

Matters of Letters
about Lumber & Wood
Transactions
with
E. M. Morse

see letter to him of Aug 31. 1889

March 20 1874 Paid J W Moore	\$ 3000.00
Paid B St Louis Sawing 503750 feet	
of Lumber at 325 per M	1636.37 ✓
" " " " " " " " " "	
Wetson Peck for cutting ed 7000	352.62 ✓
" " " " " " " " " "	
J M Sackebury for hauling in	1083.06 ✓
hauling out & stickers at 215	1409.98 ✓
" " " " " " " " " "	
for cutting Wood	168.82 ✓
" " " " " " " " " "	
loading Lumber on Cars	110.11 ✓
" " " " " " " " " "	
Scumming	
" " " " " " " " " "	
Moving Lumber & Wood	268.25 ✓
" " " " " " " " " "	
Freight on Boards	196.51 ✓
" " " " " " " " " "	
Sticks	26.90 ✓
" " " " " " " " " "	
Lost by Wickerson on lumber	X X 107.00
" " " " " " " " " "	
Scummy items	5.28
" " " " " " " " " "	
Faxes on Lumber	42.00
" " " " " " " " " "	
Cay Woodbury & Co	X ✓ 746.00
" " " " " " " " " "	
fees on Wood	X ✓ 400.00
" " " " " " " " " "	
to interest paid	X X 600.00
to Superintendent Lot	X 1200.00
	<hr/> 11343.50

1st item should be 163718

Expenses

MACHINERY FOR SALE
BY THE
WEST AMESBURY SPRING & AXLE CO.

3 Hand Lathes. 1 Single Lathe 6 feet Bed.
1 Steam Hammer and Dies.

WOOD WORKING MACHINERY,

1 Rim Machine.	1 Polishing Machine.
1 Spoke Tenoning Machine.	1 Dressing, "
1 Hub Centering, "	1 Rim Rounding "
1 Carriage Rounding, " new.	1 Boring, "
1 Level Planer.	1 Spoke Smutter.
1 Saw Bench.	1 Saw Gunner, new.
1 Kinfe Grinding Machine, new.	

Also three hundred sett 11-8 Axles.

E. M. MORSE,

MERRIMAC. MASS.

Paid interest on ^{Note} of 1000 Dollars Dated March
 22 1884 to Salisbury & Hemmerling savings
 Bank to May 6 # 1879 \$ 879.45

May 6 # B. F. Sargent paid the Note
 of \$1100 Dollars and I paid him
 interest at 6 per cent untill I paid
 about 250 Dollars 250.00

I also paid interest on 4000
 Dollars more to the amount
 of 500 Dollars or more

I received of Joseph Celly
 interest on Note about 300 Dollars }
 I have charged to interest
 on expence account account

	500.00
	1629.45
	300.00
	1329.45
	600.00
	729.45

Leaving a balance of \$ 729.45
 to be charged to me as loss

+

Interest paid

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BANK HOURS

8.30 TO 12 A.M. 1.30 TO 3 P.M.

CLOSED SATURDAY, P. M.

Woodley & Company

to 112,295 in Bond

at 1550 per M 174057.

10000 M Bond at 1175 11750.

14000 " " 17625.

14000 " " 17625.

18000 " " 21150.

18000 " " 21150.

18000 " " 21150.

16000 " " 18800.

15000 " " 17625.

16000 " " 18800.

253295

3397.32

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Merino She Co

3610 let Bds 1st 5-4.15.

6286 " Bds 1st 113.64.

1349 " Bds 1st 24.28.

1761 " " 13 22.89.

130.06

214.46

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A A Nichols & others	283 feet	17 m	4.81
Watson Beck	112	" 20	2.24
C L Nichols	20	" 20	.40
J W Kenison	1386	" 20	28.15
L Leverage	200	" 15	3.00
	138	" 20	2.76
J M Keniston	2188	" 20	44.60
	1054	" 18	18.97
C L Nichols	2000		22.00
W Beck		" 20	35.52
Goshu Colly	1776	" 18	11.48
	668	" 18	9.08
S J Hoyt	503	" 18	24.97
Mr Lewis	1784	" 14	1.70
"	122	" 14	4.50
J J Clement	144	" 205	17.77
W Beck	1271		2.88
J Fourteen	149		3.67
Mr Honey	204	" 18	45
	25	" 18	2.00
S Goodin	165	" 12	9.95
J L Lucas	398	" 25	50
Miss August	93		6.32
Cyrus August	940	" 18	1.53
B F August	84	" 18	3.22
Alvah August	179	" 18	3.15
C F August	263	" 12	1.11
J Minter	37	" 305	7.63
Leath Brothers	422	" 18	1.40
Jesse Hoyt	78	" 18	14.99
"	1159	" 18	.41
F Goodwin	34	" 15	4.25
"	288		1.36
Goodwin & Mack	34	" 405	10.00
J M Tucker	1000	" 10	
	<u>18531</u>		<u>316.26</u>

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West Bromley May 20

11.20	feet Plank	18	2016.
4.00	"	25	920.
.70	"	18	1,31.
2.80	"	18	5.04.
3.88	" Timber	20	7.76.

22.58

43.47

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J M Moore Seemingly
 150 15 2 28
 24 16 38
 68 17 115
 172 15 258
 155 18 379
 155 279
 178 15 262
 160 13 208
 1164 10 1397
 104 20 208
 344 05 136
 hard 3000 25 7500

 5361 110.05

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J P Sargent Lumber

50 feet Block ²⁵ 125.

3400 " " 18 61.30.

585 " " 18 10.53.

214 " " 18 3.85.

144 " " 25 - 3.60.

936 " " 18 60.5.

168 " " 18 3.02.

4853

89.60

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J. W. Morse Lumber & Wood

65 feet Plank	} per	1.17
60 " " "		1.20
180 " " "	} Mill	2.60

300 feet Boards Ed W more	4.50
600 " " "	9.00

5 cords kind Wood	25.00
2 1/2 " " "	11.25
2 " " "	9.00

3261 feet Timber	10	32.60
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5800 " Boards	12	69.60
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12570 " Timber	12	150.36
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1276 " Boards	8	10.22
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2652 " Boards	12	31.82
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396 " " "	10	3.96
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872 " Timber	7	5.97
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873 " Plank	18	6.71
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450 " " "	18	8.10
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<u>28767</u>		<u>383.06</u>
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17 Tons, 7 feet White Coal 210.37

19 " " Black " 147.37

36 tons "

357.76

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G. W. Wickes

4096	Bds	12	49.00
1800	No 2s	10	18.00
6315		12	75.78
234		12	2.81
33	New Blk	405	1.32
14	"	405	.56
700	Bds	12	8.40
286	"	12	3.43
33	Blk	405	1.32
14	Low Blk	405	.56

135.25
733.03
1466.28

161.29
1611.23
1772.46

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J. W. Nickerson Lumber

2394	Best Bds	12	2872.
37200	"	12	44640.
2500	"	"	3000.
317	Plank	18	570.
463	"	18	1064.
9000	Bds	12	10800.
5933	"	12	7119.
199	"	18	338.
212	"	23	487.
2110	Bds	12	2532.
226	Plank	22	497.
3002	Bds	12	3602.
48	Plank	22	105.
2799	"	12	3359.
72	"	18	129.
60	"	20	120.
86	"	15	154.
18	"	12	21.
30500	"	12	36600.
20	"	"	24.
38	"	20	76.
1015	"	12	1216.
2062	"	12	2472.
7000	"	12	8400.
7114	"	12	8536.
14801	"	12	17761.
25	"	18	45.
400	"	12	480.
425	"	12	510.
413	"	"	495.
1649	"	"	1879.
600	"	"	720.
400	"	"	480.
<u>1331.03</u>			<u>1611.23</u>

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Locum of Amherst Lumber

3255	feet	20	65.10.
277	"	"	5.54.
2867	"	"	57.34.
294	"	"	5.88.
238	"	"	4.76.
276	"	505	13.80.
250	"	20	5.00.
113	"	"	2.26.
126	"	"	2.52.

Accrued 387 . 18 6.97.
8083 169.17
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Total ft Lumber	
Sold	
Woodbury & Co	253,295.
E W Nickerson	146,628.
E W Morse	28,767.
Town of Amherst	
and Merrimack	8,088.
J P Mudgett	4,853.
West Amherst M Co	2,258.
E W Morse	5,361.
All Others	18,531.
Merrimack	46,777.76
Co	13,006
	<hr/>
	480,782

Total of Lumber sawed	
" of Lumber sold	503,780
	480,782
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Shrinkage	22,968

E. M. Morse

Apr 13/75-

think has nearly touched bottom.
Have had no offers for the lot
and cannot expect any for the
present although I have assurances
from the Agent of the Salisbury Mills
that if they continue to run, they
will make us an offer. I shall
also see several parties in Boston
and vicinity within the next
thirty days. The indications are
that business will be as good the
present season as the past year,
although the labor question is
unsettling things to some extent.
I haven't found a market for much
of the hay as yet but think there
will be a chance to sell most of
the English betwixt now and "haying"
this is also selling at a reduced

line from Mr Harvard advising me to send the apples if I thought it advisable, but an extreme cold weather commenced about that time and held for six weeks making it unsafe to send them to Boston during that time, then again I had no authority to withdraw your money from the Bank.

and in the next place, came to examine our apples, we found them in a totally unfit condition to send to any market, many of them being wilted or shriveled up, and thousands of barrels are being made into cider this Spring. About the middle of March I wrote to Mr Harvard in regard to the sale of Kuets and have today received an answer from him that apples are low and he does not advise sending them, thus ends the

foreign apple-trade, profits nothing Loees about \$6. = for telegrams.

Next in order is the wood and lumber business, the oak timber has been cut and delivered, and netted \$357. = the boat boards are all sold, but not delivered as yet on the price agreed upon, The quantity sawed by Mr Davis was about Two hundred and four thousand, a much larger amount than we anticipated, and of wood we have nearly five-hundred-cord cut at the present time, and I think there will be at the least five hundred more to cut another year. Wood is selling at a reduced price and will probably continue so for the present, lumber is also lower, with no prospect of advancing at present. In fact everything is on the down grade, but I've

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Sept 13/75

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of the hay as yet but think there
will be a chance to sell most of
the English betwixt now and haying
this yr. also selling at a reduced

price. good-english-hay bringing
from \$18. = to \$22. = per ton.

Mr Goodwin promises to finish
building the wall before the 20th.
of May. presume he will do so.

In regard to the carriages you
have out there, I think you had
better dispose of them at the earliest
opportunity. I would rather sell
them at auction, even at a loss,
than keep them on hand much
longer. of course you will use
your best judgement, but sell.
everything grows stale by keeping
so long. Are you coming on
this season? and if so about
what time? There are many
other ^{such} matters of which I might
write but I must defer them

to another time, with
kind regards to yourself
and wife I remain
yours truly

(E. W. Moss)

P.S. My teeth is erasing
in the head but am getting
dearly fondly.

E. M. Morse
March 14/76

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West Amesbury March 14. 1876

Cousin Ephraim

Hunting

many things to write and some leisure at the present time (being somewhat indisposed) I thought a few lines from me in regard to matters in general, and business in particular, might not be uninteresting. We have had on the whole a very mild winter almost entire absence of snow there having been not over a week sleighing the entire winter. The ground is entirely bare at the present time and but little frost in the ground. It has been April weather so far in March, today a little cooler thermometer 22^{degrees}. I see by the papers that your R. Road is laid over until next December for political reasons Doubtless, that Road will be built and at an early day

I am fully satisfied, the more it is written
 up the more ~~the~~ the North sees the necessity
 of another and a competing route, had
 there not been so much scandal & easiness
 in leasding the Union Pacific road years
 would have been built at a much earlier
 day but public opinion is changing
 rapidly and it is safe to say that the
 Southern route will be an accomplished
 fact before many years. Mining is
 a fixed fact here in Old Essex. The
 Chipmunk Mine employs 60 men & a company
 are putting up smelting works and the
 whole thing looks like business, some
 2 or 3 other mines are doing a good
 business and ~~the~~ mining is evidently
 destined to be one of our industries.
 Business here in New England is dull enough
 not only Manufacturers but it reaches
 almost every trade and calling people
 are out of work in all directions can't pay
 their rents or payers bills it is a day of universal

Commentation - All kinds of property sinking
 in value, there has been a greater fall in price
 this year than at in any former year - there
 is not only a shrinkage in values but no
 sales of consequence at the low prices, it is
 a repetition of 1837 times that I well
~~remember~~ remember - then almost everybody
 failed that had anything to fail
 on - Now failures are occurring all the time
 it is hardly safe to trust any one
 our Carriage Builders meet with loss
 after loss and then have to go under
 themselves - some of our principal
 manufacturers have had their shops
 under lock & key all summer long
 and are now working very carefully
 and with not a quarter of their usual
 help - In regard to Wood & Lumber
 the same stagnation exists - wood sells
 here - clefts for 4 to 4.50 and no sales at that
 Lumber is worth from ten to twelve ds
 per thousand and almost impossible to

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sell at these prices. I will give you my
opinion in lumber selling the present year
I have examined the matter pretty well but
have not ~~seen~~ sold a very great quantity
as yet feeling to keep the lumber
rather than to take notes to be protested
at maturity. There are 4 box factories
in Lynn 3 have failed the other one
has survived, it is about the same
in other places. box factories are using
but about one half of their usual
quantity of lumber at the present time
and will not until business revives.

I came across a firm in East Cambridge
last May and induced them to look
at my lumber they did so and made
me an offer of 13,500 per M delivered in
Boston in the cars, ^{for the whole lot} I went directly to the
Freight Agent and made a satisfactory
arrangement to take them over the road
also engaged to have them hauled to the
Dept & loaded on the cars. I then went
to the parties and informed them that I
was prepared to deliver them as fast as

50
They wanted them but they had concluded
then not to take but one hundred M
well fearing I might go further and fare
worse I concluded to decline them,
the terms were half cash & half note
on four months & declined them one
hundred & twelve M but instead of half
cash I got 200 = down and note on
sixty days for the balance & note on 4 months
for the other half. The first note came
due & had to take 200 = more and 2 notes
for the balance, the 4 months note
came due & got about 300 = on that and 2 notes
for the balance. The result is I have
now some 4 notes due amounting to
about 900 = Dollars, whether they will pay
them at maturity or not I do not know
but am inclined to think they will
although I have expected to lose the stake a
percentage before ~~now~~ this

number pastured the latter would be
 the fairest probably. Leonard will need
 to pasture a cow in the future
 probably. What about fencing the
 plain meadow I am more than half
 inclined to doubt its expediency
 but will do as you suggest.

What about the Cummings your home,
 are you coming on this season and if so
 when. We are dividing the Town that
 is forming a new town at the West
 End to be called Merrimac it makes
 quite an exciting time with us.
 Is there a chance to sell any kind of Carriages
 out there if so please order or harnesses

With kind regards to yourself
 and wife I remain

Yours Truly
 O M Morse

I was to pay for ~~the~~ summing so
 that I should get \$12.75 per M on the
 sticks & this would have been entirely
 satisfactory to me. I have sold a few
 thousand at retail only. I had an offer
 of 1200 per M for the lot by George
 Prescott but was to take about 1000=
 in carriages but not knowing how
 or where to sell the carriages declined
 the offer. I have now induced some
 joiners who were out of employment
 to commence the manufacture of
 shoe & other boxes at the Ayle &
 Spring Co Buildings they are to pay
 me 1200 per M on the sticks they are
 somewhat sanguine of working up
 1 or 2 hundred M I sold them about
 1000 Dollars worth as an experiment and
 they have now taken a larger lot

and it is hardly possible that I may
disperse of the whole at about those
figures, if this lumber could have
been cut 2 years sooner it would have
made quite a difference in the result
and I regret now that we had not
let it stand 1 or 2 years longer. ~~but~~
~~fortunately we are not~~
~~of the kind or the sort of~~
~~it is not~~
~~in some cases~~
~~could be~~

I have sold your hay & paid your
taxes although I have not collected enough
from the hay to pay the taxes as yet
will send you a statement at a future
time. I have commenced to sell your
this years hay, presuming the while
that it would be satisfactory to you,
I would like to hire your pasture
the present year or stock it just
as you for so much, or pay by the

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CLOSED SATURDAY, P.M.

Received for Lumber

x Woodbury & Co	.. 3377.32 v.
x E W Nickerson	.. 1772.46 v.
x E W Morse	.. 383.06 v.
x Journal of Amosbury & Amosbury	.. 169.17 v.
x G D Burgess	.. 89.60 v.
x West Amosbury In Co	.. 4347 v.
x E M Morse	.. 110.04 v.
x John Currier Timber	
x 30 tons Gosh	.. 357.76 v.
x Merino Shoe	6321.89
x Co	.. 214.46 v.
x All Others	<u>6536.35</u>
	- 316.26 v.
x	<u>6852.61</u>

Received for Wood

1319.57
 86.00
 76.52
 90.52
 + 108.00
 + 87.67
 82.77

371.03
 306.54
 400.00

 501.68
 4180.70

Total sales of Wood

+ 39.87
 105.19
 65.63
 83.37
 98.06
 390.08
 57.07
 49.47
 44.75
 48.00
 52.00
 69.25
 89.25
 63.50
 114.63
 61.00
 6.00
 58.00
 47.75
 53.75
 21.75
 267.50
 321.87
 48.71
 50.53
 67.15

These were the dealings of about 50 pages of Wood's

4180.70

4180.70

Total Receipts

Wood
+
Lumber

Elbridge

March 27/77

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Cousin Ephraim

I wrote
you some weeks since but as yet have
received no answer. I would like to hear from
you for several reasons. In the first place
have you concluded to build a barn this year,
my advise is to build, as it can be done cheaper
than any time in the future, I have also
retained some twenty four thousand of Boards & Timbers
and if you do not build this year it would be
better to sell them, I think that Edward
could manage the matter with a little
advise. I think he could work on it all
the time until it was completed,

If you intend coming on this year you
could see to the matter yourself otherwise
I see no reason why Edward could not,
I shall send you an account of all matters

in relation to the wood & Lumber business
as soon as possible in April, or May at furthest,
There will not be much depreciation on the
wood as chipping & hauling, has ~~gone down~~
fallen more than its proportion. For instance
wood has fallen 1,500 per cord that is from 5,500
to 4,000 per cord, chipping & hauling from 3,000
to 1,500 per cord this leaving left time
on the stump at 2,500 per cord in either
case, there will be no loss on wood except
on that cut when the lumber was raised,
or that there will be a loss, as I have been
forced to sell at a discount yet at no
great loss however, then again there will
be more of it than we estimated it, some
fifteen hundred cords or more I think,
The lumber will not net so much in
proportion as the wood yet I think it
will net more than it was ~~priced~~
priced; I have sold your hay two years
and laid the taxes for two years also, I
will send a statement of that matter also
at the same time

There is a more hopeful look in business
matters since the settlement of the Presidential
controversy, some branches of business
have already started. The wheels of business
cannot remain much longer in idleness
and the hum of busy industry will
again be heard in the land, I anticipate
a long series of years of good times,
I so note it be

Write immediately in receipt of this,
March 31, I have seen Edward and he
has but little to do and will not have
the present year, can take hold of the
and help build the barn and as soon as
that is completed I should recommend
his hiring one man and doing the staying
thing it will cost you less and be better
for him, now he has left school he should
find employment somewhere and as he is
to leave the farm I should get him to
work taking care of it, He should plough
up one or two acres another year wood coming

gradually to ~~get under way~~ put the
Farm in better condition. The hay is getting
of rather poor quality full of briars and
other foul stuff and needs encreasing ~~of~~
A year or two of comparative idleness now
will have a bad effect on him as it would
have had on you & myself, when we were of
that age, habits of industry are almost
priceless to young men,
I will pay the bills on the farm if you
visit and settle for the same when we
settle ~~the~~ for the wood & lumber,
you will take all of the above singly
as suggestions, and act upon them
in the premises.

~~I think~~ All of which is very respectfully
submitted

Yours very truly
E. W. Morse

Merrimac Feb 13th 1839

Cousin Ephraim

Yours of Feb 22 is before me, received this Day. I will endeavor to answer you several interrogatories in due order. In regard to a barn I should say it should be 36 or 38 by 60 - Mine is 36 by 48 yours should be larger I should judge, say 17 feet posts, I should have a cellar under it also, a cellar wall on back side east & west end, south side open except at drive ways for stock, I think I would perhaps have sliding doors on front side to be opened or shut at pleasure letting in the air and light, (When to be built) I should say in June to ^{be} finished by the first of July to be ready for the incoming crop of Hay. The Cellar would have to be stoned previously of course, I think I should locate it on the

old location perhaps a few feet further
back and about fifteen feet further
east so as to drive in at the east
end from the bank up towards the garden
back of the shed. This will give ample room
for a drive way and be a little nearer
the house, Cost, I will ascertain as near
as may be and let you know in a few days,
Lumber for the Barn, There is some six
hundred dollars worth of lumber on hand
at the present time perhaps, but it
is all sold, I think however that I could
make arrangements to retain all the
hours ^{and expenses} that would be necessary,

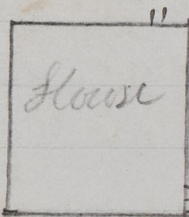
Feb 14th, I have just had a consultation
with a Carpenter in regard to the matter
have shown him the old Barn and we have
made out a list of what it will be necessary
to purchase, ^{which is probably for enclosed} the balance can be furnished from
the place, My idea in getting a carpenter to
look the matter over was partly with a view
to repairing the old Barn, but that is out

out of the question & ~~is not a possibility~~
~~of covering the floor of the~~
cost of cellar, ~~In looking~~ In looking
over the premises I have somewhat changed
my opinion in regard to the location of the
Barn, I enclose a rough drawing showing my
idea of where the Barn should be, The yard will be
on the south west side but the shed will break
the cold winds from the north west.

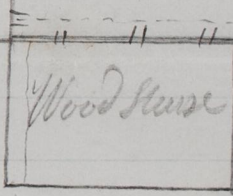
There will be no need of digging a cellar simply a
trench to lay the wall in the balance of the
dirt will work into the manure in the next
few years with but little labor. The cost of
laying the wall will be from 4 to 5 cts per
face foot, that is a wall 6 feet by 60 would
be 360 feet at 4 cts per foot ^{or \$14.40}, Wiggins & Graham
offer to do it for 3 cts & I think they would not
hesitate to contract for 4 although it would
be a heavy wall, The Carpenter will do
the joiner work for \$1.50 per day, a lower
price than last year by more than 50 cts, in
fact it is a low low water here at the present

* This does not include the stone or hauling the same, or settling

time and you can hire at almost any price
 one thing more in connection with this matter
 the carpenter that I speak of has been having
 Des of me for the last year and is consistently
 raising them. He says m^o \$1.25 per M more than
 I get of other parties but keeps behind hand some
 \$1500 dollars all the time, perhaps a job on the beam
 would right the balance, and my opinion is
 that a beam can be built this ~~year~~ year
 cheaper than for the last fifteen years,
 you will look the matter over of course and
 come to your own conclusions, and if you
 conclude to build the present year you
 should instruct some one to purchase the timber
 as soon as the middle of March as that
 will ^{have to} ~~must~~ be got out by contract,
 I have paid Mr Goodwin twenty five dollars
 on that deal, will settle the balance if you
 will tell me the price per rod,



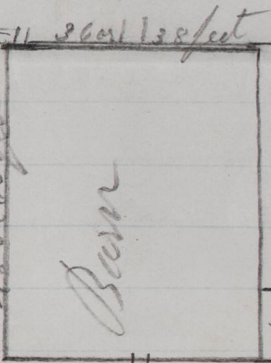
This will be a warm and pleasant



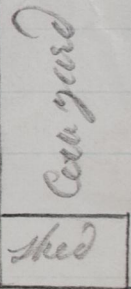
A light gate
high enough for
wheeled

Drainage Way

48 or 60 feet



Barn



Corn yard

Cold and bleak

old barn

36 or 138 feet

How stands the lumber and wood business say you, Well I have not got quite far enough along to give you a detailed statement as yet, but will give you a ^a general statement at this time of ^{the} Lumber on hand, including what I sold you & have paid out some over 8000 cubic feet ^{through edgins and as yet have not received enough to balance that}

Lumber on hand - say 600.00

Wood on hand & standing Wood - say 1800.00

Due for Wood & Lumber - say 2000.00
7400.00

I have been delivering lumber the last few months pretty fast a part of the time & Cassa creek but have stacked up now for a few weeks, I think I can give you a detailed statement if you wish some time in April or May at furthest, I shall then have delivered all the lumber probably.

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I have had a very serious time
in disposing of the wood & lumber
but as it looks now I think I may
get through it if I live long enough,
Last year I cut about 25 cords of wood
paid 75 cts per cord. the year before I paid
90. This year I pay 40. Shall cut from
150 to 200 cords, I think it will take 2
years more to finish it up unless
I can sell a large lot out of town
and that is not at all probable,
1776 was a time that tried mens souls
from 1872 to 1876 has been a time that
has tried mens souls & bodies to I
think, every body that was worth
a dollar has failed and paid ten
cts on a dollar the balance on the
owed to the Poor House,
If you will find enclosed Moses Seagants
coupons you can send the draft to me if you
choose. Mr Seager tells me that he sent
you his coupons sometime in December last
wants to know about them

I enclose an advertisement of Briggs & Clarkens Adjustable Lumberline one of the ^{best} inventions of the Age would you like the Agency? if so please say how many you would like to have sent out.

I also send you a card of the Merino Shoe Company

We are manufacturing shoes & boots of all the various kinds ^{made} entirely of wool. they are a novelty and sell like hot cakes,

In regard to Carriages you will send a satisfactory statement soon, glad of that. Taking into account the hurried factory times I was somewhat successful of the result

Very truly yours
E. W. Morse

E. W. Morse

July 10/77

E. M. Morse

May 29/77

Lumber or estimate

Merimaie May 29. 1877

Cousin Esprain

I believe I

promised to to write you some time
in April or May in regard to Lumber
Wood &c. I have delayed the matter
somewhat, hoping thereby to give a
complete statement so far as the lumber
was concerned but shall be unable to
do so until I have the balance surveyed
which may not be for a month or two,

I have sold of Lumber thus far about 434000^m
and I should ~~say there~~ estimate the balance
at 40 M. making a total of 474000 M

This is holding out better than the contract
making allowances for set &c -

I had intended to have given you^a detailed
statement up to the present time but as
it would necessitate a copying of about 30

pages from my book and then be only a
partial statement I conclude I had better
send you a statement of results so far
with an estimate of the value of Lumber
and Wood on hand

I have sold of Wood & Lumber
to the present time \$ 9390.00
The expenses thus far includ 7859.00
- ing payment to you of 3000 - 1531.00
40 M Lumber on hand at 12 480.00
225 cords dry wood on hand say 600.00
500 " Standing Wood say 1400.00
4011.00

Deductions from this amount will
be Losses & Interest,

Interest will need to be reckoned on the
amount paid out until I received
enough to balance the account - then
then interest on amount in my
hands after that to the credit of
Lumber acct,

I have made one loss of 200= two hundred

dollars and there will be some losses on account
of wood sold but not to any great extent,
I think I have been fortunate in regard to
losses considering the times, most other
parties have lost thousands. Had I taken
this Lumber on a rising market
instead of a falling one I should have
netted from one to two thousand dollars
more, but as it is taking into account
all the circumstances of the case I am
very well satisfied.

~~It is~~
I have not cast the interest but it will amount to several
hundred dollars no doubt,

perhaps my estimates of goods on hand
may be too high but I think it will
not vary a great deal from it,

We are getting celery well with the
beams, the cellar will be done this week, and the frame
perhaps we have to buy is to be delivered this week also,
In my hurried estimate I did not reckon the digging
or hauling the stone or taking down the old barn
and there are several other things that slipped my
mind at the time, Edward wants a Cupola, that

will cost some fifty Dollars probably, some of
his ideas are good, some are not so good, this of course
is judging from my stand point which is often
defective I find, I intend to do the best I can in
regard to the matter of the barn for your interest
also for his, ~~if you have any suggestions to
make in regard to the matter~~ On receipt of your
telegram directing the building of a barn I
immediately began disposing of the Hay which
there was left of it (because had disposed of
several tons) and intend to pay the taxes
for this year with the proceeds and then I will
send you an account of all the hay sold by
me also all taxes paid, there will be a balance
due you in the matter and I would send the
amount to you but I hardly know how
to divide the taxes between you & ~~myself~~
the lumber account, I can make a settlement
according to my idea of the matter and leave the

final settlement of the matter until you
come on, if you think best, some time in
the future when Edward moves into the
House he should purchase stock in the fall,
winter it, and pasture it, and sell early,
say in August, he will in that way
get an extra price for his beef, also by
^{that means} some his manure summer & winter and un-
-til that time he will find it difficult to im-
-prove the farm to any great extent,
until he ~~moves~~ moves into the House I would suggest
that Mr Sawyer remain there ~~as if there was~~
the House would in all probability remain
without a tenant thereby losing some one
hundred dollars per year, Edward is thinking
of purchasing a horse as near as I can learn,
what his advisers are I do not know but if
he does not get shamed he will be fortun-
ate; He should take advice from such

'a man as B. F. Sargent he would then
easily go wrong, you must recollect that
he is young, and in the absence of his
Father needs a good counsellor, not that he
is unsteady by any means but his associates
-ours here not been such as to give him
mature judgment in Farming or buying
horses & cattle, I shall have the Deed done
sometime what the first of July will
then write you the cost of it also of
any other matters that may suggest
themselves at that time,
our youngest Daughter, Abner, has been
sick of Scarlet Fever and is just getting
round the house hence the delay in mailing
this letter, Daniel has a Saw Mill
on his new lot at the present time,
is cutting out about five hundred
thousand.

With regards to yourself
and Wife I remain yours
Truly & M^{ly} Wth

Statement of Wood and Lumber act
on Farm of E W Morse to November 1. 1879

Total sales to November 1 st 1879.	\$11756 60
Expence account " " 1 st 1879.	11182 28
Due E W Morse	<u>574 32</u>

Cost of Barn	1417 74
Debit above balances	574 32
Balance Due E W Morse Nov. 1. 1879	<u>843 42</u>

Interest to June 1 st 1887	639 59
Balance Due	<u>1483 01</u>

This statement was sent to E W Morse
and he in letter of May 9/87 E. W. Morse

Statement
sent with letter of
May 9/87

\$1483

Meriden May 9th 1887

J W Morse Esq
Dear Sir

yours of
April 29th was duly received and contents
noted. My enquiry in regard to your wealth
was answered very satisfactorily, am
very glad you had ^{the} grip as well as
the grip to hold on until the matter
materialised. In regard to the sketch
of your Father's life I will attend to that as
you suggest. Will give you the best
information attainable in regard to
Child & Maria at an early day, without
letting them know you prefer in the
matter. As you suggest I send you
a statement of Totals in regard to
the Wood and Lumber business, also
the cost of the Barn - Cellar &c
car

The cost of the Barn may seem ~~to~~
large but it is the best Barn in town
shingled on both sides and one end, clapped
on the front end with a Cupola on top,
a Barn Cellar under the whole and of
good depth and 38 or 40 feet wide and
60 feet long and built in the best manner
and as I should build one for myself
I have charged nothing for my own
services in the matter except ^{to use} 3 to 4 thousand
of 12¹/₂ shingles and some poor hard wood
Lumber, will send you the bills on the
Barn if you desire except some 50 Dollars
or so paid to 2 or 3 workmen of them I took
no bills, In regard to the detailed account
of Wood and Lumber I will send you the
book in which the entries were ^{made} at the time.
I hold myself responsible for all mistakes or
errors at any time this side the river
I have cost the interest at 10 per cent, simple
interest, and I do not feel that you will
regard this unjust. I paid from 7 to 7¹/₂ and 8

per cent for a long series of years and ^{paid} the
interest every six months which I think would
amount to more than I shall receive,
you will recollect that I paid you
three thousand Dollars on the start
then I paid over three thousand more
in manufacturing the lumber and wood
In fact I paid out nearly seven thousand
Dollars before the end of the ^{best} year, for one
this was a stummer and I had all I could
do to keep on my feet, could sell but
little lumber and what I did sell
was not sure I should ever get my
pay for it, and did lose seven hundred
forty Dollars and as a last resort I employed
a man by the name of Wickeser to
pick up the balance into shoe boxes
and sell them in Stonehill Lynn and
other places and I did not know that
I should ever get my money back again
frustrated in this manner I cleaned
them all out except what ^{was} used on the ^{Barn}

You will recollect that I sold the Pine Hill Wood for
900 hundred Dollars. sent you 300 Dollars said Maria 300 Dollars
also paid Leonard's children 40 Dollars each, and charged nothing
for my services - have paid Taxes on it ever since as I say before
I have the receipts from each party, the sum is secured
in some projection now.

Edward was married Friday the 27th of April. have not been
introduced to the bride as yet.

I think on the whole I was fortunate
to save myself and you with so
little loss, & in selling the wood I
lost several hundred Dollars so
that I do not think I got one
hundred Dollars for my services.
There were but few Lumber Dealers
who came out so well as I did,
you went through that Panic so
you ^{can} appreciate its beauties

With kind regards to
yourself and Wife
I remain your truly

J M Mess

It occurs to me that there is a charge against
you for a payment to Goodrain for building
Wall near Tiltons. and for some few other
things will look the matter up ^{and} send it to you
I have paid Taxes on Pine Hill Wood ^{land} for 12 to 15 years
J M Mess

I have another account with you
which I will look up and adjust at some
future time, there is a small balance
due one of us and I do not know which
I think it includes the Goodwin bill -
fencing on the Farm, setting out trees,
payment of Joan. Taxes for several
years on the one side; and the sale of
Hay on the other side amounting
to several hundred Dollars.

All these matters were figured out
several years ago and left in a
proper manner for adjustment
when the week should turn round,
but I cannot lay my hand on them
at the present time, I am very busy,
but will attend to it at the earliest
moment.

E. M. Morse
May 9/87

afes
statement \$1483.

Acerrimac November 10th 1888

O. W. Morse Esq

Dear Sir

I sent
you the last Deed somewhere about
the 24th of August, but as yet have received
no word from you in regard to the matter.
I expected you to deduct the expenses from
the nine hundred that you received and
to forward the balance to me. I would
like to know when the Mortgage matures
so that I may know when to expect
the proceeds, you will recollect that
nearly two years I think however it is
just about one and a half years ago you
sent for my bill, I sent it and received

answer that you were to be away several weeks but would attend to it on your return, it has been mentioned by each of us two or three times in our correspondence since but that is all. Now cannot you send me ~~me~~ a check for it after adding the interest, on receipt of this and square the matter up, 43 Dollars of that amount with interest belongs to the Estate of Leonard Sawyer one third of which is to be paid to Mrs Sawyer this was a bill ^{on the Burn} I declined to pay for the reason that I had no funds in my hands.

I have another Demand against you a Note of twenty Dollars that I loaned to you just before you left for Cal nearly 40 years ago you may have forgotten it, it would be strange if you had not, I have also a Demand against you and the heirs of your Mother for Taxes on about 24 Acres of Wood Land in Pine Hills

I have paid said Taxes some 15 or 16 years I sold the Timber on said Land by your ^{own} instruction and sent you three hundred Dollars also paid Maria three hundred Dollars and Leonard six children fifty Dollars each and have receipts from all of you, There is nothing else between us except a running ~~at~~ account of Hay sold and Taxes paid &c &c a small balance Due you perhaps.

The Note - Taxes and account may remain until the next summer if you wish as you will no doubt visit us at that time, I earnestly wish you would attend to the matter of the bill and interest as I ~~have~~ am very much in want of it, it is a long ^{for you} suit, but you have not lost in the but doubled the amount Due me ~~several~~ several times and I am very glad of it, I trust you will attend to the matter indicated at once and please yours Truly

Do not Delay

J M Morse

E. M. Morse
Nov 10/88

bills & ac^t }
old note or }

{ a small amount due E. M. M.
{ perhaps on the taxes or
{ + hay sales ac^t

Merrimac Sep 11th 1889

G W Morse Esq

Dear Cousin

I wrote you
a line about a month since and as
yet have received no answer will you
kindly connue it ^{at once} and oblige.

Yours Truly

G W Morse

E. M. Morse
Sept. 11/89

Nerrimac Aug 14th 1889

E. W. Moore Esq
Dear Cousin

I feel
that in justice to you and to
myself, that there should be a
settlement of matters between us
at the earliest possible moment,
I cannot see why there should
be any further delay, there has been
seasons for delay in the past on your
part which I fully appreciate, but
now you are in affluent circumstances
and should be ready to settle at any
moment, then we are entering the
muddy side of life and not of sound
health, that fact of itself should be
decisive in the matter, after this long
delay, over

Now I make the following propositions
First- that we settle by correspondence.
Second- that you come out here at once and pay
~~that~~ us a visit and arrange your matters here
that need looking after.
Third- that ^{if} neither of the above plans suit
you, that I will come out to San
Diego as soon as I can make my arrange-
ments to do so, and I shall expect you
to pay all my expenses out and back,
also while there.

We have had a very wet season ^{here} more
so than the oldest Inhabitant can remem-
ber we have had no hay season and
large quantities of hay are yet unsecured
and very much of that that is housed
is in bad condition, and I can say also
that it is the largest crop ever grown
in New England, do me the favour to
answer this letter at once as reverses in
business have crippled me more than I
wish to say, Very truly yours O. M. Morse

E. M. Mome
Aug 14/89

E. M. Morse

May 15/90

Berrinnac May 15th 1890

E W Moore Esq

Dear Cousin

Yours of

March 22^d 1890 was duly received
with check enclosed for six hundred
Dollars, I am very thankfull for it
but am say that you could not
of made it a larger amount. you
say that I must not look for any
more for several months, unless I believe
in the saying, "that it is the unexpected
which always happens" I fully believe
in the saying as applied to this case,
and I think if we were to reverse our
positions in this matter you would feel

as though you would believe almost
anything to bring the matter to a close,
you say some friends you have on the
other side predict good things for you
soon, I think the unexpected may happen
~~very~~ soon as I see by the papers that
a bill has passed ^{the} Senate appropriating
three hundred thousand Dollars for a
Public Building in San Diego I
presume you will get a goodly share
of it, I understand from Edmund that
you will not come out here this season
we are very sorry for that indeed,
I trust you will send me a draft or
receipt of this please do not delay.

Yours very truly

E M Morse

E. M. Morse
July 28/90

Feb 3/90 500
March 600
June 250
Aug 350
\$1700.

Received July 28th 1890
E. M. Morse Esq
Dear Cousin

your of

your of

your 11th was duly received
enclosing Check for \$250 - which
I placed to your credit on old
account, I have seen nothing
more in the papers in regard to
your Public Building but I
presume that it will go
through without opposition
you seem to think it somewhat
doubtful about opposing us
a visit this ~~season~~ season
we all regret it very much
over

I think you had better make up
your mind now to come next season
and stick to it and let nothing prevent
you but the Grim Menageries and I
think he would ^{suggest} a trip this way
immediately on your arrival on the
other side, I will say right here
now give me your word of honor
that you will come next year
and I will guarantee that the
promise will be fulfilled.

We are all well and in very fair
health for our years and as soon
as I can get out of my present
difficulties shall be in an easier
condition of mind I hope

With kind regards to
you and yours

I remain yours truly
D W Moore

E. M. Morse

Oct 11. 1849

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D W Morse Esq

Dear Cousin

Yours of
August 31st received and contents noted, let me
kindly thank ^{you} for your expression of good will
and your determination to adjust the matter
(so long delayed) between us in a satisfactory
manner. In the first place there is the
cost of the Barn I was disappointed I admit
in its cost, and if I had taken ^{more} ~~the~~ time in making
an estimate of its cost, or rather if I had employed a
Carpenter to make an estimate of its cost I should have
more sent you the figures I did. I was very much
impressed that you needed a New Barn and I judged
summitly if I recollect, and I do not regret it now,
the old Barn was good for nothing and without a Barn
on the place what would the Farm amount to,
Mr C H. Nichols whose Barn was burned some years

since built another to take its place its size
was about 35x40 with cellar, he told me it cost
him eleven hundred Dollars, I had two joints
built to my Barn then some ago at a cost of about
four hundred Dollars, without cellar, your Barn
is I think 35x60 and I do not think in comparison
that the cost is excessive, there is ^{and} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{cellar} ^{and} ^{the} ^{stairs} ^{to} ^{get} ^{to} ^{it}
that cost 50 dollars or more to build stairs to get to it,
Now you have the Barn and I have paid for it
except 23 dollars do just as ^{you} feel to be just and
right to me and yourself, Now in regard to the lumber
account. I ^{send} you a statement of the quantity
saved and sold giving the name of each
purchaser the number of feet each person had
and price per M in most cases, I will now note
the sales to the principal parties for your informa-
tion November 1st 1855. (This was 1 year eight months
after I paid you 3000 dollars) I sold Woodhays & Co
of East Cambridge 112295 feet of Boards at \$15.50 per M
I to pay the freight to Boston 175 per M,
before they paid the whole amount due they
failed and I lost \$200 dollars, on February 14th 1876

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I made my 2^d sale with E. W. Woakeson to manufacture
shoe Boxes for Haverhill Justice, and to allow me 1200
Dollars per M on the sticks, this was a good trade
but attended with a good many cirks, but I had
got to get rid of the lumber some how or fail
this was more than 2 years after the 2^d of March 1874
and the interest was eating me all up. Mr. Woakeson
continued to make Boxes until into June 1877.
and I lost by that operation 107 Dollars, I come out
better than I expected, He used as you will see
146628 feet at 12 per M on the sticks, on the 17th
of October 1876 the Woodhays had formed a New Co
and wanted to purchase more boards and I sold
them 141000 B at 1175 per M they to pay the
freight to Boston, it is generally considered safe
to trust a firm that has failed and starts
with a clean sheet but this was an exception
and I lost \$500 dollars by them. This was
a hard trade with hard results but no help
for it. you will see by the sales to all other parties
that I get good prices.

The total lumber saved was 503,750 feet

. Sold $\frac{480,782}{}$
 this is better than the shrinkage - $\frac{22,968}{}$
 the coverage

The total amount of sales of Lumber was \$ 685,261

. Wood " $\frac{149,823.38}{}$
 Total expenses $\frac{11,834.99}{}$
 Balance due you on lumber & Wood $\frac{11,343.50}{}$
 $\frac{491.49}{}$

The account will stand like this, Burn 1011.62

My bill for lumber & Wood to E. W. M. $\frac{383.06}{}$ X
 Direct balance due you on lumber & Wood $\frac{1,394.68}{}$
 $\frac{491.49}{}$
 Balance due me generally, 1st 1879 $\frac{903.19}{}$

My books were all cut up some ten years ago or more
 and the figures were carried over to the last
 page and a statement of the whole matter
 made up and from that statement I sent
 you my bill some 2 years ago or more, but
 after the receipt of your letter of August 31st
 asking for a more detailed statement of the

Oct 11. 1889

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\$ 1409.98 as you will see by the statements of
Expenses; I could give you a detailed statement
of the sale of the wood but had see no
especial need of it ~~with~~ will do so if you
request it, the sale of the wood was 4982.38
cutting

1409.98
3572.40

It gives a good stumpage

I will give you an idea of the value of
Lumber and Wood at the present time
Mr John E. Coover the largest dealer here
tells me that $3\frac{1}{4}$ boards are worth 7 dollars
on the stick, 2 inch boards 9 dollars
and top wood 75 cts per cord,
considering the times I think I got good prices
for the Lumber & Wood and I think the losses
are no more than others sustained under like
conditions, then again the interest is a large
item, both of which annoyed me beyond measure.
The losses and interest as you will see amount

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to nearly \$3000 dollars, now suppose that
I had got full prices for the lumber say
\$1500 what I got for the first lot I should have
netted nearly \$3000 dollars more for the lumber
and I should get that if the times had
continued good. Then again I should have
sold it all without doubt in one year or one
and a half years, and saved a large part of
the interest and perhaps all the losses,
but you know what those times were as
well as myself, let us be thankful that
we lived through it,

I make the balance due me July 1, 1877 \$903.19
I want you to pay me $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent
compound interest from the above date
I also want you to pay me \$20.00 dollars
that I loaned you forty years ago
at the same rate of interest, this note is lost
you will do just as you feel is right in
regard to the rate of interest of course,
I will say this much that I gave my
note to a friend of mine more than twelve

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years ago at $7\frac{1}{2}$ interest and I am still paying
the same rate to day,
I am willing to ~~lose~~ lose of the \$122.45 of interest
paid \$729.45 and I think this is all I should do,
and more than I should do,
you ask how is that History of Emp Co
getting along, well it was published long
ago and your Father's picture was inserted
in the work with a brief sketch of his life
and I paid them by your check, that did
not carry with it a copy of the Work in any
case. so that if you wish a copy you
will have to purchase it as I did, ^{but less price now} but
I paid the subscription price which
was \$1500 dollars, now they can be
had for about half price I think,
In regard to my half lot I have never been
sorry that it was sold and thank you most
kindly for it,
Let me hear from you on receipt of this,
With kind regards to yourself and Wife
I remain yours truly, J. D. Brown

matter I went through with the whole account
 with the result before stated, the castings in
 some half dozen statements were inaccurate to the
 extent as noted, Now I will explain one item
 of expense in the bill of expenses I send you, and
 that is the amount of interest I charged against
 the Lumber & Wood account, and the amount
 I paid, you will see by that statement
 that I have charged \$600 dollars while in fact
 I paid \$1629.45 with a credit of 300 dollars interest
 received on wood account, this leaves the amount
 of interest paid \$1329.45 I will explain this to
 your entire satisfaction I think, the note I gave
 to the Salisbury & Amesbury Savings Bank
 with several other notes all of which some one
 was paid and cancelled are not to be found
 so in order to get at the interest I shall have
 to take the best data at hand, I addressed
 a line to the Treasurer of said Bank for the

information needed, his answer I enclose to you, you will see by that that the amount of interest paid to May 6th 1879 was \$879.45 B. F. Sargent paid the balance of the Note then Dec- Amount \$1100 = Dollars & paid him interest after that of about \$250 Dollars Then again within ten months of the time I paid ~~you~~ you \$3000 Dollars & had paid for cutting timber - Sawing - hauling in and hauling out and sticking up and for cutting wood over \$4000 Dollars this made my indebtedness over \$7000 = Dollars, My first sale of lumber of any amount was to Woodbury 300 Nov 1, 1879 to this date the interest on the savings Bank Note was

Bank Note was	364.75
on the Note of 4000 = Dollars	303.30
	668.05

and so it went on and on straight to destruction every ^{one} had heads to sell and nobody wanted to buy and this state of affairs lasted for years & years. Now in regard to the wood, there were some one eighteen hundred cut at a cost

[Nov 18. 1890]

Samuel is unwell at the present time
but think he will get over it all right, his Wife
is seized and smart as usual,

Child & his Wife as well as usual, and
the three girls are as likely girls as there
is in town;

Very truly yours

J W Morse

Berrius Nov 18th 1890

J W Morse Esq

Dear Cousin

yours of
Aug 7th duly received, inclosing check
for 350= for which I am more than
thankfull, you express the opinion
that the matter is so nicely adjusted
that the matter it can wait untill
you come on next year without
Detriment to either of us, this is without
doubt true in your case but with me
it is quite another affair, the amount
due me now is a very small amount
to you but a large amount to me
and the difference in our circumstances

misleads you, the amount due me
 January 1st 1891 principal and interest
 is \$2160.09 interest cast at the rate of 7% per
 the amount received from you by the
 several payments is \$1700.00 interest
 on the several ^{to Jan 1st 91} payments is $\frac{88.50}{1788.50}$
 amount due me 2160.09
 Credit by checks & bank 1788.50
 Balance due on 9th 1891 371.59

This is provided my castings are all correct.
 Now in regard to the twenty dollar note
 I loaned you in 1849, you gave me your
 note for twenty dollars on demand with interest
 at six per cent. The circumstances in the
 case were these, you were going to the
 New Eldorado to seek your fortune and
 I should have ment had I not have
 been married as I said to my wife.
 but I proposed to send a little venture
 on my own account and so let you have
 the twenty dollars. the talk between us
 at the time was this, if you was unable

to pay it I was to let it go as a bad bargain
 on the other hand if you were successful
 successful you were to pay me according
 to ^{the measure of} your success. I gave the note to my
 wife for safe keeping and she suffered it
 was safe until some three or four years ago
 when looking for it she discovered that it
 was gone and we have failed to find it since

Balance due on Wood & Lumber	371.59
Note & interest	415.80
Due Jan 1 st 1891	<u>787.39</u>

I want you to send me a check
 for the above amount in season to
 pay that note drawing interest at
 the rate of 7% January 1st 1891
 I do not wish you to fail to do so
 on any consideration whatever. I do not
 doubt your honor or integrity one particle
 in this matter or any other but the delay
 has caused me no end of trouble and anxiety

7 Substantially the same ideas in regard to
that future life to which we are all
destined, you ask about Alden & David
Well Alden was 80 years old the 10th of this month
and is well and hearty and his hair to go right along,
David enjoys a good degree of health, he is between
73 & 74 but he is not so well as a year or two ago
had an attack of the grip & a relapse which
left him a little feeble,

and I want you to do one of the most
kindly acts and let me out of the difficulty,
Who but D. W. Morse in all Essex
County would have built a Barn
or a telegraph from a man
in California three thousand miles
away, I undertake to say that he
cannot be found, but I will say that
in all this time I have never doubted
your honor or integrity or that you
would make everything satisfactory
to me in this whole matter,
you will see that I am a man of unbo-
-unding faith and I am glad that I have
this measure of faith, and I am glad also
that you and myself have embraced &

you think it very likely that
you ^{will} be in here the coming year
I think I can say that you would
be most heartily welcomed not only by
all your newest relations but by all
those who knew you some 20 years ago.
Then again I am sure that your presence
here is a duty to yourself as well as
to some others, let me say come by all means
Will you convey to Mr Seussas and also
his most amiable ^{Wife} my kind regards
and thank him for his ^{kind} remembrance of me.

With kind regards

to yourself and Wife

yours truly

J M Morse

E. M. Morse
Nov 18/90

answered Dec 25/90
see answer inside

Perinno August 21. 1871

E W Morse Esq.

Dear Cousin

It is my sad
Duty to inform you of the Death of my
Wife. she passed away on the 16th day
of July very suddenly. she had a
Stroke last February and never fully
recovered from it, this leaves me
alone, and it gives me a meaning
to that word that I never felt before,
a few ^{short} months or years and I shall pass
over to the great majority (so be it)
it is the Law of the Universe, it is well,

your of Dec 25. 1870 was duly received
and contents noted, I regretted very
much that you could not send me
the amount asked for. some 800=
Dollars, will you send me a check
for it at once. if you cannot, send me

E. M. Morse

Aug 21/91

a time not 3-6 or 7 months
as my best suit you convenience
so that I can get it discounted
here, I need the money at once to
avoid further costs,
my property is all under attachment
and I am faced to the wall,
I have already sold one thousand
Dollars worth of my real estate
and shall have to sell more,
If you cannot come here I will
come out there and settle up all
discrepancies or inaccuracies in the matter
I think one hour's talk between
you and myself three years ago
would have settled this whole
matter to the perfect satisfaction
of both of us. I do not believe that
either of us have yet to be dishonest yet
Very truly yours E. M. Morse

San Diego Dec 25/90
 E. M. Morse Esq.

Dear Cousin

I have waited, hoping it might be possible for me to send you some money.

I could not do so, I can not do so yet, and worse than all, I do not know when I can, but am promised the money and hope I can do so early in the year.

I don't think your account is correct, but we will argue that when I have some money, not now.

And then again, is it quite fair to draw that \$20⁰⁰ note on me now. I do not remember the circumstances of my giving it, but do not

doubt it. The "venture" referred to the "Gold-hunting expedition, in northern California not to Land speculation and Town building in San Diego.

Whatever amount I put into that "Venture" has been absolutely wiped out of existence twice over. and if your \$20⁰⁰ was a part of the venture it followed suit. But no matter, whenever I am again financially in a position to follow carry out my wishes (and I do not think it will be long) you shall not regret your "venture".

Again - you say "who but E. M. Morse in all Essex County would have built a house on a telegram from a man in Cal" &c. that you are "a man of unsound mind."

faith "se" - now don't you think you are glorifying your faith a little too strong? especially when we all then thought you had abundant means in your own hands.

Honestly now, don't the "faith" seem to have been on the other side of the house - the whole transaction - a large one - with all its details, all its accounts, left in the hands of one man, "3000 miles away" without the slightest supervision or check of any kind. And when the transaction turns out so utterly different from what was anticipated yet in his "unbending faith" accepts the statements of accounts as correct and forwards his money to settle

the same.

Well, you will some day know that your faith was not misplaced, and I do not believe mine was.

The years 1888-89 & 1890 have been very dismal years for San Diego, although the whole country about us including the City has been gradually growing in all the solid elements of business. But the fact that our population shrank nearly one half during the year 1888 (as you can understand upset and disarranged everything and if our foundations had not been solid, our banks, commercial houses and everything else would have gone down, but scarcely a failure of any kind occurred, and to day a heavier commercial business is being done than ever before.

I greatly regret that I can not help you financially now, nothing would give me greater pleasure even at a sacrifice to myself, but it is simply impossible. I hope sometime to explain matters fully to you. Yours truly, E.W. Morse

Chopper

To the President of the United

Agrees to cut such standing
timber both Pine and hard
as said Man may require
and to cut and "log off" the same
under his directions and to his
full satisfaction

Must chop in such locality as the
leaster may desire
and must cut up the tops as
fast as he proceeds

Common hauling on the 1st October

Yeaster ^{both fine & hard}
agrees to haul the logs that may
be cut ^{on said farm} for said mill and place
the same ^{on the stringers} within ^{feet thereof}
so as to keep the mill fully supplied
with logs, and to haul away the
lumber as it is sawed and stack
up the same on the "plain" at the
place designated by said man.

All the above services shall be performed
in a workmanlike manner and
to the full satisfaction of said
Morse.

Said man agrees to pay for the said
services at the rate of \$2. ¹⁵? per
thousand feet, mill measure.

One half the amount due shall be
paid when required by said Tuckering
and the balance upon the completion
of the work.

Saw Mill

Must saw up stringers at
finishing up

Must have a brow to hold
20 000

Put Logs on stringers within 30
feet of mill

sawing sticks extra?
square timber for sticking

Mem^o
of Agreements
of Sawyer &
Chopper