

Dear Father – Private -

New York 12 Feby 1816

Private

I've been waiting ever since Henry's arrival with you expecting a letter from some of you - we have only been informed of dear Grandmas Death by the paper (the Patriot rec<sup>d</sup> by this Ams mail which brought Letitia's letter informing of her severe illness) We ought to feel grateful that her life has been spared so long, and not mummer at the divine dispensations of Providence she has died in a good old age few have the consolation of believing that her soul is with her blessed redeemer receiving the reward of a well spent life – Suppose you have all enjoyed Henry's visit very much we are anxious waiting his return on the 20<sup>th</sup> to hear about you all - hope nothing will occur to prevent his being here by the appointed time Mr. Marsh wishes he was here now but is willing he should stay this time out – hope you will impress on his mind the importance of his devoting his whole time to his business when he returns tell him he must take an interest in it and persevere to the end or he never will make a smart man, he must make business his whole study and be willing to make any sacrifices to accomplish his end that of a correct knowledge of business and the manners of people – his absence now is like a boy leaving his school by which means he loses ground, but to make up he must take hold with double vigor to fetch up – I think you had better tell Henry to come to me when he want money to pay his [page](#)

board or anything else- it I fear will not be for his ultimate 'good to get money too easily without any kind of check or restraint – the reason why I mention this thing is the last money he wanted I understood it was not convenient for you to send him any but that Mr Barton offered you to let him get some of Mr. Marsh on his account now

Mr. Barton unbounded goodness towards Henry is consideral  
by us all here as a great very great disadvantage rather  
than an advantage – it would seem if Barton had the care  
of him he would have never want for money or anything else  
now Barton intends all his favors from a good and friendly motive  
I have not the least doubt, but he does not consider that it  
Is all important to Henry he should know the worth of money  
and the means of getting it by his own industry & execution.  
It is not impossible for a young man to be ruin by kindness  
How do the rich mans sons turn out who roll in money 9 out  
of 10 ultimately poor miserable beings – I do not mean  
by any means to say that Henry is in smallest degree  
bad inclined far from it I have never discovered anything  
of the kind & I pray to God I never shall, but he is young  
& youth are susceptible to temptations we ought to guard  
against any thing that would tend to injure him or lessen  
his dependence upon his own inturions for his support  
yours means are equal to give him everything necessary while  
he is under age and getting his knowledge of business which  
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means he ought to use with prudence and economy – at the expiration  
of his first year with Mr. Marsh he will pay his board, which  
will lessen your expenses considerably, with Mr. Marsh he will get  
a general knowledge of business & have the best example out  
before him – I have hardly room enough left to thank  
you for the waggon which I do hardly thank you for – it  
was so well done up that it came in perfect order not even  
a Scratch upon it Mr. Cole & Mr Lane said they knew you had  
a hand in it – I should think it a neglect of duty if I did not  
also thank Jonas for his incursions in making so complete a  
mule – we are all delighted with it and so is everybody

Ann says she had rather have it than the best carriage  
in New York we have used it several times & are more  
& more pleased with it should hardly be willing to part with  
it if I had a good offer for it – don't think it would fetch  
near \$400 – there are several here now very similar to it &  
I understand they are going to be very fashionable next spring  
should I have an offer for it of \$350 will let it go but  
doubt it bringing that – Mr Greene our cashier had a letter from  
Uncle W<sup>M</sup> dated at Lexington KY 23 Jany he was then well  
Uncle Sam is at Albany – friends here all well & divine love  
to you all – a few lines from you would be very gratifying to  
Your affectionate son T Whittemore

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Mr Amos Whittemore Boston      [Cancellation mark](#) New York Feb 12

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[Father- Amos Whittemore 1759-1828](#)

[Son of Amos - Henry Whittemore 1797-1867 \(Age 19\)](#)

[Son of Amos- Tim Whittemore 1784-1973. \(13 yrs. older than brother Henry\)](#)

[Daughter of Amos -Letitia Whittemore 1799-1891](#)

[Grandma- Amos's Mother-Anna Cutter 1731-1816](#)