

Swifford Chmango Co Aug 27 1832

Dear Brother Wait.

Some time last month, I made Sarah
& Br. Hull, a social call - they had returned, a short
time previous, from Oneida Co. and I am indebted to them for
information respecting your location. - They thought of going
the succeeding week, toonesdale, to Mary & Rufus and
Mary Ann - But to history - You recollect my detention,
from going with you - It was providential - Next morning
but one a letter, advising me to stay, as the ground would
be otherwise occupied. - Rev. Mr. Pratt of Bainbridge (who
is now in your vicinity I suppose) came to Mr. Hastings &
enquired for a teacher of music - Mr. H. referred him to me.
Mr. P. brought me down, in his Wagon - I have school at
Bainbridge, Sidney Plains - East part of this town, on the Seneca
River - & at the Centre, where I now am. - I sing one Eve-
ning in each place, except, two evenings here - Thursday and
Friday evenings - this evening, am to sing here - The two last weeks
have been spent in commencing reading music in the Saesds.
& every energy has been exerted - and - I have sung myself
out - This week I have been still - But thank Pro-
vidence - I have a good house - a good mother - My lungs are
a little impaired - think I shall be able to travel next week -
My school here is very interesting - Consists of 60 or 70 - a very
fine society of young folk, here, mostly pious, the subjects of
a Revival the past year - this makes it very interesting
to me - My scholars are about half thought - when
shall "pick up my Coppers & gang" - If you were in my
route, should be very happy to see a letter from Brother
Sampson & Mary - yesterday - which was a little feast -
"Says - "I will just tell you what a prolific fortune we have had lately
" - by - Have left \$60. consequence of a desire of Mr. W. to abridge
" his business - he has furnished me with copious recommendations

"attorneys, which will probably introduce me to good business in
" Boston, New York, or Philadelphia - Leave this tomorrow morning
" with determination to remain in employment, (If I get any)
" until May next, when will come back & remove the wife
" & children" - Mary says, ^(next day) "The 'good bye' has just been given,
- again - say - "I begin to realize that this is a changing world -
again - "I am left like bird without mate" - Poor Mary. it will
be a long 4 months - I shall write her soon -

I see by this weeks Recorder, that our old friend Capt. L.
Denton, of Rome, has gone to heaven shouting - So go the
children of the Lord - soon, D^r Wait, you & I must follow -
How important that our influence be entirely on the Lord's side.
You must excuse me - write soon - don't here -

If you see Rev. Mr. Pratt - make yourself acquainted with
him - tell him you are my friend -

I shall expect all the news
from N. & Rome that you are
in possession of -

Yours

E. F. Ely.

Mr Edmund F. Ely
Guilford Conn
1832

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May 27th

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Mr. Wm. Catcott
Merchant
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