Consumption he
and his two Children is here to Fathers they are all
well Isaac works in the shipyard with Father, my next
brother Albert G, is married has been sick now about
nine months had the mumps at first which left
him in a slow fever he is now gaining very gradual
he has one Child, my next Brother (Bayhies) died of consumption
six years ago next June, Robert M is the fourth Son
who is [redacted] penning these few lines to you, Richard B
is the fifth Son, the youngest, Richard is to Providence

two and three times per week he ~~[illegible]~~ peddles stone and Earthen ware for his brother Albert who is sick to keep his regular customers that buys of him, he puts up to Cousin Thomas Chaces they are all well there, they are all well as usual to Uncle Millers likewise Uncle Palmers family Palmers daughter Ruth is deceased died the 8th of December last for number of years before her departure from this life, she lived in great degree of pain and sufferings of body which she bore with Christian fortitude and resignation till her last, Uncle Gideon Chace the Father is enjoying remarkable health considering his age 85 Your neighbour James Pierce is deceased died very suddenly November 7th 1851 Aged about 90 years, Cousin Theophilus Uncle Richards Son of whom you make enquiry in your Letters to Uncle Miller is in Taunton Mass, at work in the Britannia works doing well he is married has no Children of his own but has a little girl who is adopted he and his wife were here not long since were then enjoying good health

I am getting tired so I will not write any more this time thinking this will suffice for at present Father and Mother joyns with the rest in sending their love to you all Robert M Chace (the Son of your Brother. Robert Chace) Father has gone to Barneys to begin the Ship went yesterday

PS Please write soon you receive this direct your Letter to Robert M. Chace of Somerset Massachusetts

Somerset February 19 1882

Dear Uncle I add a few more lines to let you know that Uncle Edward's family is well as common only his Widow and one Son is now living. Eben, his youngest son Edward went to California 3 years ago and died there in the fall 1880 they are pretty well of regard to property. Uncle Gideon Chace the potter sends his love to you he is 85 years old next month.

Yours very truly Robert Miller Chace

Fall River 3 mo 14 1852

My Dear Brother & Sister

I take this Opportunity to write a few lines to you as It Is first day and I am not able to attend meeting I have had a Servere Ill turn for a few days past It was the billious Colleck I thought with the rest of the famely that my Case was a doughtful One but It has pleas the Lord to restore me So that I am about house but quite feble but If nothing Sets In I Shall Soon be a bout my buesness once more but I find I Cannot do as I once did as to labour a little morter keels me Up. the remainder of the famely are as well as when I last wrote, I Suppose that both of the letters was Sent to Illinois In Stid of Michigan both was directed by my daughter mary and She had been So much In the way of writing to Illinois that She made the mistake I will direct for the futer my Self though the wrighting will not be quite So good as I am a poor writer I recd a letter from the not long since with an addition to It from Phebe which I was very glad to think that Some One of thy Children though a naugh a bout me to wright I Should

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I would be plesent to have a few lines from Mary as I have been more a quainted with her then aney one of thy Girls W Should be glad to have a viset from all or aney of thy Children or to git a letter from them once in a while, I have not seen Thomas Chau since I last wrote but often here from them they are all well and a fine family of Children they are and Thomas takes a great deal of pains with them, The wanted to know what Pirce that was that I spoke of in a former letter to the It was games Pirce the tinker Cpt John Pirce lives in this place he is an Old man a bout 90 years of age and is quite distitute he is supported by one of his sons by the name of hiram Pirce he was the youngest of the fameley and the best off as to property Cpt Pirce lost 4 or 500 hundred dollars by one of his sons by the name of Asa who he was Indorser for I think I have wrote a long letter for a sick man like me I want the to answer this soon as It comes to hand and give me some a count of the Cuntery so far as the knows from thy will wishing Brother Miller Chau

Respected Uncle

It is with pleasure that I comply with Fathers request to address an aged Uncle, although personaly unknown to me. but should I visit the west again which I hope to do, I shall endeavour to become acquainted with thee and family, I passed nearly two years with my brother in Galena, found the west to be indeed a beautiful country, I suppose there is not far enough west to see the prairies, there are not any very extensive ones in the vicinity of Galena, but on our journey home we had a fair view of them. when in riding ten and perhaps twenty miles and not see a stone, tree, house, or a drop of water, it is then we see and know a western prairie, We came home by the lakes was five days on one boat, thence through the state of New York, and Massechusetts as far as Providence by Railroad we were about one week on the journey. On my journey to Illinois with my brother I had an opportunity of seeing a much greater portion of our country, we went from New York to Philadelphia by Railroad stopped in that city two or three days thence to Baltimore, and from there to Cumberland

by the same conveyance, we then took the Stage over the Allegheny mountains, this we found to be a romantic ride, we were one day and night in crossing them then after a short Steamboat ride we came to Pittsburg ~~we~~ then went the whole length of the Ohio river, stoping at Cincinnatta and Louisville we arrived at St Louis being nine days from Pittsburg, a distance of one thousand five hundred miles, from this city, went five hundred miles up the Mississippi to Galena, it being then four weeks since leaving home When Father proposed for me to address a few lines to thee, I feared I could write nothing of interest, but as thee and Aunt, have so recently traversed the western country, I thought perhaps a sceteh of my journey would interest thee, and if I have failed in doing it think not it is for want of respect and esteem toward you My health has been delicate for a few months but I feel very much encouraged, think I shall soon be in the enjoyment of health, We hope to hear from thee again soon and if thee thinks this worth thy notice, I should prize an answer from thee any any of thy family

With much love and respect to all I bid the farewell Thy neice Mary R Chace

Fall River 4th mo 6th 1852

My Dear Brother & Sisters

In answer to yours of 26 of last mo which Came to hand last night, and this being avery Stormey day Such a one we have not had dureing the winter, It Is a Snowing with a gale of wind and the Snow Is blowing all In heaps, If it was level I think It would be from Six Inches to a foot deep, So that I keep the house and have a Chance to write, Mary In her letter Said She wanted to know how we got along with our Law Suite about the mutiny house, the Cox way. Tryed last first month Before a Court of Chancery, and the report will be made public at the Supreme Court to be at Tantan the 20 of this month, as Soon as we know what the Judges have decided on I will Inform the, People differ very much about It Some think It will go one way & Some another, I think It will be as likely to go against us as for us, We are all In Usual health at this time I have lately had an Ill turn It was the bilous Colic and Scarcely recovered I did not think my Self that I Should not recover but after about 48 ours I got relief, and am now about as Usial attending to my business, I Red Thy letter wrote at Smb Upstairs and Saying he wanted Some hay Seed I have Sent Some In a letter enough to get the Seed I had forgot It altogather was Glad to be reminded

We have Rec^d a few lines from Phebe and Mary
In thy letters which was very acceptable to Us all
and they will write Us again at times after you
leave for home but they said nothing about their
famelys I should like to here all about them and
what they consisted of, If I should Ever be that
way again I should find them out and should be glad
to see all of them Either at their homes or at Fall River
I Cannot see why they Or Some of them Cant take
the pains to make Us a viset, Mary wanted to know
about Sarah & Elizabeth Earl Sarah Is Merried to Daniel
Gould and have been living at Cranston R.I for a
numbers of years & Elizabeth has been with them all the
time since and also their brother Benjamin but are
In a few days to move to Providence, going Into buisness
there, I have not seen Thomas Chase for Some
time but often here from them they are all well as
Usiah, Mary Inquired of Sarah She Is still with Us
and Also Mary & Lyda who Compose all Our family
If your doughters would write to Our girls they
would like to keep Up Corrispondance with thy family
and not be forgaten after we are gone from this
footstool which will not be long when we shall no
more be Counted a mouing the living, my hand
Is not So Steddy to day as Some times
I must Conclude with love to you all

Miller Chase

My Dear Cousin Mary

As father has reserved a portion of the sheet for me I with pleasure address a few lines, thinking the might ~~hear~~ like to hear the whereabouts of our Cousins at Branston as I have ricently returned from there. Daniel has ~~gone~~ disposed of his house and store and intends moveing his family in Providence the present week then he will return and settle his business there, after that he is undecided what he shall engage in, sometimes talks of going to Califo nia but I hardly think he will do so. Sarah & Elizab intend having a shop in the Arcade, Benjamin has been assisting Daniel. They all seem in good health and spirits and one cannot but ~~help~~ injoy themselves in their society, thy name was mentione during my stay with them, the ride if the (her) renem that we took at Somerset in company with Uncle John & Elizabeth, dined with Phebe Robinson and made some other calls. I often think of that ~~pleasure with~~ visit with much pleasure and

hope we may ~~again~~ soon have the pleasure of another
Phebe Robinson has had the misfortune of
loosing her father a few weeks since.

It is very pleasent for us to hear from
you and hope you will continue to write after
thy father & mother has returned home. As my
time is limited I must soon close hopeing
you will excuse this hasty letter and give us
the pleasure of hearing from you soon I suppose
father has written the news about here therefore
it is useless for me to attempt and after sending
my regards to thy father, mother, & cousins thyself
and husband I must say adieu for the present

S. M. Chace

Fall River 8 mo 29 18[illegible]

My Dear Brother C Cornell

This being first day evening and very stormy I thought I would answer thyne which Came to hand a few days since which was very acceptable to us and hope to have another Soon I Should have written long before this had I known where you were the last that I knew of your way in Michigan and have not heard of your leaving there but thought likely that you had before this — And thought Strange that Some one did not write and let us know where you were — We are glad to here that you were in Comfortable health Considering the age we have arrived to I Shall be 67 years old in the 2d mo next and having often ill turns and quite Severe at times it is a pain in the pit of my Stomach am taken very Sudden at times and last Some times 24 hours or more Some times less I fear that it is Caused by the hart Affection — Cannot this & Sister [illegible] make us a visit one more as we is not Engaged in business to prevent — We are at present in pretty good health that is at home our family is only three my Wife our youngest daughter Lydia and my Self are all the family that is at home. Our two Oldest daughters are

Visiting the white mountians of New-
Hampshire have been absent about two weeks
will be at home this week — Mary dose not
Injoy very good helth In Camin Sarah Is more
helthey — they both were Saying before they left
home that they wanted each of them a letter from
there agreed Uncle to keep thee In rememberance
I wish the would Indulge them So much they
think that not many of thy age Can write like
the — Fall River Is Improving very fast at
this time — A factery Is a building this Season for
manifactering Linen the main building Is 300 feet
long 4 Stores high and a number of other buildings
not quite So large a great many men Imployed
at the works I Should think Samthing like a hundred
or more this has got to be quite a large place —
Concerning thy Old frinds & relations In these parts
are Scarce Gideon Chace Is Still living and quite
Smart for a man of his age — Brother Robert has
a feble fameley his wife has kept her bed for 20 years
he has two Sons very feble and have been for Sam
time one of them for Several years Robert Miller is his
name Brother Robert has Steddy Imployment at Ship
building has has had the Care of a Ship yard for
many years and good pay he Is pruty well off
though an exspensive fameley — my wife mother
Is Still living but feble Brother Palmer Widow
and little daughter are well her Son by her first
husbaus has lately arrived from Calefoney

He Is well off had Samthing left him by his father and we think he has don well In Califancy he Is a Smart Interprizeing young man— Aunt Sibbil Chau the the widdow of Edward Chau Is Still living nearley one hundred years old She lives with her daughter Abigil who Merried Perrey Chau who makes a respetible man the will ~~relut~~ reckilut him by the number of whipings the has given him at School—
I want the to give me a perticalor a count of thy boys Every In pertialor where they are and what they are Imployed In— With much love to you all thy brother
Miller Chau

Dear Brother & Sister As my Husband has not quite filled the sheet I thought I would add a few lines and inform you of the Death of Oliver Chace who died in the fifth mo last and was my Fathers brother an Uncle that I esteemed very much indeed from infancy As I was depried of my father at earlly life only 3 months old he stept ~~in~~ in the place of my father as far as those little attentions and cares are concerned, that would call the mind of a child and early impressions are lastings ones & indeed I can say that I ever esteemed as a Father He was a man of sound Judgment and it held ~~out~~ untill nearly the close he was one of th Co that built the first factorys in this country except Pawtucket he had the Superintending of the first that was built in Swanzey I think in 1814 ~~he moved~~ he removed to Fall River and built the first factory that was built in F River he had the oversight of building a number in this place & at the time of his death he was an extensive owner

in the cotten Manufactering both in this place and at Valley Falls a few mils west of Providence at the latte place he leavs an extensive business with two of his Sons my Husband ~~ments~~ a Gristmill that he left and has for several years his religous views was with us he attended the same meetting that we do. I think he was not far from eighty three years old when he died. He made some weighty remarks dureing his sickness and was sensible that his time had come when he could be seen no more amongst men We hope and trust he has gained that port of rest that we are all in hopes of entering

I dont know that any of you was at all acquainted with my ~~Uncle~~ and perhaps this broken account will not interest you at all, I very much wish you would make us a visit once more if we do not improve the time that is allotted us now for we can make no calculation on the time that is coming We hope to see some of you before cold weather setsin.

With much regard to you all I remain your Sister

Mary Chace