

West Boylston Sept 8th 1864

Dear Mother

I received your letter in due season and I was very glad to hear from you and Maria. My health is very good and I am getting along first rate in the shop. It seems a good deal like "work" but I guess I shall get used to it before long.

You wrote to me about staying out late nights. You need not worry about that one mite, for in the first place there is no place to go to, and the next I am tired enough when night comes to go to bed.

Well Mother I suppose you are feeling lonesome, but you must not give up yet. You must keep up good courage and look on the bright side. I don't see why Henry don't write. I think he would if he knew how anxious you was to hear from him. But it is no use to worry about him. He will turn up all right yet. And I hope you will hear from Father, by the next time you write.

By the way I guess you had better send my trunk about the 20th. I think you can get a key of John Frost that will lock it. If you can't it won't make much (---). You can put a strap around it. I want you to send my overcoat and frock coat, blue pants and black pants. And my writing desk. I believe that is all I can think of except my apron? that I used to wear in the shop. And I believe I have got a vest that you can put in. That makes about every thing I guess.

I don't want you to pay the express for it will be likely to come quicker to have it paid this end of the route. Well Mother I cannot think of any more this time so I will draw this letter to a close by sending my love to you and Maria. Hoping to hear from you soon.

From your Son

AR Morrison

Have the trunk marked plain in two or three places.

West Boylston      Sept 25th      1864

Dear Mother

Your letter came to hand last evening and I was very glad to hear from you and Maria, to know that you wes both well. It seems that you did not get my last letter. I wrote to you two weeks ago last Friday, and I have been to the post office most every night. And I thought it strange that I did not hear from you and I sent for my trunk the same time. And I could not think why it did not come. I don't see where the letter went to for I directed it the same as I always use to, but it seems that it got miscarried somewhere on the route. I wrote one to Henry the same time but I have not heard from it yet. Perhaps that has gone the same way. But I hope not for I should like to hear from him.

Well Mother as it is getting along towards cold weather I guess I had better have my trunk. I want you to put my overcoat and frock coat and all three pr of pants, and my best. & also my writing desk and those two account books. That I left on the table, in my room. I believe this is all I can think at present. I want you to send it by express, and I don't want you to pay the express bill, for I think it will come quicker for me to pay it this end of the route.

Well Mother I suppose you want to know how I am getting along with my work. I am getting along first rate and it comes about as easy as it use to. And I guess I can do as much as I use to, but I expect we shall have some dull times before a great while. Business seems to be slacking up in a good many places, and it will probably be rather uncertain until after elections. Then it will be likely to be good. Well Mother I cannot think of any more this time so I will draw this letter to a close. Hoping that you will get it in due season, and also that you may hear from Father and Henry by the next letter.

I send my love to you and Maria,

from your

Son

AR Morrison

To his Mother

Charlotte Morrison  
Skowhegan  
Maine

.. West Boylston July 2<sup>d</sup> 1865.

Dear Mother

Your letter  
was received in due season  
and I was glad to hear  
from you and Maria. to know  
that you were both well. My  
health is first rate. and  
I am getting along very well.  
business begins to look good.  
we are going to start on  
full time this week.

I suppose you are going  
to have a great time down  
there the fourth. I should  
like to be there first rate.  
but as it is. I have made up  
my mind to celebrate the fourth  
by working in the shop. I think  
I have had about fourths

enough for one year. I will  
wait until business gets dull  
again.

Well Mother how do you get  
along this offal warm weather.  
I believe it was about as  
warm here last week as I  
ever saw it, but I suppose we  
have got to have some more  
of it before summer is over.  
By the way you wanted to know  
how I liked my Quaker & he  
I like him very well. his name  
is Whitney. he is a young man from  
Waltham.

Well Mother I cannot think  
of any more this time. I hope  
you will hear from Father and  
Henry by the next time you  
write.

I send my love to you Maria  
& Forrest.

from your Son  
A. R. Morris.

West Boylston August 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Mother

Your letter was received in due season. And I was very glad to hear from you and Maria. And also to know that you had heard from Father. I shall write to him this week. I wish you would send me the letter he wrote. So that I can see about how he is getting along. how odd it will seem to write to him. for he had been gone so long. it does not seem as if I ever had any Father. I do hope he will come home soon. Well Mother I suppose you have grown ten years younger. since you got the letter. I hope you will hear from Henry soon. well Mother I don't know as I have got any news to write this time. Business is driving and all that is lacking is help. I am getting \$2.50 per day at present. I should have sent you more money. but I have been saving my money for a U.S. 7-30 Bond. I think it is

about time to save something for a rainy  
day, well Mother I don't know as I can  
think of any more at present.

I send My love to You and Mose  
From Your  
Son

A C Morrison

Enclosed is \$5.00

West Boylston Dec 11th 1865

Dear Mother

Your letter was received in due season and I was very glad to hear from you all once more to know that you was well. My health is first rate. My finger has got quite well but it is a little tender at present.

Well Mother I hardly know what to write. Everything remains about as usual here. But business does not look quite as lively as it did. But we have plenty of work as yet.

Well Mother how did you get along Thanksgiving. Did it snow down there, it snowed here all day and there is about two inches on the ground now. But not very good sleighing. But it begins to look a little like winter.

I am sorry I did not have Forrest's boots made smaller. But I suppose he will grow to them by another winter. I suppose you have not heard from Father or Henry yet. I do hope you will soon.

I send my love to you all.

From Your Son

AR Morrison

write soon

  
West Boylston May 3<sup>d</sup> 1866

Dear Mother

Your letter was received in due season and I was very glad to hear from you all once more. To know that you was all well, my health is very good and also Maggie's.

We here getting along very well. business is not very driving, and I think it will not be with us, until we get into the new Shop. then I believe the calculations are to try and do something.

Well Mother how do you get along this Spring. I suppose you are to work on shoes as usual, but you must not work to hard. Mag<sup>y</sup> is puceing because she has not had

Charlotte worked on shoes to get by.

any work for two or three days.  
She is a good deal like you  
in that respect, never contented  
unless to work.

Well Mother, I dont hardly know  
what to write next. I dont see  
why Henry dont write. I suppose  
he has been down South so long, that  
he has forgot that he ever lived  
in Skowhegan. I want you to  
give me his address in your next  
letter. And I will give him a  
Scotch Blessing. I dont believe  
there is any need of his being  
so recalled.

I believe I have  
about run out for this time.  
we send our love to you  
all.

From your Son  
LWS

write soon  
P.S. Jenny Swan is going down home  
next week.  
LWS

West Boylston June 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Mother

Your letter  
was received last week,  
and I was very glad to  
hear from you all once more  
to know that you was all  
well. My health is first rate,  
and Maggie is also well, we are  
both at work in the new Shop.  
we moved in last Monday, and  
business is hot. and I hope it  
will continue so, for a while, we  
have had dull times long enough.  
Well Mother how do you get along  
this summer, I suppose you are  
dreading the warm weather, but  
we have not had much this  
year as yet. It has been very

cool this summer so far, with the  
exception of a few days. —  
I don't get any news from Henry  
yet. I suppose he is off on some  
wild goat chase, like his PEK's  
Peak operation. I guess he will  
conclude to come home after a while  
and settle down.

I hope you will hear from  
Father by the next time you write.  
Tell Maria not to work too hard in  
the mill.

I believe this is all this time.  
We send our love to you all

From your Son

W. R. Morrison

To Charlotte Morrison

Stouey  
man

write room

West Boylston July 29<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Mother

Your letter  
came to hand in due season  
and I was very glad to hear  
from you and more to know  
that you were <sup>all</sup> well. Maggie and  
myself are well and getting along  
just as the business is driving and  
everything goes along nicely. I am  
getting \$2.75 a day and Maggie is  
" \$10.00 a week and we pay  
\$6.00 for board. and my pay I  
am getting stingy. So I think there  
is a chance for me to lay up something  
for a rainy day. if we are spared  
our health. - - -  
if business is not driving next winter  
we are coming down. I should rather

Anson \$2.75 a day. Maggie \$10 per week.

go this summer but there is no such  
a thing as getting away.

I do not hear any thing from  
Henry yet. I wrote to him some  
time ago. I suppose he thinks  
if he writes once a year it is  
sufficient. I hope you have heard  
from father by this time.

Well Mother I dont know as I have  
any news to write this time.

Go'll Martin not to work to-  
ward in the mill. It is of no  
use to caution you about working  
to hard. for you always did work  
harder than any of the rest of the  
family, but you ought not to work  
as hard as you have.

I believe this is all

We send our love to you all

From your Son

A. R. Morrison

West Bog Cotton  
mass

Enclosed is five dollars

writes son

West Bay Vista Sep 24 1866

Dear Mother

Your letter  
came to hand in due season  
and I was very glad to hear  
from you all once more, and  
to know that you were well.  
Maggie and myself are well  
and getting along in our business  
in good. we have got steam  
power in the shop now, and it  
makes it a great deal easier for  
Maggie to have her machines go  
by steam. she says she does not  
feel half so tired when it comes  
night as she use to when  
she run by foot power. all she  
has to do now when she wants to  
start the machine is to put her  
foot on a little spring, and when

Maggie gets steam for her machine.

she wants to stay it looks idly. So  
you see it makes quite a difference  
in the letters!

well Mother I don't know what  
to write I have got no news  
nearly they remain about as usual  
here I saw Emma Pratt yesterday  
she was down to Nor. St. Fairlane  
she is to be married this winter  
they say.

We are having some cold nights  
at present. There was a severe  
frost last night and it rather  
stepped into the grapes and must  
everything else that cannot stand up

I see by your letter that you  
get no bushes from the cabinet  
I own it does seem strange.  
but I don't suppose it will do  
one night of good to worry  
about them, they say all  
things is for the best. But it is

hard to say it is always but we  
must hope for the best and look  
on the bright side as well as we  
can.

You and Susan must not  
work too hard.

we don't ever love to you  
all.

Yours ever  
Mrs

write soon

good night

Severe frost hurts the grapes. No news from the  
"absent ones". "Steam" for the equipment makes  
work a lot easier.

West Boylston Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Mother

Your letter  
was received in due season  
and I was very glad to hear  
from you all once more, to know  
that you were all well. Maggie  
and myself are both well and  
getting <sup>along</sup> "first rate" business is not  
driving very much at present,  
most of the ship are slackening  
up, but we have plenty of work to perform  
but I expect to get a chance to leave  
the last of ~~next~~ month, or the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
January. I think you will see us  
down there about that time.

I am glad you have heard from  
Henry once more, what does he have  
to say for himself. I suppose he  
wrote all about what he was doing

as usual, I should think he  
would begin to hope some  
thought of Sprouhagan, I can't  
see what he can find so interesting  
down there in that Sunken Country  
All I see when I was there, was smoke  
& ligards niggers & Co. & Co. land if he  
takes a fancy to that kind of stock,  
I should advise him to stay there.  
I think it is about time for him  
to write to us, but I suppose he  
feels grand or lazy and don't  
have time. If he gets a letter  
from me before I get from him,  
I hope he will let me know.

W. A. Mather

I don't know as I have  
got any news to write this time.  
Enclosed is five dollars. I should  
have sent you more, but I have  
been pretty stingy for the last few  
months, we had our mind made

up on saving five hundred dollars,  
and we succeeded last week, I  
think we have done very well, don't you.

no more this time.

We send our love to you all

From your Son

A. C. Morrison

West Jayston  
Mass

To

Charlotte Morrison  
Sprouhagan  
Maine

write soon

West Troy, N.Y. May 6<sup>th</sup> 1867

Dear Mother

I thought I  
would drop you a few lines  
to let you know that we got  
home all safe and sound.  
I got home last Thursday  
morning and went to work.  
Maggie got home Saturday  
night. We came up on the boat  
and did not get into Boston  
until two o'clock Wednesday  
afternoon. It was very rough  
and we were both seasick  
as usual. Maggie thinks  
the next time we go it will  
be in the cars.

So more this time I will  
write more news.  
We send our love to you all  
Love  
Aunt

Seasick on the boat to Boston. Next time on the cars (train).

West Brighton March 11<sup>th</sup> 1867

Dear Mother

Your letter  
came to hand in due season  
and we were very glad to  
hear from you all once more, I  
hope you have got over your cold  
by this time. Maggie and myself  
are well and getting along first  
rate. business remains dull but  
we manage to get a little trade.  
I am in hope it will come up  
soon. We had quite a snow  
storm today and the sleighing is  
quite good. I think we have had  
more snow this winter than we had  
had for a number of years -  
Well Mother I don't know as I  
can think of anything more this time.  
I was in hope you would have heard

from Dublin to Moscow by this time.  
If they were fine his to become hence,  
I should think they might drop  
a few lines & write to Henry  
last week I hope he will find time  
to answer it.

To Mrs. M. M.  
Dear young Mrs. M. M.

England is fine still.  
I don't want to go all  
day.

Dear Mother  
The business is coming  
you & your lines are coming along  
first with considering the time  
Business is not every year and we  
cannot have a while as the other  
we would like but I can't in any  
that are with make up for last  
time as soon as business comes up

It's been long since we got  
back from Dublin that we are pretty  
strong & more thought. The other  
could be in things, the last time you  
are thinking to be it all so can this year  
I hope that we will be again on both  
mother & me for each other in our

See you this evening we were  
I think you would say that we are pretty  
comfortable  
I would be known but not in it  
but I would believe to write I will be  
happy to receive an answer

Mother is staying on the longer  
I must go and make him of me  
get ready for bed so I will see  
you good night. Love Mother  
I hope you will be home in time  
you English people business

Per Maggie, business is poor and we are "pretty stingy".

There were but a few in the

West Boylston June 2nd 1867

Dear Mother

I received your letter in due season and I was very glad to hear from you all once more to know that you were well. My health is good and Maggie is also well. Business continues brisk and we have all we can attend to at present. We commenced keeping house last Thursday and we are getting along nicely so far although we have not got fairly underway yet. I have got quite a garden all planted. My potatoes, corn, beans, peas, squash and cucumbers are all up and I have got nine apple trees most of them blowed full. And if nothing happens I shall get some fruit. I have to get up a little earlier mornings than I did when I boarded out. I find that it costs something to commence. But I think it will be better if not cheaper in the end. And one thing I know. We shall feel more at home. We have got a nice little cottage of six rooms, close by the shop. And if the Lord spares us our health I think we shall get along nicely. Maggie has had first rate luck cooking so far. I wish you could step in and see us some evening.

Well Mother I see by your letter that you get no news from Father or Henry as yet. I should think that Henry might write. He is not so far off but that the mails run regular. I don't see any excuse for him whatever. I believe I have written about all out. So I will draw this to a close. We sent our love to you all. From Your Son

A R Morrison

Please write soon

Dear Mother

I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know how I get along now that I have become a housekeeper. I like (it) very much so far. I find it some harder of course. Anson he seems to enjoy it so much that I think it (-----) to work a little harder. We get up at five o'clock, get breakfast, wash my dishes and sweep my sitting room and kitchen before shop time. We have one hours nooning? and can get up quite a dinner in that time and for supper we (have) from six o'clock? until bed time to get supper in. We have five rooms furnished, kitchen, sitting rooms, parlour and two? bed rooms we have got things real neat and convenient. I should (like) to have you come and make us a good long visit soon. Give my love to Maria and Forest -

Maggie Morrison

Enclosed is a present for Forrest from his Aunt Maggie

West Boylston July 7th 1867 ~~Lot 91~~

Dear Mother

Your letter came to hand in due season and we wer very glad to hear from you all once more, to know that you wes all well and getting along nicely. my health is good and Maggie is also well. we are both at work in the Shop as usual. business continues good. and we are getting along first rate,, I think Maggie is working most to hard, only think she is earning two dollers a day besides doing her housework. and I will venture to say that our cottage looks as neat as any of them whave nothing els to do,, but housework. The fourth has come and gone without anything unusual. Their was nothing agoing one here. the shop was closed. so that I could not work. and I stayed at home all day,, I wis you could have been here to had dinner with us. we had green pease beets and turnip. It seems good to have vegetables once more.

Well Mother how do you get along this warm weather, I suppose you had rather have cold for choice. but their will be enough next January to make up. I was in hopes you would have heard from Father or Henry by this time but we must waite a while longer. -- I will write no more this time. From your Son

Ans

We send our love to you all

Enclosed is \$2.00

Dear Mother Anson says that their is room for me to write you a few lines thought I should like to I am getting along nisely with my household duties I have had very good luck with my cooking so far. Anson seemes to enjoy housekeeping ever so much. He has grown quite fleshy he has gained eight pounds in about three weekes We did have a real mirisable (miserable?) boarding place I think it pay's? me for some of my hard work to see Anson looking so much better I do wish you could come and make us a visit this summer I give my love to Maria and Forest I am agoing to write to Maria soon

Your Daughter

Maggie Morrison

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year

West Boylston Dec 28th 1867

Dear Mother

Your letter came to hand in due season and we were very glad to hear from you all once more, to know that you were well. We are both well and getting along nicely. I have been loafing for two weeks and Maggie got through last Monday. I expect to go to work next week. We shall only work eight hours to commence with but that will be better than nothing.

I am glad you have heard from Henry. I wish he would take a notion to come home.

Mr. & Mrs. (Varney?) were out and spent the Christmas with us. We had a turkey. I wish you could have been here. We had a very pleasant time. Maggie is getting to be quite a cook. She says she is agoing to keep me on (-----) pudding and milk until I go to work again.

Well Mother how do you get along. Has the weather been cool enough to suit you. I think we have had some stinging cold weather the first of the month. But the past week was quite warm. The snow has all left us. And the streets are dry. It seems more like Spring than Winter.

I am glad Forrest's boots fitted him. Tell him to be a good boy and I will bring him something when I come home. Say to Maria Maggie is agoing to write soon.

We send our love to you all

Ans

write soon

Enclosed find two dollars

Dear Mother

I suppose you think it is about time for me to write you a few lines. I have been very busy in the shop this fall and winter and not have many leisure moments. Got through in the shop last Monday. Since then I have washed and ironed, cleaned house and baked(?) had company in spend the Christmas. This week I have got to do some sewing. I want to make me some calico dresses and aprons I need them the worst kind. By the time I get them done I expect they will want me back in the shop. I intend now if nothing happend to work one year longer in the shop and help Anson all I can and then I am in hopes that we will have enough saved so Anson can go in business for himself. I think we have done first-rate this year. We have had (----) many thing in the house in fact we had to get every thing. With all that we have (---) we saved as much if not more than we did last year but we have worked pretty hard for it that is so.

I wish I could see you and Maria we could have a long talk I could tell you all about my housekeeping.

I am agoing to write to Maria soon. I wish you all a happy new year

your daughter

Maggie Morrison