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Summary: Letters written to Caleb and Emily Pierce Carr of Hillsboro, Wisconsin, from family members in Genoa, Locke, and Elmira, New York. Subjects include family and local news, farm conditions, politics, temperance, spiritualism, the Panic of 1857, and homefront reactions to the Civil War. Also 13 letters to Carr from Henry Queripel, Jr. of New York City, mostly concerning his farm property in Wisconsin, but also commenting on commodity prices and trading conditions, religion, a smallpox epidemic in New York, and the Civil War.

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Caleb Carr. Letters, 1856-1867; 59 pcs.

Forty letters addressed to Caleb and Emily Pierce Carr and other members of their family, former Cayuga County residents who moved to Hillsboro, Wisconsin, in the mid-1850's; written from Locke, Genoa, and Elmira by the couple's parents, Isaac and Lucy Carr and R. E. and Amnis Pierce, and various relatives, this correspondence deals with family health and finances, local news, weather conditions, crop and livestock prices, politics, temperance, spiritualism, scarcity of money following the Panic of 1857, and homefront reactions to the Civil War. Also included is a series of thirteen letters (1864-1867) to Carr from Henry Queripel, Jr. of New York City, which are primarily concerned with the maintenance and disposition of his farm property in Wisconsin, but also contain comments on commodity prices and trading conditions, religion, a smallpox epidemic in New York, and certain aspects of the Civil War as viewed by a civilian. Calendar available on request.

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 Temperance

Caleb M. Carr Letters

Sender: Isaac T. Carr (father) - Genoa, Cayuga Co., New York
 Recipient: Carr children (Caleb & Emily Carr) & Carr grandchildren (Mariett[e])
 Newton [ITN] Carr) - Hillsborough, Wisconsin*
 Date: September 21, 1856

Subject: Parents are worried about their children (Caleb & Emily and children) who need financial help. Parents say they hope to sell their farm soon to get money to help. Parents are anxious to know more about the children's farm in Wisconsin

Sender: Amnis Pierce - mother - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Caleb & Emily Pierce Carr & Daniel and Rosena Pierce - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: November 6, 1856 (?)

Subject: Amnis is sorry Emily's little daughter Emma died, as a result of the hard journey from New York to Wisconsin. She misses Emily's other children, Mariett and Newton. Lucia (Emily's sister) and her father have been sick. Amanda, another sister, has a three week old baby. Amnis asks Emily to advise her brother, Daniel, (also in Wisconsin) to spend his money wisely.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Genoa, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: December 14, 1856

Subject: Reference to a Carr daughter, Jane, living at home, who will go to school in Elmira. Reference to price of horses and crops.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Genoa, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Wisconsin
 Date: January 18 & 24, 1857

Subject: Reference to a son, Nelson, living with parents, who "has had an agency sent to him from New Hampshire to sell lottery tickets."
 Cold snowy winter in Genoa.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Genoa, New York
 Recipient: unknown
 Date: January - March, 1857 (?)

Subject: Isaac is considering trading his farm for land with Mr. Withy.
 Isaac requests information about this land.

*Now Hillsboro, not Hillsborough.

Sender: R. E. and Amnis Pierce - parents - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Caleb and Emily Pierce Carr; Daniel and Rosena Pierce - Wisconsin woods
 Date: March 7, 1857

Subject: R. E. and Amnis went to see Amanda. Her baby has been sick. Amanda's other girls, Ina and Lucia, both go to school. They sing at school. Amnis wishes that Caleb and Emily's children, Mariett and Newton, could sing with them. Amnis misses her children in Wisconsin. She says "I never meant my children should be scattered round." R. E. is well. She says "We all need a great deal more religion." There is quite a shift in property in Milan. There's going to be a gristmill in Milan. Amnis cautions Daniel not to be foolhardy with his money.

R. E. advises that all the children--Caleb and Emily, Daniel and Rosena--travel together and help each other build houses. R. E. had a talk with Isaac Carr and together they are sending \$150 to help the children in Wisconsin. R. E. by himself is sending Daniel \$200.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Genoa, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Wisconsin
 Date: March 22, 1857

Subject: Isaac says he is glad to hear that the children received their money, were in good spirits, and intended to get on their farm as soon as they can. Isaac says he will move April 1 to Locke. Isaac cites the prices of horses and cows he has sold.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: April 5, 1857

Subject: Isaac hasn't moved yet because of a big bluster. He is sorry to hear that his children could not get on their farm this spring. He says he is sorry he sent them money so early. He says "We have got our property in a shape that we can realize but little from it but the interest." Jane is going to Pennsylvania to teach school for the summer at \$2.00 per day and board. Isaac chastizes his children for indulging in spiritualism ("such folly"). There is news of marriages and families who have moved from Milan. Enclosed is a recipe for hot drops - to prevent dysentery.

Sender: Lucy Carr - mother - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: April 12, 1857

Subject: Lucy is lonely for her children. She and Isaac are unwell, as is Nelson. Nelson evidently went west with the others, but returned because of his health. Lucy says to the children in Wisconsin, "I was in hopes you would think best to come back but now I have no hope hope is departed and I am left to Grieve A lone." She thinks that Isaac will go to Wisconsin in the fall, or maybe he'll buy a farm in Pennsylvania.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke
 Recipient: Carr children - Wisconsin
 Date: April 26, 1857

 Subject: Bad weather to start crops in Locke. Nelson has headaches. Isaac misses his children and grandchildren.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr: Locke
 Recipient: Carr Children - Wisconsin
 Date: May 10, 1857

 Subject: Isaac's wife, Lucy, is ill. She is worried about her children in Wisconsin and misses Jane. Isaac says he has heard that the children have started a shanty on their soil and he plies them with questions about their land. He wants to know whether the land between the children and the village is in the hands of speculators or is likely to be settled soon, and how far the children are from the land office. Isaac writes that there are three stores in Milan (which is apparently near Locke). Jane has her teaching certificate and is still away from home. The hay is \$12 per ton and is mostly gone, so cattle are starving.

Sender: Lucy Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: May 17, 1857

 Subject: Lucy is lonely for her children in Wisconsin and ^{for} Jane. She and Isaac don't intend to stay in Locke any longer than they can help. She wants to know if there are Indians in Wisconsin. She says in Locke "the ladies dresis is so long they drag on the ground an inch or two."

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke
 Recipient: Carr children - Wisconsin
 Date: June 7, 1857

 Subject: Mother's (Isaac's wife's) health is poor and Nelson is away with their stud horse, so they're often lonely. The spring has been "backward," so grain is expensive, as is food, in general. Prices are cited. Isaac hopes to sell some of his garden vegetables. He says he doesn't think Nelson would be much help to the other children if he went to Wisconsin, as Nelson is little help to Isaac. Isaac asks if Daniel (Pierce) lives in the same shanty with Caleb, Emily and family.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: June 21, 1857

 Subject: Isaac says he has received a letter from the children and is glad to

hear that they have planted corn and potatoes. "Jane gets along in her school first rate." Mother's health is better. Wednesday night (June 17) there was a flood. Several dams gave ways and several lives were lost in the regions of Groton, Owego, and Ithaca.

Sender: Nelson Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: His brother (Caleb ?) - Wisconsin
 Date: July 8, 1857

Subject: Nelson writes that he has just visited the Pierces (who are the parents of Caleb's wife) and the Pierces gave him \$50 to send to Wisconsin to Caleb and the others. Nelson adds "We will send you \$100." Nelson chastizes Caleb for writing bad news and tells him not to write at all if he won't write good news, "for the last letter you wrought, it made mother and father sick and it is the last money that I shall consent to send to you. . . ." Isaac adds to Nelson's letter: "You must not mind what Nelson has written he hates to see us feel bad. . . ." Isaac hopes to see the children in Wisconsin this fall.

Sender: Lucy Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: July ?, 1857

Subject: Lucy says she wishes the children would come home. Isaac can't go to visit them this fall after all, because he won't have enough money, after he has sent money to the children. Lucy complains that she and Isaac have no luxuries - they cannot work and can't go to meeting for want of clothes nor anywhere for want of a wagon. She says she dares not go to Wisconsin because she fears for her health.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Wisconsin
 Date: July 8, 1857

Subject: Isaac writes that he feels very bad to think the children are so far from him that he can help them in no way but money. As it is, he is running out of money, so he must borrow \$100 to send the children, and he cannot raise enough to come to visit his children this fall. He advises the children to come home if they cannot get along on the \$100 he has borrowed.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Wisconsin
 Date: August 9, 1857

Subject: Isaac relates gossip: Last winter a Dr. Burdell of New York City was murdered. When Miss Cunningham was taken up for the murder, she said she was married to Burdell and they released her.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Wisconsin
 Date: August 23, 1857

Subject: Mother is happier since Jane is back home. Fruit is scarce, and the crops are late and poor this year.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: September 20, 1857

Subject: There is a continual failure in banks. Crops are coming well and the price is coming down for everything except potatoes. Isaac wishes he could come to Wisconsin this fall. He'd prefer working for the children to idleness.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Caleb Carr and family - Wisconsin
 Date: October 4, 1857

Subject: It is the hardest time Isaac has ever seen for money. All of the banks have stopped discounting and most all of them have suspended payments, and a great many have failed entirely. Isaac says he can't get a dollar of the money he borrowed (for the children) and promised to repay by October 1. "There is the greatest panick just now you ever new." "I feel glad that I have sold out as near as I have and wish I could sell the rest. . . ." Crops are good. Isaac's Family--all ill.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr, Jane Carr, Horatio Nelson Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: October 17, 1857

Subject: Local gossip. Comments about the family's health. Concern over the children in Wisconsin when winter comes. Jane writes Mariett ("Met") that she might teach in Genoa. She also writes about dress materials.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: November 1, 1857

Subject: Gossip about trouble between Robert E. Pierce and John Edsall, who both claim the same "yearling heiffer." Gossip about a man who set another man's barn on fire. Next Tuesday (November 3) is an election. The Democrats and the Know Nothings have united. Isaac thinks they will elect all of their ticket, but he hopes not.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: November 15, 1857
 Subject: Isaac gives Mariett medical advice. He tells his children to try to find a piece of land in Wisconsin for Isaac to move to (with his wife and Nelson). Isaac gives the price of crops.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: November 22, 1857
 Subject: Isaac tells of a hung jury on the heifer disagreement. He asks his children's advice about coming to join them. He doesn't know if he should bring his goods with him or trade them beforehand. Isaac writes that he's sending his children enough money to pay their taxes.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Wisconsin
 Date: November 29, 1857
 Subject: Jane is teaching in Groton. Weather news.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Wisconsin
 Date: December 13, 1857
 Subject: Isaac has borrowed more money to send to the children. He asks his children to try to get along with Daniel, their only neighbor, who is the son of Isaac's friends, the Pierces. (Isaac's son, Caleb, is married to the Pierce's daughter, Emily).

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: December 27, 1857
 Subject: Weather, health, and crop comments. Isaac has little money, having sent the children tax money. He has only one pig to last all winter.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: January 10, 1858
 Subject: The heifer trial was settled, with both men paying half the cost of the heifer. Weather news. . cold and snowy. Food prices are still low, so farmers are discontent.

Sender: L. Carr - Isaac's wife - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: January 24, 1858

Subject: Concern for children. She misses them.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: January 24, 1858

Subject: Isaac's wife has been "troubled with the palpitation." From this letter it becomes apparent that Mariett and I. T. N. are children - probably Caleb's

Sender: Lucy Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: January - March (?) 1858

Subject: "I wish you had never went away." Lucy is ill. She has the palpitation.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: February 7, 1858

Subject: Isaac asks his children's advice on what to do. His friends advise him that he should not go to Wisconsin at his age, but he's very lonely without his children.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: February 14, 1858

Subject: Weather news.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Milan, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, ~~New York~~ Wisconsin
 Date: April 4, 1858

Subject: Isaac is very lonely and confused. He and his wife, Lucy, had decided to re-buy their old farm, instead of going to Wisconsin because of their ill health and old age. Unfortunately, Lucy is terribly discontent with the old farm. Jane has been sick.

Sender: Isaac T. Carr - Milan, New York
 Recipient: Carr children - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: April 25, 1858

Subject: Isaac is discouraged because prices are high and his children haven't written. He says that Milan is just as scandalous as ever. He is running out of money, and he wishes the children would come home.

Sender: Amnis Pierce - Locke, New York
 Recipient: Emily Pierce Carr (Amnis' daughter), Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: November , 1862

Subject: R. E., Amnis' husband has "not dressed nor undressed himself in four months." Amnis is weary and low on money. It is apparent that Mrs. Lucy Carr has been to Wisconsin and has returned. Amnis says, "Mrs. Carr has been here with a long yarn she said she had heard since she come back that you had told me grevious things and I had told it here I told her that you had never wrote any such thing. . . The war as you know takes the place of everything else in the mind. There has not been any one killed that went frome here---and but two or three have died. The day has passed for draft-ing everyone. . . and some have paid large sums of money to the doctors to get clear and have lost their money."

Sender: Henry Queripel Jr. 266 Spring St., New York
 Recipient: Caleb M. Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: June 13, 1864

Subject: Queripel replies to a letter from Caleb Carr which evidently renewed a long forgotten friendship. It seems that Queripel formerly had a farm in Wisconsin near Caleb's, but misfortune befell him and he was forced to leave his farm and go to New York City, leaving a man named Burris to sell the farm produce (worth \$500, according to Queripel), pay his creditors a total of \$80, and send the remaining money to Queripel in New York City. In this letter Queripel expresses his fury at Burris who had written him that he (Burris) did not have enough money left after paying Queripel's creditors to pay the taxes on the Queripel farm. Since Queripel found it impossible to go back to Wisconsin and check on Burris, whose honesty he doubts, he asks Caleb Carr, in this letter, to act as his agent, for a fee, and investigate the matter. Queripel also asks Caleb to estimate how much the farm is worth, so that he can ask a good price for it. In this letter there is much romantic talk about the glories of fighting for one's country. Queripel criticizes Lincoln and says if Johnson were Commander-in-Chief, the war would have ended long ago.

Sender: Henry Queripel, Jr. - 266 Spring Street, New York City
 Recipient: Caleb Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: July 7, 1864

Subject: Queripel expresses anger at certain Hillsborough soldiers Caleb had written about, who obtained discharges from the army by intentionally getting the "Rheumatics" by overeating and by bribing doctors. Says Queripel: "These very fellows loud and boisterous in their declamations against me as a heretic and secesh [secessionist] . . . went off to the war with colors flying, heads and tail feathers up come back to us with heads bowed down and tail feather dragging in the dust." "They are what you might call legal deserters, aiders and abetors of the rebellion. . ."

Sender: Henry Queipel Jr. - 266 Spring St.
 Recipient: Caleb Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: between June 1864 and December 1864

Subject: There is much talk about bills, affidavits, certificates, and depositions for Henry's farm. Henry tells Caleb to sell his old house to best advantage. Henry also inquires about the United Brethren Church and its new converts. Says he, "I don't know but what I may preach a sermon on Hills Prairie yet!" About New York City, he says, "the city is an hospital full of small pox and they are dying on the right hand and on the left."

Sender: Henry Queipel^{Jr.} - 266 Spring St., New York City
 Recipient: Caleb Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: September 20, 1864

Subject: Instructions on what Caleb should do to help Queipel straighten his farm feud with Burris. Queipel's nostalgia for Hillsborough and his farm. Queipel elaborates on his trade scheme ^{for sending} between New York City goods to Hillsborough people at a high price. Such things as "books, machines, medicines, and seed of all kinds" were suggested as good items to sell in Hillsborough.

Sender: Henry Queipel Jr. - 266 Spring St.
 Recipient: Caleb Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: between October and December 1864

Subject: About the possibility of trading items between Hillsborough and New York City, Henry is skeptical. He says that one can get things cheaper in Chicago (than New York City), and still cheaper in Milwaukee. Freight also costs less than it does from New York City. He adds, "There are several good sewing machines in market but the best for family use if either the Wheeler & Wilson or Grover & Bakers. The sloat machine is reputed to be good and so the Finkle & Lyon's but after all the best are those above."

"Cuba's sugar is worth for common	20 to 26
Havana White	28 to 30
Porto Rico	21 to 27
Teas	
Hysen	1.25 to 1.75
Young Hysen (mixed)	1.00 to 2.00
Oolong	1.25 to 2.00

Sender: Henry Queipel^{Jr.} - 266 Spring St., New York City
 Recipient: Caleb Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: November 29, 1864

Subject: Queipel expresses his distress because Burris is keeping what belongs to Queipel, and because he is so hard up for money. He writes of Burris, "What is worse than all is to be bitten by a cur who had eat, drank, and reveled at my trough," Queipel counsels Caleb to sell the wheat grain and hay "so as to pay the threshers taxes. . ."

Quaipel tells Carr that some of Hillsborough's products would find a good market in New York City: "A splendid thing might have been done on ginseng root and Seneca snake root, Lobelia herb, catnip, wild turnip, etc. . . You could have bought it at your place for about 30 to 40 cents dry and it sold readily here for 80 cents to \$1.00 per lb. . . " About selling his farm Quaipel says, "We refused not long ago an offer of \$3000 and asked \$3500 for it and I think it to be fully worth that if anything at all. . . "

Sender: Henry Quaipel, Jr. - 234 9th Ave., New York City
 Recipient: Caleb Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: August 2, 1865

Subject: Quaipel asks Caleb if he agrees that Quaipel should sell his land "to an advantage if it could be done. . . "

Sender: Henry Quaipel, Jr. - 234 9th Ave., New York City (Incomplete and unsigned, but
 Recipient: Caleb M. Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin obviously HQ.)
 Date: between December 1864 and August 1865

Subject: Henry is now secretary of a large stock company--capital \$500,000. He is also forming another stock company with a capital of \$200,000. Henry says, "Money is the God of the present generation. . . "

Sender: Henry Quaipel Jr. - 234 9th Ave., New York City
 Recipient: Caleb M. Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: August 29, 1865

Subject: Henry writes Caleb that "it is best to rotate the crops for instance follow wheat with oats and then with Buckwheat to be turned under then with corn." "This course of treating your ground with buckwheat will surely clear it from Chince bugs. . . as well as refresh the soil. . . " Henry things that he'll sell his land to his father for \$3000 - \$1000 cash "and the balance could remain upon mortgage." On the other hand, Henry would like to go back to Hillsborough, since he's sentimentally attached to the land and the people there. Henry is glad because the boys (Caleb's sons) have all returned from the war alive. He then gets carried away with the glories of dying for one's country: "Glorious death. . . Happy death. . . Precious Blood! the cement that hold our union more firmly together"

Sender: Henry Quaipel Jr. - 78 Thompson St., New York City
 Recipient: Caleb M. Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: January 16, 1866

Subject: Henry has received a bill of particulars from Caleb showing what debts Caleb has paid. Henry is astonished that Burris misled him into thinking that he (Burris) had paid all Henry's debts, when some of them were really left unpaid. Henry is afraid that Burris' negligence has tarnished Henry's "character for honesty and uprightness."

Sender: Henry Queripel Jr. - 78 Thompson St., New York City
 Recipient: Caleb M. Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: between January 16 and April 14, 1866

Subject: Henry acknowledges the receipt of a U. S. Bond for \$50, and the receipt for taxes. He inquires about his fences, apple trees, etc. and says he is glad that his neighbors still hold him "in estimation." Henry hopes to be able to visit Hillsborough this fall.

Sender: Henry Queripel Jr. - 234 9th St., New York City
 Recipient: Caleb M. Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: April 14, 1866

Subject: There is talk of selling a piece of Henry's land on which to build a schoolhouse.

Sender: Lydia Munson (probably Lucy Carr's sister) - Elmira, New York
 Recipient: Caleb M. Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: June 6, 1866

Subject: She says "Newton and John are still in California. Caleb (probably not Caleb Carr) has been in the army. . . ." In Elmira, "flour is \$16 per barrel, it has raised \$3 in a month. Butter has been 55 and 60 cts per pound, now it is about 35. Eggs has been. . . 20 cts per dozen." Apparently Caleb has two other children besides Mariett and Newton, whose names are Isaac (probably the same child as ITN) and Harry.

Sender: Henry Queripel Jr. - Cor. 20th St. and 10th Ave., New York City
 Recipient: Caleb M. Carr - Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: August 27, 1867

Subject: Henry inquires about the state of his property and crops, and asks if his taxes have been paid.

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Sender: Amanda Pierce Ferris - E. Genoa, New York
 Recipient: Emily Pierce Carr (her sister), Hillsborough, Wisconsin
 Date: February 1862 ?

Subject: Amanda says her girl Ina is as large as Mariett was when she was in Genoa (in 1856). Father (R. E. Pierce) enjoys good health, as does Mother (Amnis). Amanda has children named Emma and Annie, as well as Lucia and Ina. Amanda writes of the Civil War: "I feel jubilant over the success of our arms the past week in the west capturing those forts in Tennessee and Price* and his army but every joy is accompanied with sadness when we remember what a sacrifice of human life it has cost." It is apparent from this letter that Mariett has died. Wartime prices are cited.

* Supposedly Sterling Price.

Sender: Lydia Munson - Elmira, New York
Recipient: Caleb Carr (?) - addressed to nephew and niece
Date: Probably after 1866

Subject: Jane's little boy drowned at the age of 3. "A great temperance wave has passed over Elmira many hard-drinking men has been converted. . . "
"Nelson was here over 2 weeks last winter his sons are men. . . "

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(53 letters)

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GENEALOGY

Carr:

Isaac T. Carr, 1796-1858 m. Lucy (?) .

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1. (Horatio) Nelson Carr 2. Caleb Carr m. Emily Pierce* 3. Jane m. (?) (Jane a teacher in Groton and elsewhere prior to marriage.)
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1. Newton 2. Mariette - 3. Emma (d. infancy) 4. Harry
 (I[saac] T[] N[ewton]) c. 1856

son who drowned at age of 3

Letters also from a Lydia Munson of Elmira, probably Caleb's aunt.

Pierce:

R. E. Pierce m. Annis (?) .

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1. Emily m. Caleb Carr* - 2. Daniel m. Rosena (?) 3. Lucy (Lucia) 4. Amanda m. (?) Ferris
 (went to Wisconsin)

Children, as above.

1. Ina 2. Lucia 3. Emma 4. Annie

NOTE: This chart not necessarily complete. Is based on content of letters.