

Please write dear Emma and tell me if you  
go to New Jersey and how Mr. Latham  
gets along — &c.

Ballston Spa March 13<sup>th</sup> 1865

My Dear Friends

Your kind letter  
came in due time and we were  
very glad to hear from you we had  
just been talking about you as  
the letter came wondering how  
you got along. I am glad you are  
some better. You wish to know  
where we move to we have taken  
the Gridley farm now owned by  
Russell two miles and a half west  
of Saratoga village the writings  
are all made out and signed  
we keep 10 cows he will put on 8—  
and we 2 and I make the butter  
and give him half I think that  
is pretty good we have engaged  
a woman for the summer to  
come to me whenever I want her

I think I shall get her the last-  
week we stay here she can help me  
pick up and move and be ready  
to help settle what a job!

A sad accident has occurred  
in this village which you may  
hear of before this reaches you

Yesterday about 4 o'clock the  
Academy where Henry went to  
school took fire and in spite  
of every exertion together with  
the dwelling house was burned to  
the ground. Mr Gillmore saved  
most of their furniture, some of  
their bedding and a great many  
vegetables were burnt it looks  
desolate enough. Henry and Miles  
finished their term on Friday  
and brought home their books it  
was very lucky, for many books  
were destroyed besides clothing some  
of the boarders had every thing burnt  
but what they had on. You must

excuse this for I have been washing  
and can hardly hold my pen.

The surprise party Henry expected  
did not come off and is given up  
it is so near moving time I am  
not sorry I think I am writing a  
long letter and hope you will write  
again soon for we cannot come up  
until after we move unless you  
are very sick and then nothing  
shall hinder if we are all well we  
shall expect a long visit from you  
when the weather is warm and  
settled Harry joins in sending  
love to you and my boys wish to  
be remembered and that your  
health may be restored to you is  
the sincere wish of your affectionate  
niece Sarah L. Carr

P.S. Henry had a letter from Freddy  
a few days since he was very well and  
said he enjoyed himself first rate - S.