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## 3/27/1852 From: Charles H. Howard To: Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

CHH-001 Kent's Hill, Maine

Kent's Hill, March, 27, 1852.

Dear Mother,

I now sit down to tell you how I get along away from all of my friends, for I believe that I have never been away before except that some one of my brothers has been with me but I don't know but what I get along as well so far as though some one of my friends had been with me. I am situated in a pleasant room with a pleasant room-mate. I was lucky enough to get in with Mr. Hewet whom I was acquainted with before this I suppose Rowland informed you of. Anyone would hardly think but that if I am pleasantly situated I might be happy. But although I said I did not know but I prospered as well so far without my brothers with me, yet I do not feel so well, I feel sometimes home sick but not much. But this is nothing, I can't expect to be at home with my mother always, tho I should like to be. My health is the main thing for sure. It is as good as when I left home I think.

I like Mr. Torsey [Henry P. Torsey, Headmaster of Kent's Hill School] well as a teacher. I have not spoken with him since I saw him with Rowland at the Mansion. We have a blessing asked before eating always, and every night and morning Mr. Eaton reads from the Bible and asks someone to pray or does himself. I attend the singing school, the bill is so small that it will not make much difference, I believe it is but 50 cts. for 36 evenings.

We have had two or three snow storms since I have been here. There was a public meeting of the Calliopean Society [A literary and debate society founded in 1828] which I attended. The question was "Resolved; that railroad corporations are an injury to this state". I do not think that the Androscoggin RR. Co. has been much benefit yet. I don't know what it may be.

I should like to hear how Rowland is getting along, is he getting well fast or not? I have just been down to dinner, we had fish and rice to day. It is Saturday, we do not have to recite or study Saturdays, Many of the students go home. It would be much different if I could go home every week. I have declaimed once since I have been here. Rowland told you I suppose that I had purchased the right to read library books for half of the term for which I had to pay 18 cts, and also that I bought a lamp, when we were coming up, which cost me 17 cts. This is all the money that I have spent. My lamp is in my trunk, Mrs. Eaton furnishes the light, for one lamp and that is all that we use she charges 10 cts or five a piece. I don't think that I could furnish my own light any cheaper than that.

I have not been any further than the meeting house. I went to meeting last Sabbath all day. I heard Mr. Hawks in the forenoon and Elder Weber in the afternoon.

Tell Dellie that I want him to write me how the horses are, if the one is growing fat fast, and if he is getting much sap, etc. I suppose you will have to do without Mr. Gilbert soon, has he gone yet? and do you know who is coming on to our farm next year?

Whose farm have they purchased for the poor? I want you to write soon and tell me all about it. Has Uncle J. Leadbaetter [Jabez Leadbetter was the husband of Lucretia Howard, Charles's aunt] moved into Mr. Woodson's house yet? Is Grandmother with you now? If she is give my love to her.

I find the study of Philosophy very interesting. Mr. Torsey has examples to show us, of everything that our lesson is about.

Tell Dellie that Mr. Eaton has got a little boy eight years old who is in my class in Philosophy and Arithmetic but he never studied Philosophy before but he has always studied Smith's Arithmetic before this term.

Give my love to all. Was Rowland pretty cold when he got home? Write soon. Goodbye.

Your affectionate son, Charles H. Howard

that he went up into his chamber in the every with " a light, after some lynn and soon abter his stow wis all on fire, They did not save anything bathe with grup suce, there were no limsurance and the goods, but the house was meaning has a little ! I would like to have you send me a few little Stamps, if you have any to spenn in your next liter, When is k calend yoing back to Brunswich? I wish hi Could ( if he is not going rang very seon) come up there and see me and bring afe some more syruh. but dont suppose that he can, It has get to be April new but the weather has not advansed as fort as thin , I believe that it is callers to day than it has been this find while, the windows retter like the thing Pavant you to write me a long litter, soon mother about severy thing at home, I was really glad to get a letter from my brothers, that Revening as it was just as durk I felt some love some before geta letter from all of my brother, Ithink it must be quite a longhable backing thing to see a drawing to Rowland Baily drawn by ates. If I write comper sition to night it is time I was about it. To will conclude by saying good By From Gour Affectionate To Mors Oliza Gilmore . Son Charles 12981 8 Mp 7.981 8 Mp C. H. Howard and first singer

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Kent's Hill, Maine

Leeds, Maine

Kent's Hill, April 3, 1852.

To: Mrs Eliza Gilmore Leeds

Dear Mother,

Another week has passed away. But I don't know as it has changed my circumstances much, if any. I rec with much pleasure a letter from Rowland and Rodelphus in which was enclosed one from Otis. I am glad that Rowland sent it to me. I want him to consider this as an answer to him just as much as tho' it were addressed to him. He did not say anything about Roland Alger's [Gilmore, Charles' step-brother] health, so I suppose he is getting well. I should like to know how your health is too.

I am as well as usual. I do not take my syrup as often as I did. Rowland spoke about wearing my boots. I wear them all of the time, up to recitations and in my room just as I did at home. I do not go out scarcely anywhere besides up to recitation. One morning I got up and took a walk or rather a run out on the crust as far as the woods, out south of the Mansion House before breakfast. Tell Dellie there was a little boy up there getting his sap and he gave me some to drink. He was about as large as Dellie. There was also a boy here a few days ago with sap sugar for sale but I did not buy any. He sold all that he had within five minutes after the students found out that he had any to sell. I have just been down to dinner and as it is the same day of the week as it was when I wrote before we had the same for dinner.

I get along well in my studies, I have got to addition of fractions, in ciphering, I am some in advance of my class. I cipher most all of the time; my other studies are so easy that I think that I might have taken another as well as not; but maybe that I shall have enough when the reading and writing classes commence; the reason why that the reading class did not begin before was because <> Mr. Torsey had such a bad cold.

I declaimed night before last, and today I suppose that I must write a piece of composition, I have not written any yet,

Charles Hutchins was at home last sabbath. He told me that Uncle Frank's wife [Fanny C (Gould) Howard, second wife of Benjamin Franklin Howard] was dead. I believe her death was expected before I came away. The two boys will go and live with their uncle again, I suppose.

I should like to know who was going to take Mr Gilbert's place on the farm. I am sorry that <Tister> is so sick I am afraid that she will never recover her health again. Tell Dellie to write me another letter when you write and tell me if he made any April fools. The wind is blowing hard to day but I am willing, as I have a hot fire in my little stove and my room being small too, it makes it quite warm. My room is situated in the northwest corner of the house and has two windows in it, one faces the west and the other the north. There is a little closet built in one corner of it. The furniture is four chairs and a washstand, a table over which there is a bookcase, and a little stand before the looking glass. I wear my old pants and vest most of the time. It snowed here yesterday, and cleared off in the evening, before I came from singing school.

There was a man had his arm broken and he had to have it cut off down to Fayette Mills. I believe it was in a shingle mill I am not certain. His coat caught in the saw and pulled his arm on to it. He was a poor man and had a large family to support. Mr. Eaton said he was in need of each day's wages to support his family. Mr. Eaton got one of the boys to go around to the rooms here in the Mansion and get money for him and they got more than ten dollars I believe and Mr. Eaton carried it down to him. We heard that George Smith and his son was in jail, or Mr Eaton said that they were. This I suppose you heard as quick as I did, and I suppose you have heard before this that Mr John Smith of Readfield Corner has had his store burnt, it happened before I wrote last week, he sold rum and they said that he went up into his chamber in the evening with a light, after some liquor and soon after his store was all on fire. They did not save anything but a little grass seed. There was no insurance on the goods, but the

house was insured for a little.

I would like to have you send me a few letter stamps in your next letter if you have any to spare. When is Rowland going back to Brunswick? I wish he could (if he is not going away very soon) come up here and see me and bring me some more syrup but I don't suppose that he can. It has got to be April wood, but the weather has not advanced as fast as time. I believe that it is colder today than it has been this long while. The windows rattle like winter.

I want you to write me a long letter soon, Mother, about every thing at home. I was really glad to get a letter from my brothers, that evening, as it was just as dark I felt some lonesome before I got letters from all of my brothers. I think it must be quite a laughable looking thing to see a drawing of Rowland Bailey drawn by Otis. If I write composition to night it is time I was about it. So I will conclude by saying good Bye.

From Your Affectionate son, Charles C.H.Howard

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Kent's Hill, Maine

Kent's Hill. April 10, 1852

Mrs. Eliza Gilmore Dear Mother,

Time does not wait and another week has passed on, and you find me again seated as you would find me were you to step in here now, at my table ready to write you a letter. I have not rec a letter from you yet. I think that it is about time, but I don't know how it is with you, you may have so much to do that you cannot get time to write and you may be sick. It is quite a pleasant day today the wind blows some but it is not cold, the sun shines brightly and melts the snow some. I should think that it would be a good sap day. My health is and has been this week as good as usual. There is but little left of my syrup, a few swallows, I wish I could get some more of it.

Samuel Perley is here at school and I did not know it until last night. I thought he looked a great deal like Peleg, but I did not speak to him untill last night. He was quite surprised when he learned who I was. He said his folks were well, he said his father had sold his farm. Today Samuel has gone up to his uncle's, he lives up in Fayette about three miles from here.

Tell Rowland that there was a pubic meeting of the Calliopean society last night. The question for discussion was Whether it is justifiable for the United States to interfere in the affairs of Hungary and Austria if Russia does, that was the import of it. I cannot report exactly the words, Mr. Larabie was one and French the other disputant. We had a lesson in singing this forenoon. I suppose that I shall be obliged to buy me a singing book, had I better buy one? I believe that we have not got a dulcimer at home, besides Elizabeth's. Do Rowland and Elizabeth sing much? I thought that the time would pass very slowly here and that it would be a long time to stay here the whole term, but it don't seem but a little while ago when I was sitting here in the same place a week ago.

I got up this morning about five o'clock and went with Mr. Hewett to hear his class recite in Geography. It would suit Dellie to study Geography the way they do here, They have great maps so large that one state on them would be as large our little atlases. There isn't any printing on them at all and some of their lessons are to sing or chant the bodies of water and others the Capes and Mountains. There are two boys here that went to school with Otis up to E. Livermore. Their names are Baldwin. I am some acquainted with one of them he is a real clever fellow, tell Rowland that I saw Mr. <Levant> last night, he told me to tell Rowland not to eat too much sap molasses for it might hurt him, Mother I want you to write me if you are well, if you are sick of course you or someone else will. Give my love to all. Tell Dellie to write.

From your affectionate son Charles

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Dear Mother

I thought when I left off, that I should not write any more, but I have some time now, it being Sunday eve. The sun has just sat. It has been quite warm today, and the snow has gone off fast it seems like spring, to see the bare ground. We don't see any sleighs, but wagons there is not many of either. I have been to church all day Mr. Yager <preached>, a man from Winthrop, whom Mr. Eaton changed with. It has got to be so dark that I can't see the lines and I must stop. I should like very well to be at home a little while tonight or hear from home. I get along well in my studies, as well as I can expect and that is what I came here for. Give my love to father R.B. and Dellie. Tell R.B. that Mr. Hewett is busily engaged in writing compositions.

From Your affec son, C . H . Howard

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Kent's Hill, Maine

Kent's Hill, April 17, 1852

Dear Mother,

Another Saturday has arrived and nearly passed for it is now the last part of the day. Quite a pleasant day it has been for the sun has shown brightly all day. Although it has not been very pleasant for a few days back. It snowed fast day all day and all night so we did not have a very pleasant time. I went to meeting in the forenoon at which I heard Mr. Weber give a short address and also a paper read by Mr. Robinson. They organized their Sabbath school fast day too.

I rec two letters from home last Tuesday one from you and the other from Rowland. I was very glad to get so long a letter from home Rowland wrote me considerable news.

I did not have very pleasant news from Adison nor so bad as might be, for his life was much endangered, but I believe there was no one injured. I read the whole account of the wreck in the N. Y. Tribune. It appears that those of the passengers who have not got a chance to go to San Francisco are suffering there at Acapulco now, for I saw in the Bst Argus that they had to depend upon the goodness of travelers for what they had for they had no money.

I was glad to hear that the railroad was going to be finished, and I have always been in hopes that it would be built. Although most of the folks did not wish to have it go, most of the folks in Leeds I mean, I suppose Father has more hopes of it now, that Dr. Hilbourn is turned out for he used to say that as long as Hilbourn was one of the directors that the road would not go. I am sorry that father cannot get any body to <work> on to the farm, for it will make hard work for you & I guess rather hard work for him to do the work on <both> farms. My health is pretty good now I do not cough a great deal although I do some. I had a pain in my side last Wednesday & Thursday and I got some cayenne pepper and rubbed it after which it felt better and I got some molasses and mixed it with sassafrassum and water & took some of it when I coughed.

This forenoon I went to a sing & I went to hear Mr. Hewett Geography class recite. We have quite a large class in singing. We sing in the books now and have got so that we sing tunes in four sharps. I have bought me a singing book. I hope you will send me some syrup as you spoke of for mine is just about all gone. Tell R.B. the Club here on the Hill have gone over to east Readfield to organize one over there. You asked if the students enjoy very good health. They do not very they must all have colds. My chum has had a bad headache this two or three days. It is now growing dark and I will stop. I hope you will write me soon and write as long letter as you did before. Give my love to Dellie, father & the rest of the family. Remember me to Silas & the girls.

From your affec son Charles

Mrs. E. Gilmore

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5/1/1852	From: Charles H. Howard	To: Mrs Eliza Gilmore	
CHH-005	Kent's Hill, Maine	Leeds, Maine	

May 1, 1852.

Dear Mother,

I once more take my pen and sit at my table on a Saturday afternoon, to address a few words to you. I have not written since two weeks ago. I thought that I would not write home last Saturday, for I had not had any letter from home since I wrote before. But I rec a letter day before yesterday from Rowland. I was glad to hear how things were passing at home. He said that Mr. Benjamin Gilbert was coming into our old house. I believe that I don't know him.

I suppose that Dellie had a good time last night for it was May night. There was a May basket hung on almost every door in the Mansion, There was one hung on our door for Mr. Hewett but he was not here. He went with several others to organize a Watchman's Club, up to Fayette's corner. He started away from here just after praying. There was twelve that were organized into a Club. I believe that I wrote you about his going over to East Readfield to organize a club. Tell Rowland that Mr. Hewett is trying to write a piece for the Calliopean.

I wrote a letter to Otis last Saturday. I should like to hear from him much. It has been a great while since I heard from him directly. Mother I am afraid that you will have to work very hard this summer, for you had to work so hard last summer that you didn't have any time to go any where, or say any thing. My health is pretty good & I get along well in my studies I enjoy myself pretty well for there is a good lot of boys here. I suppose that I don't study enough but I like to play some for exercise. Tell Rowland that Henry French has got married and is going out west to live. I have forgot the name of the lady that he was married to. I played ball most all of the forenoon today. Mr. Torsey was out playing ball. It was quite pleasant weather this forenoon but it rains this afternoon. It seems more and more like Spring, the snow is gradually melting away and the roads are becoming dry. It will soon be good waggoning. I saw a Swallow today for the first time this year, I don't know but I wrote you before that I was attending writing school. I like Mr. Perley, the writing master very well. He gives us a kind of lecture every day while we are writing, sometimes on Perseverance and sometimes on something else. He has mottoes, if that is the right name, hung up in the room as You can conquer by perseverance, Excelsior, I will try, etc.

Monday morning, it was cloudy yesterday but did not rain. I went to church all day. Mr. Eaton preached in the forenoon and Mr. Clough in the afternoon. I went to prayer meeting last night. There is quite a revival in religion here on the Hill. There was several rose for prayers last night. There was quite a number that spoke and prayed. These prayer meetings here do not seem much like those down on the <river>. They don't need Mr. Brewster to tell them to improve the time. The sun is rising quite pleasant this morning. It is not very cold although Mr. Hewett is whittling some shavings for a fire. Tell Dellie that we have grand times here playing ball. Mr. <H> plays with us when we play he can run faster than any fellow that there is in here. I have got into circulating decimals in my arithmetic. I don't know as you know exactly how far that is. Rowland will know. I have been here six weeks and have written five letters to you mother & have rec one, but I suppose you don't have time. Tell Dellie to write when you write, give my love to the boys and girls at home and to all.

How does the railroad get along are they laying the track. Tell Rowland to write often. I like to have him write he tells all the news. I must now leave off and go to studying. They are getting up a subscription among the students to buy a book to present to Mr. Torsey.

Write soon mother. From your affec son Charles H. Howard

To Mrs. Eliza Gilmore

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6/6/1852	From: Charles H. Howard	To: Mrs E Gilmore
CHH-006	Kent's Hill, Maine	

June 6, 1852.

Dear Mother,

It is two weeks since I was at home. After leaving Rowland at North Wayne I came up across the pasture and was in a few moments on Kent's Hill. I got here in time to recite in Philosophy, but not in Arithmetic which made me two lessons behind the class but which I have about made up now. I lost the two last lessons in writing by going home. But they were not of much consequence. The prizes have been awarded for writing and bookkeeping. The one for writing was given to a fellow by the name of Hawks, from the town of Kennebec. The one for book-keeping was given to a Mr. Scribner from Rome, Mr. Torsey & Mr. Perley were the committee for examining the books. They could not decide who should have the prize in book-keeping, for there were two fellows whose improvement was so nearly the same that they could not give it to either, and so they had them draw lots to see who should have it.

There is a great time here now in making preparations for the exhibition. Those who are to take part have not done much besides writing and committing their pieces.

I was troubled all of last week by a stye on my eye I was swelled so that I could hardly see out of it some of the time. I couldn't see any out of it and so I couldn't study for it hurt the other one but I went up to my recitations. I don't know certain as it was a stye. It was a very bad one if it was. After it broke it began to heal very quick. It is now entirely well.

I have been to meeting Sunday both in the forenoon and afternoon. I have just been reckoning up my expenses and I will put them down so that you can see. I don't know exactly how much my bill is for wood and tuition. But I can guess pretty near. I thought that I would put them down in this letter for I don't know as I shall write again.

Expenses f	or	Board	\$19.50
	"	Tuition	2.25
"	"	Books	1.36
"	"	Wood	0.50
"	"	Lights	0.60
"	"	Singing scho	ol 0.50
"	"	Writing school	ol 1.50
		A present	0.20
"	"	Cards	0.10
"	"	Glass	0.12
"	"	Lamps	0.17
"	"	Mending coa	ts 0.20
"	"	Library	0.12
"	"	Envelopes	0.02
"	"	A letter	0.15
Total			\$28.14

You see that the whole of my expenses since I have been here is \$28.14. I wish you to send me \$25.00. I would like to have you come up after me if you could you and father. I think you would both enjoy yourselves, but I don't suppose you can come. If there is no one but R.B. comes I should think Dellie might come with him if you can spare him. The exhibition will be a week from next Wednesday and Thursday. They expect to have a king of poetry> the night before exhibition. I don't know but I am as interested in my studies as I have been at all. We have got to Cube Root in Arithmetic. I never have been so far before.

Give my love to all. Frm yo aff son Charles H. Howard

To Mrs. E. Gilmore

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You tell me if there is anything that I wish for that I can have it by writing. I think that I have got all that I need, I did not pat in a totth bruch, and Iwould like to have you put it my buille if you send any quickson you was going to send me a shirt and a pair of stockings but I dint know as I shall need them, - I went to church this formoun but there was no meeting this afternion. there would not have been any this forenann if the Rebin. son had not have read one from a book . - " We have had a long storm here this last week and I suppose it rund with you two. It byen to rain thelien Mednorday night and ramed untill Vesterday morning, I think that the rain was needed very much. Mr habinson is Junites were all withing for want of rim. Last wednesday I was about sick, when I went to bed the night before I did not feel very well and when I gat. whin the morning & found that I had a very bud ould and my head alked pretty badly all day, but I slift tall away that might, and my cold is some better now, It did not stop my recitationsay. I have had to study pretty hard this week to enter up with the classe in Alyebra it was pretty hard for me to get along or in fact I did not understand it at all watell & had gome back own the first-hart. I have now bairly cought whe with the clufs in A, My Lotin & like very much I do not find much trouble in keeping up with the blags and have get to seading some little short lefters Translating into saylish & from Inglish into satur

I have bearpenter stayed here an the Hill with Theseling dre came down here to see multineter eve is miny and found a going lady here that he was again sainted with, by the name of Milber. She was chut The put up her Prane and so he turned it for her. Therday morning he went with me up to the Wheelook's and introduced me to Mils Wheelook and I agreed to take half a course of leftins of how which will be 3 dollars and to practice wing day are have which will be about a dullar. Mr barpenter thought I had better take lefsune. I took one lefsun zerterdag ofthe is quite a plasant ludge It has been raining some this afterno but I believe it is changedb, I should like to be at how a few hours to night and see gryouthe and the rest of them, Sive my love to Sellie & howland & tell them to angit tell Selli he must awrite may and long letter to furt in gens next achicky I hope will cam soon. There is quite a breeze tonight the sun went down a few months agen & suppose that Robert Sola & Servye an about to milk new, fell theme I hapi to see them to bamp meeting . Dellie must write what they are oping. You must write m how they are getting along with the Rail Road. Have you heard anything about from the since he left. alkes almost forgat to tell you that it was my built day yestery which noude ner fourtur I should like to have been at home my with day. Write soon Mether. From your Abbectional son Cliza Gilmon Charles & Howard

Kent's Hill, Maine

Kent's Hill, Aug 29, 1852 [Sunday]

Dear Mother,

I will now take my pen to write you for the first time since I left home. With gladness I rec a letter from you and Rowland Friday morning and thereby found that you were all well. There was two dollars enclosed in your letter which I did not know that you was going to send, but I am glad that you sent it for I may need it. I said to Rowland that I would write if I wanted any. As for the shoes I have concluded not to have any this term.

The dinner bell has rung & I will pause.

I have been to dinner. We have very good eating as good as any one could want for. This is a very good boarding place, I like it very much. We have a comfortable little room here. It is a west room and in the afternoon the sun together with the cooking stove make it very hot here. The chimney passes up through and sometimes it is so hot that you can barely have your hand on it, but this will be a fine thing in cold weather.

You spoke of Rollin Jennings [from Leeds, age 15, brother of Charles' roommate Roscoe], said that he was coming up here but the time that you wrote that he was coming has passed and he has not as yet arrived. If he should come and wish to come in with Roscoe very much I would find some other place. But Roscoe [age 19] says that he doesn't think that he would wish to room with him very much, if he could room near with some good boys.

You spoke of some writing paper, that was forgotten in the hurry that I was in when getting my things ready, but I have bought a half quire of such as I am writing on which cost me ten cts. You tell me if there is anything that I wish for that I can have it by writing. I think that I have got all that I need. I did not put in a tooth brush and I would like to have you put it my bundle if you send any. You know you was going to send me a shirt and a pair of stockings but I don't know as I shall need them.

I went to church this forenoon but there was no meeting this afternoon. There would not have been any this forenoon if Mr Robinson had not have read one from a book.

We had a long storm here this last week and I suppose it rained with you too. It began to rain I believe Wednesday night and rained until yesterday morning [Saturday]. I think that the rain was needed very much. Mr Robinson's turnips were all wilting for want of rain. Last Wednesday I was about sick. When I went to bed the night before I did not feel very well and when I got up in the morning I found that I had a very bad cold and my head ached pretty badly all day, but I slept it all away that night, and my cold is some better now.

It did not stop my recitations any. I have had to study pretty hard this week to catch up with the classes. In Algebra it was pretty hard for me to get along or in fact I did not understand it all untill I had gone back over the first part. I have now fairly caught up with the class in it. My Latin I like very much. I do not find much trouble in keeping up with the class and we have got to reading some little short lessons translating from Latin into English & from English into Latin.

Mr. Carpenter stayed here on the hill untill Tuesday. He came down here to see me Sunday evening and found a young lady here that he was acquainted with by the name of Wilber. She was about to put up her piano and so he tuned it for her. Tuesday morning he went with me up to Mr. Wheelock's and introduced me to Miss Wheelock. And I agreed to take half a course of lessons of her on the piano, which will be 3 dollars and to practice every day an hour which will be about a dollar. Mr. Carpenter thought I had better take lessons. I took one lesson yesterday. She is quite a pleasant lady. It has been raining some this afternoon but I believe it is clearing off.

I should like to be at home a few hours tonight and see my mother and the rest of them. Give my love to

Dellie & Rowland & tell them to write. Tell Dellie he must write me a good long letter to put in your next which I hope will come soon. There is quite a breeze tonight. The sun went down a few minutes ago.

I suppose that Roland Silas & George are about to milk now. Tell them I hope to see them to camp meeting. Dellie must write what they are doing. You must write me how they are getting along with the Rail Road. Have you heard anything from Otis since he left? Oh, I almost forgot to tell you that it was my birth day yesterday [28 August 1838] which made me fourteen. I should like to have been at home my birthday, Write soon Mother

From your Affectionate son, Charles H Howard

Eliza Gilmore

P.S. I tore the top of my cotton stockings this morning putting them on. I believe you cautioned me about it when you gave them to me.

I have no envelopes but they don't cost much.

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fire, we have good hiving here. Beshaps matter your will come up to see me and bring my things as you shak of before & come any I should like very much to hun you, I suppose I shall here by Roscue about that, but you may not see him if you donnet I hope you will write, but after all I don't know as gove our mail of so it will get to me before Saturday. Well me mettered Auit think you will care if I came have betweelage bet I should that I had said enough about aming home, I presume you will think I am humerick, but I am not. I am as well ante this term as I was last ? I do not her se much but they more .- I believe you have not heard from me sinced left Rowland at componenting at least I have not head from you, and so I will tell you have I got backto Went's Hill, after lewing kewlend I went and four Ruscar & found that he wished to step the evening of So I stiful & heard within summer, which classication - t tin o'clock, I thin started with his ove and inether belles to walked home, or to Heal's Will the errind have other we achok fritty trud & shepy soon we arent to bed and shipt samilly all night is get of in the mining to ge to studying to make up what we had list .- I have just much another parse in my writing to ran down the road to get the Euros for Mrs Rahmun, they have been gon euersince lastan. -ght or yesterday morning I believe Mr. R\_. Has been & is now and toaking for them, he don't know that they have came, It makes me think abour losing our cours this summer, The is a great any things which transfirm enory how which and this me think of home . I have received a letter from this It was write the nutto the day that I want to amp maching he dail not with but - that he was well , perhaps you him

hund from him since that the geve me a discription of his wany on there after laving father & Revend at the depet. Ardribart describe it only as for as et. I. city such he would finish in his next, Daves quite glad to keerfrom him If you have beard from him two prother, I shall lam if I arme home or My net. I want gen to work me. Sur did not write a very boy letter tofere the lest one methin and I believe the only an that I have hed. And you did out sum very happy but Thepe you are new. I suppose you had not get over the bealty that you had in perting with this for to long a time & perhaps you migsed me ditte two, May het I miss my matter if she does one or net. It sums to me that I am see Delle tonight luging on the book side of the bed as you write that he was the night after Pleft. Her is Dellis and what does he find to do all of the time: give my love to him & till him he must work and unsur for himself to pattin you next letter, Sevente a long litter to Ohis yestenday as much as peculal get in to what Istutied with chart eleven c'clack gesticky and this write to chomitil non when offin dimme I went ap to the N.O. to see of & could not get a letter from them bet could get non, I thin came back and write titl two which was bet alittle while & the went of to take another lisson in the Prince, She migs in hid calles then and son I wailet & when I get beak it was four ide A. Ithen finished my letter, went into eligs meeting lichis the bing & sume diel but uner before in my life & that was when I stitued down to starring that boy tim gen kenne awhile week, I cam back brow meeting, with in my pushalphis My ving I de enny day , I have averague a hige adag ene and the bist of

Kent's Hill, Maine

[written in a different handwriting at the top of the last of 4 pages] Charles Sept 19, 1852

Kent's Hill. Sept. 19, 1852 [Sunday]

Dear Mother:

It is Sabbath day to day and I am quite lonesome while my chum is gone. Especially since meeting. I suppose there is no need of my writing while Roscoe has gone for it is likely you have seen him by this time, I should not have written tonight but I thought he would not tell you all that I wished to. If I had have thought that I was not going home myself I would have sent a letter by him, but I thought that I should go until it got to be too late to write a letter. I thought of going down to Arza's [Gilmore] Friday night and then of walking home in the morning and even got all ready to go, but changed my mind and concluded not to go. One thing why I changed my mind was I had not written to you anything about it & I thought you would not expect me home so soon after seeing Rowland at Camp meeting and not saying anything to him about it. Another reason was I thought I should want to go home again before the close of the term, if I went home now. One reason why I wished to go home now was to get my flannels & great coat for it has been very cold the past week until yesterday when it was quite warm & pleasant and it has also been warm today. If it is as warm next week as it has been today I certainly shall not want my warm clothes. And if it is not, I can be without them as well as not until next Saturday when I will come home if I do not hear any to the contrary from you by Roscoe or by letter in answer to this or something else prevents.

Supper bell has rung.

I have eaten my supper of bread & butter & pie. We have good living here. Perhaps Mother you will come up to see me and bring my things as you spoke of before I came away. I should like very much to have you. I suppose I shall hear by Roscoe about that, but you may not see him. If you don't I hope you will write, but after all I don't know as you can mail it so it will get to me before Saturday. Well now mother I think you will care if I come home Saturday. But I should think I had said enough about coming home, I presume you will think I am homesick but I am not. I am as well <suited> this term as I was last. I do not play as much but study more.

I do not believe you have heard from me since I left Rowland at Camp meeting. At least I have not heard from you. And so I will tell you how I got back to Kent's Hill. After leaving Rowland I went and found Roscoe and found that he wished to stop the evening so I stopped and heard another sermon which closed about ten o clock. I then started with Roscoe and another fellow to walk home on to Kent's Hill. We arrived here at twelve o'clock pretty tired and sleepy. Soon we went to bed and slept soundly all night and got up in the morning to go to studying to make up what we had lost.

I have just made another pause in my writing to run down the road and get the cows for Mrs. Robinson. They have been gone ever since last night or yesterday morning. I believe Mr R- has been & is now out looking for them. He doesn't know that they have come. It makes me think of our losing our cows this summer. There is a great many things which transpire every hour which make me think of home.

I have received a letter from Otis. It was written the ninth the day that I went to camp meeting he did not write but that he was well. Perhaps you have heard from him since that. He gave me a description of his journey <on> there after leaving father & Rowland at the depot. He did not describe it only as far as N.Y. city said he would finish in his next. I was quite glad to hear from him.

If you have heard from him since, mother, I shall learn if I come home or if I do not come home. I want you to write to me. You did not write a very long letter the last one mother and I believe the only one that I have had. And you did not seem very happy but I hope you are now. I suppose you had not got over the bad feelings that you had in parting with Otis for so long a time & perhaps you missed me a little too. At any rate I miss my mother if she does me or not.

It seems to me that I can see Dellie tonight - laying on the back side of the bed as you wrote that he was the night after I left. How is Dellie and what does he find to do all of the time! Give my love to him & tell him he must write and answer for himself to put it in your next letter. I wrote a long letter to Otis yesterday as much as I could get on to a sheet. I studied until about eleven o'clock yesterday and then wrote to Otis until noon when after dinner I went up to the P.O. to see if I could not get a letter from home but could get none. I then came back and wrote till two which was but a little while & then went up to take another lesson on the piano. She (Miss W) had callers then and so I waited & when I got back it was four o'clock. I then finished my letter, went into class meeting (which viz I never did but once before in my life & that was when I stopped down to Warren's that long time you know a whole week) I came back from meeting, wrote in my journal (which viz I do every day) I have averaged a page a day ever since the first of Sept. Then I went to bed and slept alone & soundly all night long.

They had their quarterly meeting here today. This forenoon our minister Mr <Rimer> preached his text from the 2nd verse (or a part of it) of the 23d chap of Exodus. This afternoon, the presiding elder Mr Randal preached. His text was the eighth verse of the 3d chap of the Philippians. I suppose the boys have begun to cut stacks by this time & to go about the field work, haven't they. They told me they were digging a well, I hope they were successful in finding water for we need it much. If father has it as he spoke of it will be much better than to haul it from the spring so far.

The Church has bought an Aeolian of Mr Carpenter here at Kent's Hill. He came and brought it but did not call on me nor did I know that he had been here at all until two or three days after.

I get along very well in my studies have got to transposition in Algebra. Tell Rowland Scribere cito, et scribere multum. And tell him to translate <Latinus maynipere probo>. It pleases me much to think that I can write some to my brothers in Latin. Give my love to father are they going on well with the R.R.

Give my love to the boys Silas wished me to write to him but I don't know of any thing that would interest him. If there is any thing happens which I think he would like to hear I think I will write if I have time. One thing this term I am afraid that I don't take exercise enough. It is not as it was last term down there the fellows would run in and tell me I must go out and play ball or something else so I had exercise enough. It is getting late & I must leave a little room to write after Roscoe comes. Good night.

(Monday morn) Roscoe has come but I find that you have not seen him, he could not go to meeting. His folks were allmost all sick. I think as I have said that I will come home Saturday If there is nothing happens to prevent me. He says If I had gone with him I could have rode as far as Coffins Mills with a man who was going to Lewiston.

Please let the bad penmanship be out balanced by the quantity this time. From your affec son, Charles H Howard

I heard from Rowland through Roscoe. Rollin saw him going to the Scot & Groken club, but is all that I heard. Write mother if you can get a chance to send it so I can get it before Saturday.