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Group I – Peter Lord Correspondence (folders 1-6)

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2 6 Peter T. Lord, family letters 1805-1816

Hitta (Mehitabel Gillet) fr her brother Martin Gillet (Baltimore) 20 Nov 1805; in answer to letter of 30 Sept, Martin living with uncle

Hitta (Mehitabel Gillet) fr her brother Martin Gillet (Baltimore) 10 Sept 1806; in answer to letter of 29 Aug, refers to death of "Cousin Hall"

Hetta (Mehitabel Gillet) (Lyme) fr her brother Martin Gillet, nd; ". . . For my part I have tried different paths and find in the result that the less intercourse I have with mankind the less are my perplexities & the less I am harassed with anxiety which always press on the mind and increases dissatisfaction . . ."

Major Peter Lord ("Beloved parents") (Lyme) fr daughter Sarah W. Lord (Colchester) 12 July 181?; homesick, school, ". . . I have attended to drawing, painting, Grammar and Geography. There are young ladies who attend the same school I do, and attend to the same pursuits, and I find some of them to be very agreeable [?]. I like my boarding house, tolerable well, although the boarders complain very much of the food, but I have not thought much of that . . ."

Major Peter Lord (Lyme) fr Matthew Griswold (New Haven) 22 Oct 1816; "Judge Holmes has handed me a Paper signed with your name & request me to draw a Letter to the Govr requesting that you may be dismissed from further service in the Militia . . . I am willing to do anything for you but I want you to write me what your Indisposition is – how long you have been [?] – whether your disorder is like to remain long – in short all the particulars about it."

Capt. Joseph Gillet (Lyme) fr son Joseph Gillet Jun (Smithfield) 6 Oct 1815; ". . . But I am sorry to relate to you that I was obliged to leave my Cousin Ely Gillet Thirty Miles before we came to Albany on account of his horse being lame he is calculating to go to Black river Next

Monday I calculate to start for the West and how far I shall go I do not but I guess not farther than Buffalo. It is a matter of uncertainty when I shall return to Lyme so you must not look for me till I come. But I think probable I may be at home some time the latter part of Nov."

3 6 Peter Lord, family letters 1817-1819

Major Peter Lord (Lyme) fr brother William Lord (LeRoy) 22 Sept 1817; asking for money, ". . . Had Dr. Ely paid me I should be able to have paid all that I owe in this County . . . Mrs. Lord has been sick ever since the first of July & I have been obliged to spend a good deal of time to take care of her. . ."

Major Peter Lord (Lyme) fr brother William Lord (LeRoy) 26 Nov 1817; thanks for \$200, death of baby "I am very sorrow to hear that you have been so unfortunate as to lose your Babe & also that your wife was brought so very low . . ."

Major Peter Lord (Lyme) fr brother William Lord (LeRoy) 31 Dec 1817; ". . . Our little baby is 6 months old the 7 day of Jany is the healthiest & the fattest baby . . ."

Major Peter Lord ("dear parents") (Lyme) fr daughter Sarah W. Lord (Colchester) 9 Aug 1819; coming home next week

Sarah Lord (Bacon Academy) fr N(oah?) H. G(illet?) (Colchester) 7 July 1819; re friendship

Sarah Lord fr N(oah?) H. G(illet?) (Bacon Academy) 3 Aug 1819; re grief, sorrow, friendship (unspecified?)

4 6 Peter Lord, family letters 1820-1824

Mrs. Hetta Lord (Lyme; Dear Sister) fr N.H. Gillit [sic.] (Brookhaven) 10 Aug 1820; long poem re benefits of faith

Miss Sarah W. Lord (Lyme) fr brother J(ohn?) S(smith?) Lord (Bacon Academy) 30 Oct 1822; re neglecting study of geography, but studying surveying, ". . . I carried your beads to Esq. Kellog (the SilverSmith) but he [cannot?] make a chain of them that he thought would suit. . .", money, ". . . the prevasion? of the Hooping-Cough at Grassyhill, which you stated as being mortal in come cases, and in others very dangerous, as was the case of M J. Gillet's two youngest children . . ."; disease, health, new coat, ". . . it is time for some of our folks to be looking

around after a tailor, for it generally takes us about a month, and sometimes more to get one after we have made applications."

Mrs. Hetta Lord (Lyme, Dear sister) fr Joseph Gillet (Covington) 21 April 1823, part of letter cut off; burdens of religion, "the feelings of the half or luke-warm Christian.", health of Mrs. Mather and Mr. Ely, re Mr. Rogers.

Miss Sarah W. Lord (Lyme) fr (brother) John Smith Lord (Brookhaven) 6 Dec 1823; re death of Uncle? Benjamin and Christopher, illness of Augustus, "Christopher you informed me was buried the same day on which he died - the cause of which, I suppose, was owing to the putrid nature of the fever with which he died.", health of Daniel and Almira, "I expect by this time you begin to look quite grand about home as you mentioned the prospect was fattering? that the turnpike would soon get worked past the house, but perhaps it has a different appearance from grand to Par to see his mowing dug up."

Miss Sarah W. Lord (Lyme) fr brother John Smith Lord (Millers Place) 21 Feb 1824 (on same piece of paper as below); ". . . I think Scimilius? Has cut a pretty caper indeed. I always thought that he was rather void of sound sense, but I thought he had enough to keep clear from such a scrape as this. In the first place, it is a wonder of wonders to me, that he should fancy Sally Clark enough to make him his wife, and next that he should be so surprisingly short sighted as to proceed so far in the business as he did without making know his intentions to his mother and friends and consulting them on the subject - to sum it all up I think it is the most funny circumstance that ever occurred in our nighbnourhood [sic] since my remembrance. . . if he gets off with paying two hundred dollars I think he ought not to complain. . . Tell Sarah, I have got most tired of being a School Master. I believe it is the most perplexing occupation. . . I have about thirty scholars now and they want a great deal of assistance in their studies. I have eight studying Arithmetic with whom I could devote my whole time - and Grammarians almost without number. . .", health of family and friends, small pox

On same piece of paper

Peter [Lord, Jr?] fr John S. Lord (Brookhaven) 23 Feb 1824, on same piece of paper as above; re storm, "I think from the quantity of lumber of all kinds, which has been driven

on this shore, within a few days, that it's evident there has been a high freshet – Pine logs, boards, bri[?] planks and timbers, shingles, &c have completely lined the beach . . .", re Ezra Gillet, Jonathan Hall

Mrs. Hetta Lord (Lyme, Dear Sister) &? Mr. Peter Lord, Jr.) fr N.H.G. (Brookhaven) 24 April 1824

5 8 Peter Lord, family letters 1825-1830 (some re deaths in family)

Peter Lord, Junr. (Lyme, Dear Brother) fr J.S. Lord (LeRoy) 26 Sept 1825; re trip from Esq. Gillet's on "Line boat" arriving Palmyra (NY?), see Amy & Lucy Ann Clark, stayed with George Beckwith, depart for Lima (NY?), arrive at Uncle William's, Sarah sick on trip (fever, ague, headache), doctor not alarmed.

Mr. Peter Lord (Lyme, dear brother) fr John M. Gillet (Leroy) 18 Oct 1815; Sarah's illness & death by "typhus fever"

Major Peter Lord (Lyme, dear brother) fr William Lord (LeRoy) 10 Feb 1826; re purchase of 2 marble gravestones, "They say it is not so common of late to put much work on gravestones we set more plain stones than otherwise – They say that g. stones 4-1/2 ft above ground 21 inches in width will cost \$20 including lettering. This is the size you wrote. This size of g.stones I fear will not look in the grave yard so well as you would like. I have taken pairs to measure a number of g. stones in the yard & find those of adults are larger than this size upon an average they are 5 ft & one 5 ft & 8 in. in height by 25 in. in width . . .", re epitaph for Sarah's gravestone, ill health of Mother Ely's family, Augustus sick

Miss Elizabeth Lord (Lyme) fr (friend & cousin) H(arriet?). E. Lord (LeRoy) 15 April 1826; re will not be visiting Lyme with Mr. Ely this spring, visit from John B.B. Lord

Dear Brother fr [Major Peter Lord] (Lyme) 28 Aug 1827; re death of his son Peter at Yale in 1827

Mrs. Hetta Lord (dear sister) (c/o Maj. Peter Lord, Lyme) fr Noah H. Gillet (Brookhaven) 11 Dec 1828; "I am informed by Brother Franklin that Mr. Lord has been more afflicted than usual with his old complaint. . ."

Dear Mother? (Ballston Springs) fr daughter Elizabeth (Lyme?) 25 May 1830, on same piece of paper as below; visit from Grandma?, Mary? And Angelina (a child), Miss Arabella Ely superintendant of school, heath of family members (Daniel, Julia, Nancy), "We have had some [?] calls beggars &c. but one visitor we regarded with most unusual interest - a man with two very large packs entered the house - stood some moments - then proceeded to take of(f) his burdens - stowed them away under the table and seated himself very composedly - meanwhile staring [at] us with a wide unmenacing gaze but uttered not a word. You will imagine something of our terror and consternation but we strove to exhibit all the bravery we were capable of summoning instead of running away as I would have liked - we stood firmly looking at him as if to demand the cause of his intrusion - but remaining speechless we went about our work with quaking hearts and trembling hands which almost refused to support us - we [?] and washed dishes and talked about folks as if we might command an army - thus we continued about an hour waiting very impatiently for the arrival of Smith - at last he came when he found by some papers that he carried with him that he was deaf & almost blind that he was an innocent and inoffensive person which proved to be the case - he went away the next morning apparently very grateful for our hospitality.", Melinda visiting Mary, made butter, sold for 14 cents per pound; postscript from J.S. Lord re sudden death of Mr. Saunder's (shoemaker) wife;

On same piece of paper as above

Dear father (Peter Lord, Ballston Springs) fr J.S. Lord (Lyme?) 21 May 1830, on same piece of paper as above; re note from Mr. Parker for Peter Lord? Concerning business with Capt. Leech; re shearing sheep, missing sheep, dead sheep, lambs; fishing

Peter Lord (dear father, Ballston Springs) fr J.S. Lord (Lyme) 12 June 1830; re fishing, ". . . sent some salt fish to New York which were sold for about eight dollars per barrel . . .", re payment for wool, some sheep died or missing after shearing probably due to storm, re price of wool, mentions Mr. Ballard, Miss Julia's brother Mr. Brown, Daniel and Mrs. Flynt

**6 6 Peter Lord Estate [dispersal, notices, petition]
1835-1843**

Receipt, from John? L. Lord, to Samuel Green, 11 May 1835, for "Advertising a petition of Mrs. M. Lord to Court of

Probate as Guardian to P(hoebe) C(aroline) Lord, S(arah) W(ade) Lord & H(arriet) A(ngeline) Lord", \$4.00

Promise to Pay, from Wm. H. Starke? (Lyme), 10 Dec 1841, and from Lodowick? Bill (Lyme) 7 Jan 1843, etc.

Property list? For Phebe C., Sarah W., & Harriet A. Lord, 1 Oct 1835

Probate court handwritten document, Lyme, 14 July 1835, Judge Joel Loomis, attested by Joshua R. Warren, Clerk; re property Mehitabel Lord guardian for Phebe C., Sarah W., & Harriet A. Lord

Probate Court handwritten document, Lyme, 12 Oct 1835, Judge Joel Loomis, clerk Joshua Warren, re property Mehitabel Lord guardian for Phebe C., Sarah W., & Harriet A. Lord

Household property list, handwritten

Group II – Daniel Miner Lord, 1828-1849 (folders 7-11)

7 5 Daniel Lord, letters 1828-1834

Uncle (Maj. Peter Lord, Lyme) fr D.M. Lord (Amherst College) 10 or 16 Sept 1828; re debt and loan; "By arrangements made between the New York Presbyterian Education Society and the American Education Society, or rather by their union I am deprived of the assistance which I formerly received from New York and receive now only from the A.E. Society, which places me under rather disagreeable circumstances just a[t] present, as I am now in debt thirty or thirty five dollars for board without the means of discharging it at this time. Therefore I am now compelled? To seek a temporary assistance from some one of my friends, till I can teach school to get wherewith to discharge this debt and others . . . I am induced with much reluctance to ask the loan of the above amount till next spring vacation . . . I have a school engaged for three months at 27 dollars per month . . ."

Sister (Miss Almira A? Lord, Millers Place, Long Island NY) fr sister Julia (Cedar Grove) 14 March 1832; re trip on ship New York to Charleston, SC, cousin Smith, slavery, ". . . the whole of S. Carolina I have yet seen is one continued wall? of pines, not a hill, stone, or meadow to vary the scene – all that you see is at great distances is

a house, surrounded by its numerous log cabins for the poor negroes to live in – when I came, cotton was whitening the fields, which are full of old decaying pines, which are not cut down here . . . Everything is very different here from N.E. – manners & customs &c. – slaves do all the work here – Ladies are not accustomed to waiting on themselves – the poor negro does all. At first it seemed strange to me – but now I have in some degree become accustomed to it. However I do not envy the southerners their [wealth?], or slaves – it pains me to see the degrading state of the sons and daughters of Africa. . .”

Sister (Miss Almira A. Lord Female Institution, Amherst, Mass) fr brother Daniel (Boston) 1 August 1834 (on same piece of paper as below); encouraging Almira to stay at school another term; Daniel sick; “. . . Since I came here my congregation has increased. Indeed the number of sailors have doubled. . . I wish you could be present with us on the Sabbath. You would see as interesting congregation as you ever saw – Julia has become more and more like myself, interested in seamen. . .”, Julia sick; family news.

On same piece of paper

Dear Sis & Cousin fr ? (on same piece of paper as below [above?]); family news, etc., “. . . D[aniel?] will probably go to Commencement. I do not expect to because of the expense. I find expenses are great everywhere, but in the city you can hardly turn around without paying for it. . .”

Son (brother of Daniel) fr ? (Charleston, SC) 27 Dec 1834 (addressee and addresser torn off (Mr. Sam..., Inst...; on same piece of paper as below); describes his and Julia's trip from Boston to SC (probably Dec 8 – 18, 1834); seasickness, Julia sick since arriving in SC, expensive living there (\$1 board for day each), “. . . I have had time to ramble considerably about the city [Charleston?], which is totally unlike any of our cities or even villages at the north, the style of the buildings, & their somber dullness owing to humidity & warmth of the atmosphere, gives everything a gloomy appearance; there are however a few exceptions, vegetation in some of the gardens is green & lively, & in several of their yards have I seen the beautiful orange tree loaded with fruit. A day or two since, I went into one of the churches, to witness an exhibition of 3 of the pupils from the American Asylum for the Deaf & Dumb, with Mr. Weld, the principal. I believe M. Booth is one of them. The Legislature of this state at their late session

have granted a sum of money for the education of deaf mutes in this state . . . I went to the Catholic puppet show – as it appeared to me, rather than a place of religious worship . . . Yesterday, visited the S.C. Medical College, they have a fine museum of birds, fishes, shells, crocodiles & snakes, all done up in very [great? Style?], their anatomical preparations I should think are very fine. . .”
On same piece of paper

Brother fr Julia (on same piece of paper as above; partially cut off)

Miss Almira Lord (New London) fr M.C. Gardiner (nd c. 1834?); illness; “If I live do come and make me a visit in the Spring. Did you see Julia Walters in New London. . .”

8 13 Daniel Lord, letters 1835-1836

Capt. Samuel Lord (Shelter Is, NY) fr “your nephews & son” Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 31 March 1835; “. . . It [his congregation] is now as large as six or eight of the one on Shelter Island. . .”; wife away

Aunt (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, Shelter Island, NY) fr niece Emily (Rocky Point) 31 March 1835 (on same piece of paper as below); grandmother in poor health, letter from cousin Almira

On same piece of paper

Aunt (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, Shelter Island, NY) fr Noah H. Jones, 31 March 1835 (on same piece of paper as above); health, colds in winter, accident with an ax, school, farm work

Mother, Uncle & Aunts (Capt. Samuel Lord, Shelter Island, NY); fr J[ulia?] M. Lord (Cedar Grove) 1 April 1835; away from husband (for health?), slavery, “. . . I passed six weeks with my sister Mary, in Columbia [SC] at my old home then came to Camden and from thence to my present home where I formerly resided, on my first coming to Carolina. . . and my health has been daily improving. I have now no cough . . . and tho I feel more and more the loss of my dear husband’s society yet I know it would be very wrong for me to be discontented. . . I should like aunts to see how Carolinians do their work – how many negroes it takes here to do what they can do with so little trouble. These people must have a slave to do every kind of work, that is, one to cook, another to wash, one for this, another for that. I know Aunt Hannah would get tired of telling them and waiting for them to do what she told them, they move so

slow. I could tell you many curious stories if I could see you. . . Yesterday you would have laughed to see the ride I took with Miss Wilson – we drove a mule in a chaise – but this is often done here. They [?] a great many mules and horses for ploughing – and when we cannot get a horse to ride take a mule. . .”

Dear Sister (Miss Almira A. Lord, New London) fr Julia (Cedar Grove) 2 April 1835; last letter written from Columbia SC, spent 4 weeks in Camden mostly with Mrs. McIntosh, then to Black River?, then many moves after that, staying with various people

Miss Almira A. Lord (New London) fr (cousin?) E. Lord (Lyme) 24 April 1835; re William Lord son of uncle Elisha Lord, going to Norwich for the summer, school?, etc.

Sister (Miss Almira A. Lord, c/o Miss Abby Wood, New London) fr Julia (Roxbury) 11 August 1835 (on same page as letter from Daniel below; they like Roxbury except far from Church, Almira's upcoming visit

On same piece of paper

Sister (Almira A. Lord) fr Daniel (on same paper as above from Julia); will pay transportation for Almira's visit

Miss Almira Lord (Elmira, sic) (New London), fr E. Margaret White (Monson) 12 August 1835; re Mrs. Brown's son meeting Almira in Lyme

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o John S. Lord, Lyme) fr Almira Lord (New London) 30 Oct 1835; re Daniel & Julia, Daniel's preaching to the seamen, school not as large as last year, partly due to increased tuition, visits over Thanksgiving

Cousin (Miss Almira A. Lord, c/o Miss Wood, New London) fr Elizabeth, 11 Nov 1835; parties, health, religion, money". . . My complaint has been a deep soreness and pain in my left side breast and shoulders, difficult breathing, and looseness of the bowels, and at night I found it almost impossible to move myself in bed without help, the pain was so excruciating. A physician has called on me and given me medicine and dieted? Me, and I now feel better but not well of those complaints. He did not say what he thought was the matter. I suspect he did not know . . .", deciding whether to stay the winter at Uncle's family or return south, ". . . she (Mary) has contrived to fall in love with the minister here, Mr. Musgrave, and he also with her. . . who would supposed she would prefer a man of thirty years &

a minister to the young flattering beaux so plenty here. .
. We have been going to the museum and to the monument and
the convent ever since J has been here . . . "they have
magnificent churches, [?] priests, and flourishing
seminarys, and numerous adherents. The morals of the
people are not as good I think as in new England, and to be
religious is very unpopular with the young and gaiety and
pleasure predominate I have spent a heap of money
since I have been here and if I stay must spend still more.
It goes I hardly know how in trifles more than in large
articles. I have purchased a gay calico dress, woolen cape
and breastpin and shawl and a few other necessarys . . ."

Sister (Miss Almira A. Lord, New London) fr Julia (Boston)
14 Dec 1835; in better health, visited the Cottage (in
Lyme?) at Thanksgiving, saw baby nephew, ". . . We have
agreed with Smith & Hannah to take Mother this winter to
[South?]. I think it will be more agreeable to Mother's
feelings . . . "

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord (c/o John S. Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel
(Boston) 13 Feb 1836?; " . . . I have felt and do still
feel that I am called to preach the gospel to Seamen. As a
Seamen's preach[er] I have been installed over a Mariner's
Church. . .", where Mother will live, Julia's health,
nephew Frederick Augustus

Cousin (Miss Almira A. Lord (Boston) fr Mary Gillet
(Baltimore) 3 June 1836 (on same page as letter below);
cousin E likes Baltimore, ". . . Mr. M thinks something off
me and I of course like him but believe me Almira I do not
love him. Their (sic) is too many reasons for my not
thinking of him as one who would ever be any nearer to me
than a dear friend. Please do not mention it to any one. .
.", family health

On same piece of paper

Almira fr E.G. (on same page as above); Smith & Hannah
leaving for Boston, etc.

Almira Lord (Boston) fr ? (Monson) 30 Oct 1836 (on same
paper as below); Julia's death?

On same piece of paper

Sister Almira fr H. Thompson (Sunday afternoon; on same
page as above); re Julia's death

**9 18 Daniel Lord, letters and will, 1837 ["Bequest of
Julia"; Daniel's engagement; troubles at Newport
School]**

Miss Almira A. Lord (Pearl Place) fr Maria G. Packard, 1 Apr 1837; friendship?

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr daughter A.A. Lord (Newport) 18 April 1837; mother visiting Daniel; boards with Mr. Guild who teaches in "male department", school

Almira A. Lord (Newport) fr Maria G. Packard (Boston) 20 May 1837; ". . . I have very flattering accounts of you from Mr. G. He says 'Miss Lord is doing admirably, she is a very fine girl - just what we want in the school', but I fear your side of the story will not be quite so pleasant. . .", sewing circle, returned to Mariners Sabbath School

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Newport) 22 May 1837; family

Almira (Miss Almira A. Lord co Mr. Wm Guild, Newport RI) fr Cousin Elizabeth (Lyme) 8? June 18?? (1837?); family health, marriage of Mr. J? Munroe Beebe to Miss Sarah M. Hall (" . . . the wedding which was rather formal."), Caroline at school in New London and homesick

Sister (Miss Almira A. Lord, c/o Mr Guild, Newport RI) fr Daniel (Daniel M. Lord, Boston) 25 June 1837; urges Almira to leave position at school at end of term due to "present compensation" and write to Mr. Bowen, asking for \$50 raise

Brother (Rev. Daniel M. Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Newport) 14 July 1837; in answer to above letter, ". . . the Committee have helpt me in suspense until today the last day of the quarter. They have treated me mean enough. I could not experience the same unpleasant feelings another quarter for all the money in their treasury. I wrote them a note as politely as I could much the same as you dictated. Not one word did I hear from them. They know I should dismiss the school today unless they come to some conclusion. They then sent me my quarters salary commencing from the 4th April the day I came to Newport . . . Saying they would give me 325 per year. Mr. Guild had reduced his board 2-50 per week leaving me 200 a year. . . Mr. Dumont has felt badly for me. He himself saw the committee told them I was not to be trifled with. . . Mr. And Mrs. Guild have treated me with great kindness. I believe they really felt bad thinking I should leave . . ."

Rev. D.M. Lord (Lyme) fr Rogers? (Boston) 17 July 1837;
\$200 bequest of Mebzar? Whitten, Jr., of Kingston MA to
American Seamen Friends Society, events at the Bethel in
Daniel's absence, ship struck by lightning and burned,
description of fire in neighbor's house

Cousins S & H [Smith & Hannah perhaps] (Mr. J? Smith Lord,
Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Newport) 5 August 1837; taking
vacation from school "this month", will take boat for Lyme

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel (Boston) 25 August
1837; mother's health, vacation, ". . . Mr. Guild has taken
a bundle of stocking yarn which I believe Deborah Gillet
gave me for you . . . Olivia Flynt is dead. She died very
suddenly while sitting, last Saturday morning, at the
breakfast table. . .", Mr. Campbell preaching at
Newburyport and will probably go to Shelter Island for a
few weeks, re settling uncle's estate

Sister (Almira A. Lord, c/o William Guild, Newport) fr
Daniel (Boston) 8 September 1837; mother's health, ". . . I
hope Mr. Dumont approved of my preaching to his people on
the subject of Seamen. . .", intent to visit "the Cape"
[Cape Cod?], settling uncle's estate

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr
Almira A. Lord (Newport) 9 September 1837; carriage ride
from Norwich to Lyme and boat, return to teaching

Cousin H (Mrs. Hannah W. Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr
Almira A. Lord (Newport) 26 September 1837; health of mother
and family members

Friend (Miss Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr Nancy W. Everett
(Worcester) 23 October 1837 (on same paper as below);
Maternal Association meeting, Mr. Peabody's sermon, moved
with children to new small house, father and sister board
with her

On same piece of paper

Rev'd Mr. Lord fr Anna (on same paper as above); visit from
Mr. Thayer, Thomas in a Book? (Mssrs Dorr & Howland), out
of school due to health, now studying astronomy and
philosophy

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr brother (Daniel, Boston) 8
Nov 1837; travel, preaching, upcoming marriage, ". . . I am
glad that you wrote to Mr. Guild & resigned your school. .
.", took stage to Norwich, ". . . I got a buffalo's skin &

wrapped myself in it and seated myself alone in the carriage. . . You know that journeying always agrees with me. . . I have got through preaching in the churches of this city on the subject of Seamen. . .", will give speech at New Bedford Port Society. . . I have been at Chatham. Had a pleasant visit. The whole business is settled. Eliza is to be your sister. I think you had better tell mother. It is probable that we shall be married in February. . . I wish, my sis, you would write her. You know her name. Eliza Ann Hardy, Chatham, Mass. She would be glad to receive a letter from you. You will love her - she is a good natured & affectionate girl."

Friend (Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr Eliza Ann Hardy (Chatham) 9 December 1837; received letter, re upcoming marriage to Daniel M. Lord

Almira A. Lord (Lyme) fr Maria? G? Packard (Newport) 28 December 1837; has taken Almira's place at school, ". . . He (Mr. Guild) wishes me to ask if you would be willing to come here in the spring and open a private school for young ladies. . . and says if you will, the place shall be reserved for you. . . "; visit from 2 phrenologists

Handwritten bequests: "A list of articles of Dress given by Mrs. Julia M. Lord as her dying bequests to her friends . . .", mostly clothes to various friends and relatives including her sister Almira Lord, sister Mary, sister Hannah W. Lord, friend H. Thomson, her mother, her grandmother, aunt Bartlett, Elizabeth G. Bartlett, aunt Lydia, uncle Ely, aunt Ely, Lucinda Austin, Esther Ely, Mrs. Philips, Mrs. Burnam, etc.

10 22 Daniel Lord, letters 1838 [Daniel's 2nd marriage; school at Newport; birth of Daniel's daughter]

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr brother Daniel (Boston), 1 March 1838 (on same page as below); visit from Mrs. Kennedy who is unable to find employment, ". . . It is thought best by some of our friends that she should give her child to the 'childrens friend society' and have it brought up in a good & Christian manner, but I fear she will not consent to that. . . ", marriage, ". . . On the 7th of last month the event (marriage) took place, which made me once more a husband . . . I trust you will find her a sister whom you can love as you did our dear departed Julia. . . "

On same piece of paper

Almira A. Lord fr Eliza (on same paper as above)

Miss Lord (Almira Lord, Lyme) fr E. Messings? (Dedham) 7 March 1838; school, Mr. Dumont, brothers marriage, etc.

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 14 March 1838; Mr. Dumont assures him Almira assured room and board for school and \$50 per quarter for 6 months and urges her to accept offer; Danial sees only 2 objections to the offer, 1) climate not good for her health, 2) find out she is expected to teach, can study herself, ". . . You know the people at Newport are not very intelligent. At least that is rather my opinion. . .", apparently she is in Stonington at this time, Mrs. Kennedy has found employment (son George is not with her)

Miss A.A. Lord (Boston) fr William Guild (Newport) 29 March 1838; offers teaching position @ \$50 per quarter, subjects include ancient & modern geography, ancient & modern history, botany & chemistry, natural philosophy, algebra & geometry; ". . . Mr. Dumont says, 'Teach all you know!'"

Mother, Cousin S & H, Aunt H, and E (John S. Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Boston) 9 April 1838 (on same paper as below); traveling from New London to Stonington to Boston, Daniel very well, Almira will accept Newport teaching job, ". . . "and as I am a minister's sister they seem to think I must know something. Alas, how deceived - well I expect they will find me out . . ."

On same piece of paper

Dear Mother [in law] fr E.B. Lord (on same paper as above); family

Miss A.A. Lord fr William Guild (Newport) 14 April 1838; pleased to know Almira will return to teach in Newport, she should arrive by May 2

Cousin (Almira A. Lord, c/o Mr. Dumont, Newport) fr Hannah (Lyme) 9 May 1838; Almira's mother "feeble", ". . . At mother's they have all from mother & Elizabeth down to Angelina had what is termed 'the rash' which had made them all sick more or less, and at present I am about half sick myself with the same disease. . . ", her children Henry and Frederick are well, Mother Brown spent about 20 days with them, ". . . Elizabeth has not gone to New York as we hoped she would with sister Mary. We urged and talked and she went so far as to pack her clothes for going and then would not make up her mind to go. You know she is inclined to look on the dark side and in this case she did very much

fearing she should be sick &c, &c.", death of cousin Hallock Gillet's wife, marriage of cousin Noah Jones to woman named Hollock

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Almira (Newport) 12 May 1838; Eliza's (Daniel's wife) acquaintances in Boston "first in society - real aristocracy", Daniel busy with Seaman's Friends Society, Mrs. Kennedy's son George died, "We attended the funeral and saw his little coffin deposited in the Infants Tomb in the city.", Cousin Hallock's wife died, Noah married, teaching, room with Mrs. Packard, teach 15 "young ladies", boards with Mr. Guild, "I felt rather bad the first [?] day, the young ladies came dressed as if they had come to a party - some with their gold watches - but laying aside their external appearance they do not know any more than I do - with a previous preparation I hope to be able to get along without any embarrassment", fire at house of Mr. Rawley

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 25 May 1838; plan to visit Almira in Newport, then to Lyme, then to Mouron? To visit father & mother Brown, etc.

Sister (Almira A. Lord, c/o Wm. Guild, Newport) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 25 May 1838 (on same page as below); Eliza's health [possibly morning sickness] "But I am more than half inclined to believe that she is [sic] some notion of making you an aunt one of these days.", "I had a letter from father Brown making some inquiries about our Shelter Island affairs. He is going to attend to them."

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Sister (Almira A. Lord) fr E.A. Lord [Eliza] (on same page as above); family news

Almira A. Lord (c/o Gould, Newport) fr cousin Emily (Patchogue) 26 July 1838; family news; "Fathers family are all well he is carrying on great business. The place is so altered you would hardly know it. John lives at home and takes charge of the shipyard."; "There has been quite a revival of religion here."; "Mr. Gillet has not been on the island since the death of his wife."; H.W married Conklin; Hiram Tuthill married to Lorra Davis who died 2 weeks ago, "Thus you see he has married 3 sisters and is a widower now."

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Almira (Newport) 30 July 1838; family health; Noah married to Adelia Hallock, lives with his grandmother; Capt. & Mrs. Jones son taking charge of the shipyard; doubts if she will continue at the school, "I have my doubts as to the school sustaining itself longer unless the teachers should teach French - Then the tuition would more than double to the English. About half of the girls are now taking French lessons - a gentleman comes in the school three times a week to hear recitations."

Miss Almira A. Lord (Newport RI) fr sister-in-law Eliza A. Lord (Chatham MA) 13 Aug 1838; Eliza in poor health; Almira's mother in better health than expected but quite frail; Hannah "quite ill"; Daniel probably will return to Boston but Eliza will stay in Chatham until Sept; Daniel, Mr. Rogers & Nathan? Alpheus "have gone a sporting today. . . they do enjoy it. . . They look like anything but ministers and a Boston merchant. It is such healthy exercise. . ."

Almira A. Lord (c/o Wm. Guild, Newport) fr brother Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 20 Aug 1838; "I am sorry to see by your letter that you are discouraged and that you attribute the falling off of the number of your scholars to your incompetency to teach them. . . I am satisfied that it is very doubtful whether a select school of young ladies, [?] who will teach it, can be sustained in Newport [sic]. The fact is, the people there do not feel sufficiently the necessity of education to sustain one. And since that is the case, you or any other teacher ought not to take it for granted that the fault is in themselves because such a school does not flourish. I agree with you however that it will be best that you should not continue unless there should be a considerable addition to your school, which I should not think is very probably. . ."; Daniel will look for another school; Almira should visit their mother; re where Almira will live next winter if not in Newport; mentions Aunt Hallock, Brother Rogers, "Ellen quite ill with the spinal complaint", letter from Father Brown re division of property [Shelter Island?], etc.

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o John Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel (Boston) 21 Aug 1838; spent 10 days at Eliza father's [Chatham?] with "brother Roger and one of Eliza's brothers . . . The time was chiefly occupied in fishing and gunning [sic]. You may perhaps say, it is rather a queer [sic] business for clergymen to be engaged in, but I

don't know why ministers may not gun & fish as well as other men. . ."; Mr Rogers daughter "has the spinal complaint.", etc.

Almira A. Lord (Newport, "My dear Miss Lord") fr Eunice Messingen? (Dedham) 10 Sept 1838; re friendship, school, etc. [nearly illegible]

Almira A. Lord (Newport) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 24 Sept 1838; (on same piece of paper as below from Eliza); ". . . Next month is the time of visiting the churches in this city and for taking up the annual collections on behalf of our Society [Seamans Friend Society?]. I have a sermon to prepare on the occasion."; very busy, "But it is all right. I have made up my mind that I must be driven through this world. You know I am always in a hurry."; death of cousin Elizabeth Lord [Smith's only sister]; mother visited Esther Miner and Uncle Daniel Miner

On same piece of paper

Almira A. Lord fr Eliza Lord (Boston) 24 Sept 1838 (on same piece of paper as above); family health [almost illegible]

Cousin H (Mrs. Hannah W. Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Newport) 15 Oct 1838; re death of Elizabeth; Almira's school to close Oct 19

Almira A. Lord (Lyme) fr brother Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 15 Nov 1838 (on same piece of paper a below from Eliza); re death of Elizabeth & Smith, remembering deaths of other family & friends in Lyme, "I remember the graves of Uncle Peter Lord, of that of his son Peter, of that of Sarah, & now those of Elizabeth & Smith"; "I suppose Hannah will not think of making Lyme her home after the affairs of her husband shall have been arranged. Her house must now be desolate and her children can be better schooled & provided for in Monson & almost anywhere else than in Lyme."; invites Almira to live with them; "Hannah must have her hands full and we can not expect that she can do for her [their mother] as she would if God had spared her Eliza]; affairs on Shelter Island not so favorable

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Almira A. Lord from Eliza (on same piece of paper as above); family

Almira A. Lord (Lyme) fr Maria G. Packard (Newport) 18 Nov 1838; condolences; events since Almira left; Miss DWolf and Martha intend to go to Cuba "if a vessel sails from this place."; "Our Sewing Circle has quite revived of late, but

I do not know how long it will continue to flourish thus, at the two last meetings there have been nearly 30 ladies present and several gentlemen. Last week we met at Mrs. Dumont's to sew for her."; activities at school, many people ask after Almira.

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Brookhaven) 14 Dec 1838; writing from her aunt's (Dorcas's sister); arrived from Patchogue from cousin Emily's house; "I arrived here last evening from Patchogue where I found cousin Emily keeping house and was most cordially received by her as well as Aunt Hallock."; "I found aunt as comfortable as I expected. Noah is married and lives with her and has a little daughter. He appears very happy in his new relation appears quite like his father. Emily is pleasantly situated. . ."

Cousin Almira (A. Lord, Brookhaven, LI) fr, Hannah W. Lord (Lyme) 23 Dec 1838; father returned from the island (Shelter Island?); "As to matters there, he thinks it very doubtful whether anything can be obtained as your portion. They brought forward testimony to prove that Uncle Samuel said he intended they should have all the property. It is not yet known what the decision of the referees will be about allowing their bill which you know takes nearly all the estate. He thinks the people of the Island are mostly in favor of the old women."; "Hope yet we may be favored with a revival of new religion. Cousin Emeline Royce is quite anxious we think. Joseph of course is deeply interested for her conversion."; Mary & Phebe Ely visited last week; lonely since death of husband

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 24 Dec 1838; birth of daughter "weighing only about five pounds.", "It would have been gratifying to me had it been a boy that it might have taken the place & the name of my cherub Henry. But it is all right. I trust I feel thankful for the gift."; Aunt Philema visiting her (Dorcas)

11 16 Daniel Lord, letters 1839-1849 [Birth of Daniel's daughter Harriet, Dorcas to Boston; Almira's marriage]

Miss L. (Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr Maria G. Packard (Newport) 15 Feb 1839 and to "dear A." from Roxbury 25-26 April 1839; apologies for not writing; health, sick; "Mr. And Mrs. Wells are very pleasant good people, a little awkward, as they have never been into society much, but she

is not contented in Newport & has probably lefty before this time. She has not met her expenses since she has been there & it will be pretty difficult I think for any to do so. She pays \$3.50 a week for board an has a room in the attic. Extra charges for washing. Mr. Hammond has been to see me once since I came home & I was very glad to see him tho he has some peculiarities. I like [him?] better than any other person I became acquainted with in Newport."; plans to spend summer visiting her & her husband's relatives in Maine

Mother (Dorcas Lord, c/o Mrs. Hannah W. Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 1 March 1839; daughter to be baptized next Sunday; death of Dr. Ely's daughter Esther; death of "grandmother Brown"

Sister (Almira A. Lord c/o Mrs. Hannah W. Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 20 March 1839; mother has to move to aunt Hetty's before moving in with Daniel; "You will therefore have to make all the arrangements necessary as to where she [mother] is to board & the price of board. I think one dollar & half a week will be enough for the summer, but if you have to give more it will be very well. Our mother must have a home where she can have everything necessary for her comfort, let it cost which it will. I think you had better see Aunt H. immediately & know whether she will board her until the first of September when I hope, if it is the will of the Lord, we shall be permitted to dwell altogether. If she will take her, she will oblige me greatly. As to yourself if you think we can remain in Lyme with our mother till autumn it would undoubtedly afford Mother much enjoyment & pleasure. . . I will settle with aunt H. for the board of you both, only make as good a bargain as you can. In case aunt H cannot board Mother perhaps cousin Sarah Gillet will be willing to take her. . ."; Eliza and daughter Harriet sick; Mrs. Packard very sick

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme CT) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 19 April 1839; mother aunt's[?] home; thanks Almira for helping mother; Daniel very busy; Brother Roger(s?)'s wife in Leomeister with dying family member (mother or grandmother), son William is with a wet nurse; Daniel to perform wedding ceremony for Betsy (sister of Eliza) in Chatham; Eliza & little Harriet will probably stay in Chatham for summer, ". . . the Cape air will do something towards restoring her."; Mr(s?) Rowley moved to Charleston, SC

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme CT) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 11 May 1839; re death of 2 children of cousin Franklin & Catherine; Uncle Gillet near death; apparently Almira had confided in Daniel about a man whom she might marry, Daniel advises her on finding out "moral character" of prospective husband

Sister (in-law) Almira A. Lord (Lyme) fr Eliza (Chatham) 27 May 1839; Hannah pregnant? ("She [Hannah] knows she must bring a child into the world fatherless.")

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme CT) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 19 June 1839; visited Chatham; "Things in my congregation are prospering."; Eliza still not fully recovered from childbirth; infant Hatty healthy; "I feel that the time is approaching fast when, if our lives are spared, you & mother will be the inmates[?] of our family. Unless indeed you should conclude that a certain gentleman should need your society. Should this be the case, I suppose we shall have to consult your happiness & yield to your wishes. It seems, however, he is not as [?] as most widowers, but I suppose he is one of the cautious kind. Well, that is all in his favour. Does he talk of making you a visit? Or how does he make love! When things assume a serious aspect if you will let me know, I will write Mr. Atwater, his minister, and learn what he has to say of him. I like your ideas on this subject as well."; will attend the General Association of Ministers of Massachusetts in Plymouth next week; will visit Chatham again; Mrs Rogers still in Leominster with Ellen; Mr. Rogers and Daniel board together at Rev. Mr. Bliss (19 Somerset St.)

Aunt & Cousins (Mrs. Mahitable Lord (Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Boston) 8 Nov 1839 (on same paper as below); in new home; details of journey to Boston; "Our goods have not arrived and we are occupying Eliza's parlor chamber. I think after a few weeks we shall feel quite at home."; Eliza's health poor, her sister staying with her, "Our family consists of seven individuals - one girl in the kitchen - thus you perceive we number one more than when with you."; re bills

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Mrs. Mahitable Lord fr Daniel M. Lord (on same piece of paper as above); re money owed for items purchased for mother

Aunt & Cousins (Mrs. Mahitable Lord (Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Boston) 11? Jan 1849 (on same paper as below);

furniture arrived; "I am attending a course of day lectures upon Geology by Professor Silliman of New Haven which is very interesting. The course consists of twelve lectures to afternoons a week. . . The church and the Seamens Friend Society have a deep claim upon his [Daniel's] attention."; Eliza's health improved; mentions cousin Carry, cousin Catharine, Caroline; refers "confidential affairs" (possibly potential engagement) and visit from Mr. T [Trubee?]

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[Aunt & Cousins] from Daniel M. Lord (on same piece of paper as above); enclosed \$17

Aunt & Cousins (Mrs. Mehitable Lord (Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Boston) 11 March 1840 (on same piece of paper as below); sick, getting prescriptions from doctor; received Caroline's letter who may go to school in Norwich or New London; received letter from Esq. Gardiner of Shelter Island with news of death of Aunt Hannah Lord " . . . and requested us to come in and see Aunt Polly thinking by thus doing it might soften all hard feelings that had previously existed."; Daniel visited Polly or a week, who was "very glad to see him but unwilling to be advised respecting the property."; re Seamen's Friend Society "There is quite an interesting feeling upon the subject of religion in many churches in this city. The Mariners church brother thinks feel quite deeply."

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[Aunt & cousins] from Daniel M. Lord (on same paper as above); Aunt Hannah ". . . died in a fit the last of July. . . She was undressing herself to go to bed when she remarked in a hasty manner to her sister, 'Do look at me. See how I look.' & immediately fell down and died. Aunt Polly was alone with her in the chambers and only a foolish fellow and a hired girl in the house."; re renewed interest in religion in Boston "All the evangelical denominations are very much awakened. In all of them there are those who recently hope they have been form of God, and very many are inquiring what they shall do to be saved."; 600 attended prayer meeting; "Mother is anxious to learn who is to take care of Uncle Daniel Miner when Dr. Miner leaves Lyme."

Cousin (Angelina H. Lord, c/o Francis Griffiin, Milington, Hamburgh PO, Lyme) fr Daniel Miner Lord (Boston) 1 July 1840; thanks Angelina for her letter to Aunt Dorcas; Miss Esther Miner died; Almira & Daniel went to Shelter Island when Hannah Lord died, Almira still there; Aunt Polly sick and probably will not get well, "Almira is compelled to

remain there (Shelter Island) to take charge of the things." Caroline & Sarah at school; "W are going to break up house keeping for a few weeks because I have to be absent on Shelter Island. Mother & Eliza will board out of town while I am gone and we shall shut up our house in the city."; "I suppose that you and your mother are still with your brother Francis & Sister Mary. . . And if you should see your grandfather & grandmother Gillett & Uncle Franklin & Aunt Catherine & Cousin Sarah Gillett & indeed all the cousins. . ."; "Almira wrote me that he (Mr. Trubee] had been on to the Island to see her, but I can't tell when they are going to be married. Indeed I don't know whether they will be very quick."; religious revival in Boston

Aunt & Cousins (Mrs. Mehetable Lord (Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Fairfield) 24 June 1841; "I believe I told you I was boarding at Father Trubee. We still continue [?] furnish our own room and find my new relatives very kind and affectionate."; re death of Aunt Hallock (on Shelter Island?)

Aunt (Mrs. Mehitable Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 23 May 1842; "We have been truly afflicted iin the loss our dear boy. His sickness & death was very unexpected. He died of the brain fever & was sick only four days. He was our idol."; Mrs. Lord's (Eliza?) health poor; Almira and husband and mother residing on Shelter Island, "Neither Mr. Trubee or Almira like Shelter Island as a place of residence."; religious revival in Boston

Aunt & cousins (Mrs. Mehitable Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A (Lord) Trubee (Shelter Island) 15 Sept 1845; mother has died (years ago); Almira and family planning visit to Lyme

Cousin (Miss Harriet A. Lord (Angeline?), Lyme) fr Almira A. (Lord) Trubee (Bridgeport) 25 Aug 1848; Sarah's marriage; heard from cousin Erastus A. Lord; Cousin Sarah in Brooklyn; children Samuel L. and Almira have grown; "My brother and family were here? A short time since and reside on Shelter Island."

Cousin Angie (Harriet Angeline Lord?) fr Almira A. (Lord) Trubee (Bridgeport) 4 April 1849; death of son by "croup of a malignant kind. The inflammation was in the windpipe where medicine could not reach. We had three skillful physicians to attend him. All was done that human skill and [?] but vain was the help of Man - his time had come, his days on earth were numbered. The parting [?] came, the

imploring look for parental aid with expressions of 'dear father carry me, dear mother take me' can never be obliterated from my memory – he breathed his last, his peaceful [?] – still lovely in death was before us."

Group III Lord sisters: Carrie, Sarah, Angie (folders 12-

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Dear and Beloved Child (Miss Phebe C. Lord, c/o Miss Abby Wood, New London) fr Mehetabel Lord (Lyme) 7 July 1837; ". . . I think of going to Grassyhill tomorrow to see Mrs. Gillet in her Affliction for truly it is great her little Daughter Sarah had just got well enough to walk without crutches when she fell and broke her leg and now her recovery is thought doubtful. . ."; Jane Bill to be married this afternoon

Dear Caroline (Phebe C. Lord, New London) fr Mehetabel Lord ("your affectionate mother"; Lyme) 18 July 1837; Caroline may stay another quarter at school; Sarah Gillet getting better "although she cannot move herself nor sit up any yet."; "Brother Franklin has cut his knee quite bad it has mostly confined him to his bed for two weeks. . ."; ". . . as it regards your attending the sowing (sic.) society I have no objection . . ."

My Dear Friend (J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr [O.A.] Gill (Baltimore) 8 Aug 1837; re dividend; re A. Franklin accident

Dear and beloved Daughter (probably Phebe Caroline) fr Mehitabel Lord (Lyme) 16 Sept 1837; ". . . as it regards your getting a bag I wish you to get one that you will be pleased with although I suppose that cannot be a very expensive one for the want of funds. I have felt much anxiety about you since I received your letter because you say you feel so little like doing anything if so I fear you are unwell or do not enjoy yourself and why do you keep us so long in suspense. . . Aunt D has yet (got?) to be quite comfortable and brother F [Franklin] is in better health but his knee he thinks is no better. . ."

Caroline and Sarah fr Mehetable Lord (Lyme) 22 May 1840 (on same page as below); ". . . your Sister Hanna & her father came here yesterday. . ."; ". . . how do you get to school this cold stormy weather I wonder"
On same piece of paper

Dear Sisters fr H.N.L. (Hannah N. Lord?) 22 May 1840 (on same paper as above); ". . . I saw Aunt Dorcas a few weeks since & she desired(?) much love and often exclaimed 'how I wish Sarah & Angeline were here to go with you about Boston and see all the curiosities'..."

My dear children fr Mehetable Lord (Millington) 5 Aug 1840; re their school "I fear you will both get sick by studying so hard. I think you did wrong not to relinquish your Geography."; ". . . I have been quite sick for two weeks past I was taken with the head-ache supposed it was the sick head-ache but after a day or two I could get no relief. I sent for Doct. Brockway he came & said it was a Bilious attack he gave me a potion of Calomel which relieved my head but from some cause it produced a sore mouth that lasted a week and was very tedious. I am so much better now. . ."; ". . . Cousin Sarah is still with us. . . Mary Eliza has been sick today. . . her mother's health is better although she is not able to do but little more than take care of her babe which has grown very fat and as good natured as ever . . . "

Madam (Mrs. Mahettable Lord, c/o B.F. Gillet, Lyme) fr O.A. Gill (Baltimore) 14 Jany 1841; re interest declared for 1840 on Merchants Bank stock, etc.

Dear Anna (Mrs. Mehetable Lord, Lyme) fr Sade Lord 1841?; re school, "I have had to study very hard, since I have returned so that I do not have any time to do anything else. Sometimes we go to the Academy immediately after breakfast and study till half past 12 and then go again immediately after dinner and stud till 6 o'clock though we do not generally stay as late as that...; "I will . . . tell you about a Sail we have had - one Saturday afternoon when it was hottest Thomas and Oliver, the two school masters, invited Caroline and Catherine and myself to take a sail - We Sailed up the river for 4 miles and landed at a beautiful place in the woods - we wandered about awhile in the cool shade and then set off home & Catherine and I took care of the 'Gib stays' and learned all about managing a boat. I can assure you we think we are adepts in the art..."

Dear Anna (Angelina H. Lord, North Lyme) fr sister Sarah, 22 Sept 1841; attended lecture "from one of the reformed drunkards", re signing "the pledge", "Catherine signed the pledge but I thought I would not as I had signed two already. Catherine goes to Mr. Dimon's school an like him

very much. . ."; "This morning I arose at five o'clock and took a walk as usual but who do you think I had for a companion - I will describe her to you and see if you can guess. She was dressed in deep mourning; had grey eyes and wore Whiskers - I talked to her all the way but she did not say anything to me though she would often take my hand in both of hers and kiss it with great tenderness - Give it up - Miss Pussy cat - an entire stranger to me - I have not got my accordion fixed yet. . ."

Miss Caroline Lord fr S? H. Mathewson, 12 Aug 1841; with braided lock of hair & poem; "'Accept this trifle much esteemed friend/ Depicts it has to beauty cant pretend/ Thy candid eye will kindly [?] all/ Nor slight this tribute though it be but small'/ sincerely L.H. Mathewson, August 12th/ 41./ P.S. Adieu dear Cally - May we meet again ere long"

Miss Sarah W. Lord (New London) fr mother Mehetable Lord (Baltimore) 23 Sept 1841; re arrival in Baltimore; Mr. Gill in New York

Dear Coz (Miss S. Wade Lord, Lyme) fr Joe[?] Gillet (Baltimore) 18 Oct 1841; sent her music; "Be assured Cousin that the memory of those evening walks will be a sweet melancholy and the retrospection of your many kindnesses towards me when at Lyme will be like the memory of joys that are fled. . ."

Dearest Coz (Miss Sarah W. Lord, Lyme) fr J[?] E. Gillet (Baltimore) 19 & 24 Nov 1841; asking her to correspond, . . . "but write as to your most intimate friend your cousin . . . to one who would overlook any imperfections that haste might occasion. . ."; attended lecture at Mercantile library association by Professor Eames; received letter from Carrie; "Mother received a letter from that interesting little Sister Rose."

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Dearest Cousin (Miss Sarah W. Lord, Lyme) fr Joseph Gillet (Philadelphia) 8 March 1842; written in reply to her letter thanking him for sending the music; refers to "My Dear, little, interesting, Sister, Rose!"

Cousin Sarah (Sarah Lord, Lyme, Hamburg) fr George P. Lord (New York c/o a. Tappan & Co., 122 Pearl St.) 15 March 1842; George has sister whose name is Sarah; "But, let me

ask, has cousin Sarah given her heart to the savior?"; ". . . with a view to urge upon you the importance of becoming a Christian now that I write this letter . . ."; ". . . "Oh that I could persuade my cousins in Lyme to give themselves to Jesus Christ now, to prepare for death now, my heart is pained to see how few of them profess to love my Savior. Let not my cousin Sarah be any longer among the number of those who do not profess religion. . ."; "P.S. I sent the same earnest entreaties to cousin Angeline. . ."

Mrs. Mehitable Lord (Lyme) fr N. Willis for Wm? A. Parker (Boston) 23 Apr? 1842; printed notice that her account for "Youth's Companion" is in arrears, the paper sent was returned

Cousin Carry (Miss Caroline Lord, c/o Mrs. Peter Lord, Lyme) fr Cousin Rose [possibly Rose Gillet] (Baltimore) 25 Jany 1843; ". . . I have forgotten almost all of my Yankee phrases, I can only think of two they are pillow-bier and flat, I did not think I should forget them so soon. When I first came home Almira did nothing but laugh at me for talking so fast. What do you think there was a young lady that wanted Almira to bring me to her house to hear me talk don't you think that was insulting my dignity at a great rate. . ."; Joseph spending short time in Baltimore; Martin fell down the stairs at school, broke his arm, fractured some bones, painful when doctor set it; ". . . I go to Mr. Prince's school now but one comfort is I don't expect to go much longer. I have been sitting up stairs all this evening by myself very quietly except the little boys snoring, in the next room and you know that is a great annoyance, and Almira playing on the piano down stairs is it not enough to annoy me."

Sister Sarah (Sarah W. Lord, Lyme) fr [sister in law] Hannah W. Lord (Monson) 15 April 1843; "Your letter awakened a strain of 'painfully pleasing' emotions in my breast, for you touched a chord which vibrates long and [?] when you address me as 'sister'. Well it is true then that I live in the affections of the family of my departed husband? Yes! Though the connecting link is broken and dissolved in death. . ." illness of her 2 children?; mentions Francis & Mary (her children?); mentions Frederic & Samuel (children?); ". . . Were I to adopt the sentiment of the [? Milleriks ?] however, I should not expect the earth to remain long. Some of our weak minded people here are confident in the belief that the end of the world is at hand, and make no provision for their families save from

day to day. But we look for better things. Do any follow this delusion with you? How do you prosper under the care of Mr. Burdock? Do the people remain satisfied with him? . . ."; read in newspaper of Phebe's marriage; ". . . My house & I am informed is sold, and probably you have some new neighbors. . . You must not expect me to bring the children with me if I do come. . . How goes temperance in Lyme? . . ."

Dear Madam (Mrs. Mehetible Lord, Lyme) fr Henry M. Waite (Lyme) 1 Dec 1843; [entire letter] "Herewith I send you Capt Moore's Bond to Mortgage to secure the payment of the rent due & payable to you, together with a deed of assignment from me. This, I believe, will make you perfectly safe -/ If you find the documents, all right, I wish you to sign the release upon the back of the enclosed lease, and return the same to me by the first safe opportunity -/ If you will, Mr. Bill will explain the writings to you, and give you any information upon the subject, which you may wish. -/ Respectfully yours &c/ Henry M. Waite"

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Dear Mother (Mrs. Mehittable Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah, n.d.; [entire letter] "As I have an opportunity of writing by Mrs. Lord I believe I shall avail myself of it, in writing a few lines presuming that they will not be unwelcome. I have been very sick, I think, for I do not remember of ever being so sick before - I had the Mumps very hard, and was sick as I was last winter but I am now much better and Mrs. Chappell says if I do not get cold she thinks I shall get along very well and I think so too. I have not pretty much over the Mumps but I do not feel as if I could go to school very soon. I have not been down stairs to eat since Tuesday noon -/ I have not been home sick though I have wished a great many times, since I have been sick, I could be at home - I cannot stay to write any more as I fear Mrs. Lord will be along - Give my love to A[?]/ Yours Affectionately / Sarah"

Sarah fr Lucretia (Baltimore) 1 Feb 1844; ". . .I suppose it is know (sic.) use for me to ask you if Carrie is [married], for if Mr. Seldon is as attentive as he used to be I expect he has popped [sic.] the question byfor [sic.] this. If she has not I pity the courtship. Does she allow [sic] you to come in the room or does she have it all to her self. But reallly [sic] I don't think I could bring

myself to say Cousin Joseph. But perhaps I am on the wrong track it is some one else. I must stop this nousence [sic]. Don't let Aunt see this or else she will think I am a bigger fool that I used to be. Sister Eliza has moved to the country in the most beautiful and romantic place ever I was in in the course of my existence which has not been very long. We have moved out Lexington street a little below where sister Eliza lived when Carrie was here opposite to Feast[?] garden . . ."; ". . . Almira has been taken [sic] lessons on the Piano and is learning to sing. . . "Martin and George are gone to boarding school up in New Windsor about thirty miles from Baltimore. You do not know what an elegant time we would have if it was not for Oliver[?] he stays at our house to go to school but he goes home every Friday evening and comes back on Monday morning so we have two days quiet. . ."; ". . . when you or any of you write to me direct your letters to Lucretia Gillet not Rosalva as I have assumed that name lately. . ."

Dear Angie (addressed to Miss Sarah Lord, c/o Mrs. Peter Lord, Lyme) fr Lucretia [Gillet] (Baltimore) 2 Feb 1844; sister Isabel has a little girl; ". . . There has been a great many persons asked me if I should like to go back to Lyme. I always tell them yes indeed, and then they seem so much surprised. They have got the idea that it is such a dreary place. But I do not know where they got it from for they know that I enjoyed myself so much while I was their [sic]. . ."

Dear sisters (Miss Sarah W. Lord, Lyme) fr Hannah (Monson) 1 April 1844; re religious/spiritual revival; remembers Leander, Erastus & Samuel; on Sept 3 her mother in frail health "was seized with violent hemorrhage of the lungs which in a short time prostrated her on the bed and to which she was confined almost entirely for three months. . . Her nerves suffered exceedingly. Shortly after her attack Frederic was brought down by a slow fever, and rendered helpless for a number of weeks. We had serious apprehensions of a decline, he was so long in rallying. But by degrees he has regained is more than usual health and I am happy to say is now extremely well. Laura Hitchcock, a cousin of mine who had been with us some two or three years, and of whom I presume you recollect of having heard, was with us at the time. Mother & Fredy were both so low but according to a previous arrangement she left us and entered S. Hadly Seminary the 1st of October. She was as well as usual when she left for ought I knew (though we have since learned that she was not) but suffice

it to say that immediately upon her reaching there she began to droop, and in six weeks from the time she left us, her corpse was brought here for interment. She was a beautiful girl of sixteen and the only daughter of her parents who themselves were far away on missionary ground. . . She now lies side by side with our dear sainted Julia peaceful in their silent slumber. . . Mother has bended slowly through the winter, though still an invalid. . ." heard from May Ely in Ohio; is cousin Joseph married

Cousin Carrie (Miss Caroline Lord, c/o Mrs Peter Lord, Lyme) fr Lucretia [Gillet?] (Baltimore) 9 Apr 1844?; ". . . How do you and Sarah come in Latin. I expect if you pursue it as earnestly as you did while I was there you will soon be able to read Virgil. I have not got up to that yet. . ." , etc

Miss Caroline Lord & Sisters (Lyme, Hamburg) fr D J Spencer (Clinton) 15 May 1844; ". . . you stated that your seraphone was out of tune. I am very sorry to hear is but am not much surprised & expected you was not, as I stated when I sold it to you that the Instrument was new & would probably want tuning in a few weeks. . ."; mentions instruction book

Mother (Mrs. Mehetabel Lord, Lyme) fr Sara (Norwich) 4 June 1844 (on same paper as below fr Angelina); Sarah & Angelina pleased with "our boarding place", "reconciled to ascending three flights of stairs to our room"; Angeline has "sick headache . . . but was well provided with medicines . . ."; "As to our school we have not been obliged to study anything we did not choose though Master Huntington urged me to take another study even that odious Botany which the whole school is mad after, but I refused with my usual firmness. He said it was not well for scholars to be without lessons to occupy them out of school but I gave him to understand I was an exception to the general rule and was fully competent to the taking care of myself. He is inclined to drive us considerably and it seems rather hard to study. I have not done anything of the kind so long but I think I shall get along. I do not find much time to sew and though I fear Carrie has rather a burdensome task in what we left for her to do I do not know when we should do it. . ."; religion & faith

On same piece of paper

Mother (Mrs. Mehetabel Lord, Lyme) fr Angelina (Norwich) 4 June 1844 (on same paper as above fr Sara); 5 services on the Sabbath and 1 during the week; ". . . How did Carrie

like her dress – dear girl, she will never have time to make it, for that great pile of dresses we left her to make. . . .”; “. . . by the way when you send that treasure box if you will put in an emery pin cushion, pen wiper, & some coarse knitting cotton for mending, with a pair of corsets for Sarah, all of which we very much need. . . .”; “. . . We did not get a Hymn book at the meeting house. If you do not want them all you may send us one. There is another Sarah Lord in Norwich & you must be sure to direct your letters to care of Mr. D.H. . . . ”

Dearest Sisters (Misses Lord) fr Carrie (Lyme) 12 June 1844; “I have not completed that ‘pile of dresses’”; “By the way, a certain friend of ours told me not long since, that ‘he had always thought us the most affectionate family he ever knew’”; “. . . I am so glad you are not ‘homesick at all’, you Angie, especially. When mother came home and said you were obliged to have a room away up in the attic I thought it would be very unpleasant for you and I think you will find it very warm by and by . . . for you know we always laugh at you for being such a cold body. . . I have not had time to make my own dress yet, but presume I shall very soon. You ask how I liked it! I admire everything but the price. . . .”; still looking for minister, Mr. Joseph Lord(?) “preached last Sabbath . . . I do not think he is a very sound preacher. He certainly advanced some sentiments, which did not seem to me ‘Bible’ and yet he appears like a very good man. . . .”; has a Sabbath school class, Elizabeth Brockway has the “Infant Class”; attended “the female prayer meeting”; sewing circle met last week; Mrs. Selden’s illness; “. . . Mother wants me to say a word or two about your studies. We think you, Sarah, had better divide your attention between Philosophy and botany. You have studied philosophy considerable, and I should think if they do not devote a great deal of time to it, you had better certainly. . . .”; “. . . I hope your dresses will suit you. . . .”

Dear girls (Miss Sarah W. Lord, c/o Mr. Dan Huntington, Norwich) fr Carrie (Lyme) 3-12 July 1844; re studies; friend has “just ‘experienced Religion. This was joyful news to me and I know it will be to you. . . .”; “. . . I bruised my limb so that it was quite painful and have been limping about since. . . .”; apologizes for a previous letter, “I fear a certain letter was a source of more sorrow than joy. Do not recollect what I wrote when I sent it. But I have an idea that I expressed but the feeling of the moment, and regretted the instant after,

both it & the letter were gone. . ."; ". . . Mrs. Murdock has visited Lyme. She seemed very much as she used to. She spent one day & night with us, and I did try quite hard to love her, but indeed she would not let me. Miss Ely says she is one of those persons whose worth will never be known or appreciated. . ."; had tea with Philip Morgan, wife & children; Mary Chunlund[?] school mate from New London married Mr. Bristol of young lawyer from New Haven; Eliza visiting now; received letter from cousin Esther Franklin.

Angie (Miss Angelina H. Lord/ c/o Mr D? Huntington, Norwich) fr sister Carrie (East Haddam) Friday morning [19? July 1844] (on same paper as below letter from Sarah); asks about cousin Daniel, Cousin Almira; "We heard sometime since that Mr. Trubee had sold his part of the house & farm on the Island (Shelter Island), and was going to leave. . . Why did not Cousin Daniel come to Lyme!"

On same piece of paper

Angie (Miss Angelina H. Lord/ c/o Mr D? Huntington, Norwich) fr sister Sarah (East Haddam) Friday morning [19? July 1844] (on same paper as above letter from Carrie); ride to brother's

Mrs. Mehitabel Lord (Lyme) fr M.S. Parker (Lyme) 26 Oct 1844; (entire letter) "Mrs. Lord/ Inclosed I send you twenty one dollars - I expect some money the last of this month (next week) and I will then let you have some more./ Respectfully your Friend/ M.S. Parker/ Lyme 26th October 1844"

Dear Ange (Miss Angelina Lord, Lyme) fr E.W. Huntington (Norwich?) Thursday [1844?]; (entire letter) "N Thursday [?]/ Dear Ange/ As the steamer[?] is waiting I have only time to say that we shall be glad to see you & your friend next term & Mr H can take both. Mary is at Plainfield. We are all well but dear Elisa Eaton has died since you left. We doubt not she is happier than here./ With much love to Sarah / your mother & sister - I'm/ Yours in haste/ E.W. Huntington"

Dear Angie (Angelina H. Lord, Norwich City) fr Carrie [1844?] (on same page as letter to Ellen from ? below); family visits and health

On same piece of paper

Dear Ellen fr ? [1844?] (on same page as above); mentions Betsey Maynard

Cousin (Miss Caroline Lord, c/o Mrs. Peter Lord, Lyme) fr Rose (Baltimore) 30 Jan 1845; ". . . I was very much surprised to hear that Cousin Sarah had gone back to school with Angie. I was very anxious for Mother to send me but she thought it was to [sic.] far and then I wanted to go down to Georgetown to Miss English but that was to [sic] far she would have sent me to Mrs. Phelps about ten miles from Baltimore but I did not wish to go their [sic] so I still go to Dr. Cleveland."; wants to go sleigh riding; Joseph comes home twice a year; Oliver visited in the summer; "Lorenzo has gone to Canton you cannot think how much we miss him. . . I wonder if he eats little dogs and cats like they do. I hope not. I do not think I could kiss him when he comes home."; "Sister Mary has another little girl."

Dear Caroline (Caroline P. Lord, Hamburg, New London) fr cousin P? Frank? (Penn Yan NY) 15 Feb 1845; Louise Raymond died; Deacon Peck? Married Betsey Brockway; "I hope to hear of another precious revival of religion. I wish I had some good news to write you my dear cousin but alas no - awful stupidity seems to prevail it is really alarming it is now three years since there has been a revival of religion in this Village it may with truth be said 'the ways of Zion move on because few come to her solemn feasts'. I have heard they were holding a protracted meeting at the Congregational Church also at the Methodist. Mr. Mahon the President of Oberlin College in Ohio is here. They hold meetings every evening. I have not been able to go out in almost two weeks took a severe cold in my face and throat was very sick for a few days."; snow storm; her brother's family - "Emma the oldest is spending the winter with her Aunt in Kinderhook. She is attending school and has just commenced taking lessons in Music."; Mrs. Ely Morgan ill; "Mrs. Josiah Morgan has a fine baby."; mentions Mrs. Reuben Lord, Mrs. Abel Lord, the widow Phebe Lord, Elizabeth Haydn; "Your sister Mary has another little girl and her name is Caroline. That is very nice. Our namesake of course."

Dear and respected friend (Miss Sarah Lord, Lyme) fr Aurelia McCall (Lebanon) 25 March 1845; "As I know nothing of your secular affairs I shall write on the subject which most concerns us, as an opportunity presents itself by Mrs. Bill. I hasten to improve it by saying I often look back upon the last moments we spent together with peculiar

interest, my health was very poor for about two months after I left school it is now good and hope you are enjoying the same blessing. I hope you are living in the enjoyment of religion and growing in grace continually. . . Revivals of Religion are exceedingly rare at the present..."

Dear Sisters (Miss P. Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah 7 April [1845]; mother's health, "Tuesday Morning she & I together opened her hand and it discharged matter enough to fill a teaspoonful as estimated, not measured - (How useful you would have been about that time!!). Since then it has not pained her very much or not a long while at a time. It continues to be swollen & the doctor thinks there is more matter to come from it. I wish it might come out at this place but I fear it will gather on the back of her hand. Last night when the doctor went from here he said if nothing happened, Mother would be able to go down stairs in a week. . . Mother's appetite is very good, quite ravenous . . . Mother has some directions to give concerning her garden - So be patient while you read. She says you must get a paper of 'early June peas' which with what she saved last year will be enough. You must get John to protect them effectually from the hens when he plants them. Also a paper of 'early turnip beets' and be sure & ^ not hve them planted too thick because if they are it will be labor in rain . . ."

Dear Sisters (Miss P. Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah (New London) 11 April 1845; (entire letter) "New London April 11th 1845/ My dear Sisters/ I arrived a Mrs Avery's at a half an hour after three o'clock and found Mother sitting in a chair looking quite comfortable. Dr. Perkins thinks the fever has broke and that she will get along very well. Mother says she feels very weak - We cannot tell when we shall come home./ In haste your affectionate Sister Sarah"

Dear Sisters (Miss P. Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah (New London) 13 April [1845]; (entire letter) "N London Monday April 13th/ My dear Sisters/ For fear you should expect us home today I write a few words to let you know that you had better not expect us till we come Saturday morning. Dr. P called to see Mother and said she was getting along so well she might be well enough to go home today if it was very warm and pleasant but afterwards she should him her hand and he thought he cold get out the needle by cutting through the skin. He did so but could not get it out though it was plain in sight but ordered it to be poulticed and thought it would come out itself now that it was

opened, the thick skin preventing it heretofore. It has however been extremely painful since but is now more easy and we hope near maturing when Dr. P thinks the needle will come out and as a consequence, 'the hand' get well — Owing to so much suffering in her hand she has not gained her strength as fast as she anticipated and is quite far from being well enough to return home at present. So you will not expect us at present and I hope not until you see with some though not a sufficient, degree of affection. I am your sister Sarah"

Dear Sisters (Miss P. Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah 16 April [1845]; (entire letter) "N. London Wed April 16/ Dear Sisters/ I presume any news from this quarter will be acceptable to you. Mother's hand matured Tuesday Morning and this morning I had the great pleasure of extracting with my thumb & first finger the vile needle from it. It continues however to be swollen & painful though not as much so as before. Dr. Perkins called again this morning and left some new prescriptions and said he thought the worst of it was over and it would get well after awhile. The extreme pain from her hand has reduced her strength so that she is not able to sit up more than half an hour at a time. Charlie does not board at the hotel. He stayed there the first night and the next morning was taken to Mr. Mattas[?] a neighbor of Mr. Avery's where Mrs. Avery thinks he will be well taken care of. My arm is almost entirely well. I can assure you I have not thought much about it. I wish I knew how you get along but I hope well. With much love to you I am your sister/ S Lord"

Dear Sisters (Miss P. Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah (New London) 21 April [1845]; mother's health, "Mrs. Avery thinks there is not quite so much heat & swelling her arm as there has been but until it discharges somewhere, either 'from the present orifice' as Doctr P styles it, or from some new one I suppose there is not much room for encouragement. . . I wish you could have an opportunity to send in her current jelly. If you should she wants, besides the other things she mentioned to you, her waistcoat, if you know what that means. She has interested herself about your washing and says you had better get Mrs. Edgecomb Beckwith to do it if you cannot find those things you missed when Mrs. Chappell washed. She says you can look in the lowest drawer of the desk in her sleeping-room for them. She says moreover if you can have a good opportunity she would like to have you send her 15 or 20 dollars though she is not in any immediate want of it. She

is supplied with cabbages for the present but how long she will need them we cannot tell. . . Angie, I am going up to Mrs. Chappell's to tell her the reason you do not come to school. Have you anything to say pro or con. . ."

Dear Sisters (Miss P. Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah 24 April [1845]; mother's health, "Mother does not think there is any encouraging symptoms in her hand as all the relief she gets is by means of Laudanum. Yesterday the pain was more severe and protracted than it has been for some time. Today she is more comfortable. Doctor Perkins came Tuesday and said her hand looked as well as he expected to see it. . . Mrs. Chappell & Kate have been to see her. . . If you should find any such golden opportunity in addition to those already on the list I want you to send Mother's extensive new linen handkerchief, towel it may be you call it, and a half handkerchief, such as gentlemen used to wear around their necks, which you will find in the lowest drawer but one in the desk in Mother's bed room, also my calico dress, the best pair of my corsets, my new white woolen stockings in my drawer in your bed room, and one or two pairs of knit cotton stockings if you can find any that belong to me & if not could not one of you lend me a pair? . . ."; Mr. Person to fix the well; Mr Lord to take care of horse; pay the "tax gatherer" & get receipt; "My teeth are grumbling pretty considerably about this time, sometimes quite savagely, just because Dr. Clomes? Put a little piece of india rubber between to separate them for a short time."; Mother is quite please with his (doctor's) prescriptions this time because he gave her something besides laudanum & brandy. He said there was another medicine she wanted but sometimes it was very difficult to obtain and that was 'Tincture of Patience'. Is there any out to Lyme? Doctor says he is not now afraid of lock-jaw or mortification but she is a sick woman and he is anxious about her but he wants her to keep up her courage and he thinks she will get well. . ."

Dear Sister (Miss Sarah Lord, c/o Mr. Thomas Avery, New London) fr Angie 25 April [1845]; mother's health, "I am afraid there is still another piece of the needle in her hand, though I do not profess to know much about it, nor can I make anyone else. Last Sabbath I got really faint trying to tell brother G about it. I am very sorry we cannot find an opportunity to send those things she wants. I think we ought to come in & bring them, but Charlie I am sorry to say has got the horse-distemper thought not very badly. . . Uncle Brown & Sis. Hannah, children have been

down. . . As to going to school I have not had much time to think about it much less prepare for it. Carrie has proposed getting someone to stay with her to [?] me off, but I can hardly agree to that – what do you think. We think we must hear from you more than once a week, if you cannot have time, to write do send a paper with a few words on it. . ."

Dear Sister (Miss Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah, 12 May [1845?]; mother's health improving, ". . . and today she has been down stairs and she had the hardihood even to step out onto the door stone in the porch. Counter to this I must say her hand has been rather more troublesome today. She is even trying the 'pain exercises(?)' in black silk the latter recommended by the doctor, the former an addition of her own. . ."; re summer bonnets, ". . . when you do come please bring me all the ribband on Angie's & my last summer bonnets. . ."

Mrs. Mahittable Lord fr Joseph Selden; nd, probably 1845; Joseph Selden asking Mrs. Lord's permission to marry her daughter Caroline (entire letter follows): "I should be tempted Mrs. Lord to lay aside the pen which I have taken as the medium of communication between us were I not aware that so doing would be a greater neglect of duty than merely the non-performance of a general rule of Etiquette. You undoubtedly – ere this – have been made acquainted with the object of my frequent visits at your house, during the last few months & it is perhaps owing to the uniform kindness which I have ever received at your residence that I have so long delayed the request I am now about to make. And now Mrs. Lord are you willing to entrust the happiness of your daughter "Carrie" to the keeping of the writer. I am well aware of the magnitude of the request and have not made it upon the impulse of the moment but after [?] deliberation & let me assure you my dear Madam I shall consider it a sacred deposit – well knowing that it is a plant which flowers only in the atmosphere of affection and kindness. We propose the commencement of the coming Autumn as the time of our union & that the above arrangement may accord with your feelings is the wish of Yours
Respectfully, Joseph Selden"

Miss Angeline Lord (New London) fr mother M. Lord (Lyme) 14 Nov 1845 (on same piece of paper below); Brother G, wife & children visited last Tuesday; Ellen Marven spent the day
On same piece of paper

Miss Angeline Lord (New London) fr sister Sarah (Lyme) 14 Nov 1845; on same piece of paper as above; re courtship, sewing, church; "I saw Leander at the society at Mrs. George Lord and he said he was going to your town Saturday and would take anything we have to send. I will not send my love to you by him for fear he will take it himself would you? But I guess he would not pocket the things you wrote for and I will send them and be very glad for the opportunity to do so. I am rejoiced that you are so well pleased with your school, boarding place, et cetera. You write that Miss F[?] is lovely [lonely?]. Is she pious and Mr. F also? (How does Mrs. F's health do?) As for keeping Sunday evening in lieu of Saturday it seems to me just as well - so that you keep one of them holy unto the Lord it seems to me to be a matter of little importance which one, since both are sacred, one to some Christians and the other to others. . ."; re sewing, finished Cashmere; ". . . Brother & sister G invited us to spend Thanksgiving day with them. . ."; ". . . We have no rubber. You remember we bartered the old rubber shoes away to a pedlar [sic]. . ."; ". . . I presume you saw the eclipse of the moon last night of course. The evening Brother & Sister G were here I pulled a tea pot full of hot tea over into my lap. I thought I was scalded surely and made an exclamation to that effect but found afterward that I was more frightened than wounded. . ."; ". . . At the society I thought Mr. [?] quite attentive to Mary Hughes. You would have laughed to have seen him. Whenever Raymond was sitting by Ellen Marvin & holding the ball to her knitting I expect it struck Nate that that was the proper way to woo. So he takes Mary's yarn and holds it very gallantly in his fingers. Oh it was amusing. . ."; ". . . I have been collecting for the Missionary Society & received something over five dollars. Would it had been more. I did not subscribe anything for you so you can give as you have opportunity & ability. . ."

Angelinea H. Lord (New London) fr sister Carrie (Hadlyme) 5 Dec 1845; refers to recent visit to Angie in New London; Angie intends to return to school; ". . . We had a pretty calm ride home that night. But Joseph drove very fast and we did not suffer very much."; re husband Joseph [nearly illegible], ". . . Joseph says very often that he is tired of the business and shall not engage in it again. I am sure I shall be very glad. I should very much prefer to have him at home with me. . ."; re music and playing piano and seraphone; re clothing, ". . . Angie do you recollect the Alpaca[?] apron that I got at Mr. Smith's the day I

was in town. If you do Mother Selden would like to have you purchase her one just like it and bring home with you. The price was 50 cts. If those are gone perhaps you can find one at some other store. . ."

Angeline Lord (c/o Mr. H. W. Farnsworth, New London) fr sister Sarah, 9 Dec 1845; expecting visit from Joseph & Carrie [Selden]; ". . . Mother desires you to purchase 'Jay's[?] evening' or 'Morning Exercises' if you have money sufficient. . ."; Angie coming home soon

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ho[?]; no date; entire letter: "Mr. Joseph Selden & Miss Caroline Lord will receive their friends on Thursday Sept 4th at 3 o'clock P.M. at her Mother's residence./ North Lyme"