

March 8th 1875

Dear Mother

Your letter was received all right. and I ment to have written before. the only excuse I have got is that it has been so cold here that it took us most of the time to keep warm. I think I never was where it was quite as cold as it has been here for the last two months. It was about impossible to keep comfortable,, we have had two stoves running all of the time. besides the cook stove,, and then we was about froze. I guess we have got through the worst of it. It begins to thaw a little now. and I guess there is a prospect of some warmer weather,, Maggie and the children are well and are making great calculations on going East. Bertie & Lottie are talking about ther Grandma. and what they are agoing to do when they get down there. Business is very good good here at present. I think we shall have a good years work.) Maggie says (---) Maria she is agoing to write soon. I believe this is all this (time?)

From your son AR Morrison

We send our love to you all

Ans

write soon

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Chicago, June 14th 1875

Dear Mother

Your letter
was received in due season and we were very
glad to hear from you all. I know that I
deserve a scolding for not writing before. It is
the hardest work I can do. I never can think of
anything to write when I get ready.

Maggie and the
Children start for the East one week from Wednesday.
They will stop in Worcester a week or two before
they go to Newburg. Bertie and Lotie are talking
about their Grandma most all the time. I expect
you will have a busy time when they get there.
Bertie is better this summer than he has ever been
and I think this trip East will do him good.
Maggie has been working so hard to get ready
that she is about tired out. I think it will do
her good. Lotie is all right any where. all
she wants is enough to eat and she is contented.
Maggie will write to you as soon as she gets

to Worcester, and let you know when she
starts for Skowhegan.

Mrs McFarland and daughter
are going the same time.

We send our love to you all
Tell Maria Magge has put off writing
until she get down there.

That's all this time

From your Son

A. H. Morrison

Hoppinton? July the 12th 1875?

Dear Mother

I guess you will think that is about time for me to write you. I left home three weeks ago. I was very tired when I got to Mass? (Massachusetts?)

Now I begin feel rested and I expect if nothing happens to be in Skowhegan the (---) of next week.

The children are (-----). Berties is very well indeed he seemes to (-----) every since left home.

I find it real hard to travel? with those little ones but if Bertie is well this summer it will (----) me for all my trouble.

I feel read homesick if Anson (was?) here I do not think that I would feel so. I like the East better than I do the West.

Mother write to Anson often. I know he will miss those little ones.

I will bid you good by in hopes to see you soon

Your daughter Maggie Morrison

Worcester Augt - the 12th 1875

Dear Mother

I write you a few lines to let you know how we got along since I left Skowhegan. I got along much better than I expected, Lottie was very good for on the (cars?) and as for Bertie he is quite the gentleman traveling.

My friend met me at the (depot?).

I took a hack to the (-----). Got my trunk checked for there? and my ticket, then took the horse (-----) for south (-----) stayed until Thursday after noon? then Mrs. Dyer came to the (-----) with me seen me on the cares? for (-----) My folkes here was as glad to see me as if I had been gone for (-----). They are trying very hard to have me stay untill the week after next, but don't think they will succeed in their efforts. I have my mind made up to go home next week and they cannot persuade me to (--) any different. I go home next Wednesday (evening?) if nothing happens.

The weather is very warm indeed but the children keep very well. They have a good apetite and seem to be real smart. The folkes think that Lottie has grown poor but think that Berties has improved. Theirs is a young school (----) visiting? here sister to my nice (neice?) and Lottie is having a real nice time with her.

Berties is (in?) the room with me I ask him what does he want to say to his Grandmas. Tell her see some shipes and some water and Lottie says tell Grandma to send me a letter. They speake of their Cousin Forest and their Aunty(?) real often.

I do not think that they will ever forget their trip East.

I will write you again? after I get home don't try to do much work this warm weather.

I was so fraid that you would be sick.

Give my love to Maria and Forest.

From your daughter

Maggie Morrison

I did think that could send this letter so you could hear from us Saturday? but I could not seem to get around to it.

Tell Maria that I will write to her after I get home.

Chicago

Oct. the 10th 1875

Dear Mother

I received your letter some time ago I was glad to hear from you to know that you was all well.

You must think that I am very ungrateful in not writing to you before this I did not think when I left Skowhegan that I would be so long without writting. But come I get home their was so many little thing to do that I have been really busy.

We are all well Bertie and Lottie is growing fast? every day since they got home. They had a grate time telling their pa what they see while they were gone and what nice thing they had to (at?) grandma's. They speake of you and their Aunt Maria and Forest so much. Bertie say's the next time we go to grandma's pa will have to come too and then we will stay all the time.

Anson has been out of work he has worked only three week since I got home he expects to go in againe tomorrow don't know for how long I hope all winter. Business is rather dull I am going to try next year to get me a chance in one of the shopes to work at my old trade I could (----) me a good little girl to see to the children wile I was gone. This lady in the house would see that everything was right. If I could work once more and help Anson then I should like to get out of Chicago for I must say that my going East has not made me any more (-----) to the place. Dislike it more than ever. I guess Maria will think that I never going to write that letter I have promised. I promised so many folkes East that I would write as soon as got home and settled. I guess they will thing(k?) my word is not good for much. This is second letter I wrote since I got home. I wrote my folkes in Worchester a few times and this to you

I must say that I do not like to write only when I feel obliged to

I am knitting the children some stocking (have got two peice done I have put jacket and pants on Bertie I wish you could see him he looks real (----) Lottie she growes like a weed she is as fat and healthy as she can be her cheekes is like roses she has changed a good deal since got home.

Well Mother I bid you good night. Anson joines with me in sending love to you all, Maggie Morrison

Lottie and Berties was very much plased with their letters Bertie says he is going to put his mony in his bank

Please write soon and I will try and do better next time

Chicago Dec 5th 1875

Dear Mother

I thought
I would drop you a few lines
to let you know how we all
get along. The children and
myself are well, but Maggie is
troubled with the dyspepsia. She
has to be very particular about
what she eats.

The weather has been
very warm and pleasant for this
time of year we have not had
hardly any snow as yet.

Business is rather dull in most
of the shop, but our shop is doing
a good business at present. I
think I shall have a plenty to do next
Christmas. Bertie and Lottie are
sitting at the table waiting to
see you. They both want to see

Maggie is sick. Bertie and Lottie are writing their grandmother.

their grand ma. Lettie is a great
stout girl, and just as smart
as can be. She says she is owing
to do all the work in the house pretty
soon. Bertie is getting along first
rate. he does not seem to grow
very fast. but he is well. He has
a good deal to say about grand ma
and Maria and Cousin Forrest.

I have been calculating
to write to you oftener. but it
does seem the hardest work
to get to writing. Maggie would
say every once in a while now you
must write to night some. but
we have kept putting it off until
now.

Maggie says if I will finish this
page she will do the rest. The children
are bothering me so I cannot write
any more to night. So I will leave
the rest for her to finish. we
send our love to you all. fondly
Your Son
Wm. Morrison. write soon

Dear Mother

How do you do this evening when you wrote last you said you was not very well & think of you all often and wish I was where I could see you more & was real homesick after I got back from the East but I begin to feel better Contented in my home seems more so than before I went away

I have got that awful dispepsia the egg shell does not seem to me any good I think it must be the Climate

I do all my work so far: it keeps me pretty busy & wash and come these little ones take up day then they get not keep close it is a very dirty place it is ^{not} about impossible to keep close here

I thought of you Thanksgiving day and so much that you could be here

Olen comes back

Mrs. Missall the lady that lives in
the house with us she has ^{company} her
daughter and husband from the County
they are real nice folks & like their
much

How does Aunt Betty do I wish so
many times that I could have some of her
nice cheese and butter to eat.

Afternoon and the children are laying down
in the living and Bertie is telling his pa
about the day he went fishing with
his cousin Forest - it was so sweet
down there he says.

Don't think of any thing else this
time from you
Sincerely Maggie Morrison

Give my love to Maria and Forest

Chicago Feb 13th 1876

Dear Mother

Your letter was received in due season and we were very glad to hear from you all. We have been trying to write to you for the last six weeks. But we never could seem to get at it. Bertie has asked two or three times today if we were agoing to write to Grandma today. He says he should think it was about time. He is sitting at the table with his pencil awriting to you. Lottie has gone to bed with her doll. She speaks about you, Maria and Forrest most every day. She and Bertie remember everything they saw or heard while they were down East. The weather here has been very nice. We have not had any winter atall. It seems just like the first of May.

Business is rather dull as a general thing, but I have been very fortunate so far. Although I am working on short time, but that is better than nothing.

I will now draw this to a close and give Maggie a chance to finish it. My Love to you all

From Your Son

AR morrison

write soon

Anson has left room for me to write a few lines. We are getting along nicely. My health is a good deal better than it was when I wrote you last. Bertie and Lottie are well. They are looking real well. They go out doors every day. Lottie got a large doll at Christmas. She has a real nice time with her. She takes her to bed every night.

It is very sickly in the city. I feel thankfull that my little ones are well. Business is very dull this winter. It is worse than any winter we had since we come West. They folkes in the other part of the house (very? idle?) most three month. There is so many out of employment. I hope the time will soon change for the best. I suppose that Maria will think us (---) for not writing. I must write to her soon.

Bertie and Lottie wants to (---) to Grandma and send her some scrip. Give my love to Maria and Forest. From your aff daughter

Maggie Morrison

Skowhegan March 26 1876

Dear Son

Your letter Maggie's Bertie's
and Lottie's were received in due time
and I can tell you I was glad to
hear from you all once more, ~~and~~
and to hear that you were well
I was very glad to hear that Maggie's
health was better, my health is not
very good, I am so as to do the cooking
thus far, Maria took a bad cold
last week and was quite sick for a
few days she is better now Forrest is well
my Sister Nancy is here now, she came
here to stop a few days, her health
is poor, she has been here twelve weeks
she will return home as soon as she is
able to go, I got a letter from Henry
he said you had been to see him
he said he was indeed glad to see you

he said he did not know
you, he did not say why he
had not written, I have been
waiting hoping you would write
and tell me something more about
him, if these lines reach you please
write soon, there has been many
deaths in this place of late many
aged people have died suddenly,
and ~~strangers~~ and also children,
there has been quite a stir in this
place of late on the subject of temperance
many have signed the temperance
pledge, and I hope they will keep
it, and there is more interest manifest
in the subject of religion than
I have ever known in this place
many have found Christ precious,
Union meetings have been held for
for the last few weeks evenings
and some of the time afternoons,
Charson how do you get along do you

find the times hard, I often think
of you all and want to see you all
O so much, those dear children
kiss them for Grand mother
we send love to you all, good night
from your Mother
Charlotte Morrison

Dear Daughter I thank
you for writing to me, you
cannot think how much I have
thought of you all since you
were here last summer I often
think what a hard time you had
the Children sick, and I was not
able to help you much, Bertie and
Lottie seem very dear to me, O
how glad I should be to sleep
in and see^{you} all to night,
I have not been from home any
this winter, I feel almost tired
out Nancy has been here most of
the winter which has made my
work harder, she is sick to day
she has the phthisic bad,
we have had a snow storm and
to day it has rained the traveling
is bad, we get along about as usual
Our love to you all from your Mother
I thank you and the
Children for my present
Charlotte Morrissey
write soon good night

Chicago Nov 8th 1876

Dear Mother

Your letter
was received in due
Season. And I am, ashamed
to think that I have
not answered them before.
I have not got any good
excuse for not doing so.

I have not been myself
since I got back everything
seems so different. If I had
taken the Children back
with me I should feel
different. Although they
have got a good place
you wanted the address. It
is Mrs Ann Phipps.

Hoof Kinton Map. I heard
from them last week
and they are getting along
nicely. I wish I could see
them, but I must wait.

I received one letter from
Henry. Since I got back
he has got a Boy and says
he has named him after
me. (So I suppose he must
be smart.)

now Mother I hope
you will forgive me for
not writing before. I will
now close by sending my
love to you all, hoping to
hear from you all soon. I
remain your Son

AR Morrison

47 N Peoria St
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Hopkinton (Mass) Jan 23rd 1877

Mrs. Morrison,

I received your missive, and (although a stranger) was very glad to hear from you, on account of the children, they speak so much of you. I intended to write before to you some time ago for I know you would like to hear from the children, and also to acknowledge the receipt of the books their Aunty sent at Christmas. This pleased the children very much indeed; they got a great number of presents, from their friends. The children are well, and perfectly contented, and happy. They seem to know no other home. They don't forget their mother but always speak of her, as in heaven. They seem to realize it all (?). Bertie was not very well, when he first came, but now he is healthy and well. He is not (-----) at all but seems to be more boyish than formerly. He got a present of a pair of long legged boots. I think that has a great deal to do with it. He feels pretty manly with them on. I must say Lottie is a very bright child, one could not help loving her, she has such winning ways. and is so cheerful always. I presume they will go to school in the spring. They can tell all the letters and spell several words. They recognized your picture at once and kissed it, they seem to think so much of you. They tell about toys you gave them to play with, and wish they could see you again. I heard from their father a short time ago. He was in St. Louis then, visiting his brother, but was to return to Chicago the following week. And if work was not better than it had been, thought of coming east. He was well, but missed the children a great deal. Lottie & Bertie send kisses to grandmother & aunty and will try to be good children.

with much regard

Mrs. A. Phipps