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Historical note:
Captain David Burr of Fairfield, son of Ebenezer Burr and Hannah Osborn (d. of Daniel of Fairfield) married Magdalen (Ellen) Grostophan of Marseilles, France. Children: James B. (b. 2/1/1859); Josephine; and David. Burr’s sister, Angeline Burr, married Samuel Morehouse. Burr’s brothers are William and Samuel (sailor lost at sea) and sisters Sara E. (m. James Buckley), Eliza A. (m. Benjamin Buckley), Cornelia (m. Andrew P. Wakeman), Mary, Emma, and Julia. Captain Isaac Jennings of Fairfield was David Burr’s first cousin. During his career as a seaman, Burr sailed from America to Europe, including the Mediterranean Sea, and from Europe to Argentina. He conducted business in the ports of Licita, London, Marseilles, New York, Palermo, and Philadelphia. He was lost at sea serving as the first mate of the steamer Evening Star, off Cape Hatteras, October 1865.

Scope and content note:
The collection contains letters written between Burr and Morehouse family members with the usual concerns a family has about each other and about their loved ones at sea. There are letters between the very close in-laws David and Angeline Morehouse and David and Ellen Burr, often referring to each other as Dear Brother/Sister. Interestingly, many of the letters discuss the farming conditions, which were everyone’s concern, even a sea captain’s and his family. The letters of Samuel Morehouse, a schoolteacher in New York, also evidence this concern for farming. Morehouse writes about crops in his letters to his brother-in-law David in this collection, as he does in his many letters to his wife, Angeline, David’s sister. Captain Isaac Jennings, a cousin, was also a correspondent. The collection contains the marriage certificate, written in Latin from the bishop of Marseilles, France documenting the marriage of David and Ellen. The collection also contains correspondence concerning maritime and shipboard business, and port documents.

Persons Mentioned in the Letters:
Burr, Angeline (Mrs. Samuel Morehouse, David’s sister)
Burr, Anna (Mrs. Abraham Gould Jennings, David’s aunt)
Burr, Ebenezer (Davis’s father) Burr, Frank (David’s brother)
Jennings, Isaac (David’s first cousin)
Jennings, Lewis (David’s first cousin)
Jennings, Oliver B. (Davis’s first cousin, father of Annie B. and Abraham Gould Jennings)
Morehouse, Samuel
Osborn, Elizabeth (of Vernon, NY, David’s aunt, called Aunt Lieb)
Osborn, Hannah (Mrs. Ebenezer Burr, David’s mother)
Osborn, Sally (Mrs. Lyman Wilcox, David’s aunt)
Wilcox, Harriet (of Verona, NY)

Calendar of Letters:
1853 Jan 01   B-114   Burr, Hannah, Barnstable to Burr, William
[Date estimated. It could be 1853 or 1858, but given the content, it is probably early.] This is the only letter in the collection from Mother (Hannah). It is addressed to William, who is about to leave on a sea voyage. She tells him how to behave. E.g. I hope you will not disappoint our hopes, remember if you once step aside to do wrong, it will be difficult to return to the right path." She thanked him for money he sent for her and Aunt H "who is so good and kind to you. I think she would do almost anything to make you happy."

1853 Feb 23   B-114   Chamberlain-Phelp, New York to Burr, David, Apollo
Proceed to Havana

1853 Feb 25   B-114   Port of NY, New York to Apollo
Bound for Havana

1853 Apr 15   B-114   Picard Albers, Matanzas, Cuba to Burr, David, Apollo-present?
Instructions re Trieste

1853 May 20   B-114   Chamberlain-Robin, New York to Burr, David, Apollo-Trieste
Instructions re Trieste

1853 Jul 01   B-114   Sargent to Burr, David, Apollo-Trieste
Currants

1853 Aug 08   B-114   Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Apollo-Argentina

1853 Oct 06   B-114   Chamberlain-Pojer, Palermo to Burr, David, Apollo

1853 Oct 15   B-114   Isaac Brown, Gibraltar to Burr, David, Apollo-London
Rescued people

1853 Nov 12   B-114   Port of London, London to Apollo
Bound for Trieste

1853 Nov 14   B-114   Port of London, London to Apollo
Ship safe and secure

1853 Nov 17   B-114   Port of London, London to Apollo
From Trieste

1853 Dec 01  B-114  George Taylor, London to Burr, David, Apollo
          Docks, repair

1853 Dec 02  B-114  Service ? to Burr, David, Apollo
          Repairs

1853 Dec 02  B-114  to Apollo
          Trieste to London

1853 Dec 14  B-114  Shields, James, London to Company?
          dispatch with speed

1853 Dec 14  B-114  Victualling bill, Newcastle-upon-Thames to Apollo
          To Naples?

1853 Dec 19  B-114  Shields to Apollo
          Stores sealed

1853 Dec 21  B-114  Service Palmer?, Newcastle-upon-Thames to Burr, David, Apollo
          Via David, expedite loading

1854 Jan 28  B-114  Port document, Havana to Apollo
          enero?

1854 Jan 30  B-114  Chamberlain-Robin, New York to Burr, David, Apollo-Naples
          Palermo>Philadelphia

1854 Jan 30  B-114  Chamberlain-Robin, New York to Burr, David, Apollo-Naples
          Palermo>Philadelphia  #2

1854 Feb 05  B-114  Name?, City Point VA to Burr, David, Apollo
          Tobacco.

1854 Feb 09  B-114  Port document, Newcastle-upon-Thames to Apollo
          To Naples

1854 Feb 09  B-114  Port document, Newcastle-upon-Thames to Apollo

1854 Feb 09  B-114  Port document, Newcastle-upon-Thames to Apollo
          From London

1854 Feb 13  B-114  Port of NY, New York to Henry Shelton, Henry Shelton-NewYork
          OK to leave for Toulon
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<td>Thanks for birds for my wife and Eliza. Can I pay you?</td>
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<td>1854 Aug 20</td>
<td>B-114</td>
<td>Jennings, Isaac, Philadelphia</td>
<td>Burr, David</td>
<td>I enclosed a letter received today by the steamer from England. I have no doubt it will be acceptable to you. I wish you much joy. [Discussion of a problem with a consignee, advice how to handle the situation.] &quot;He cannot refuse to accept the Charter. I Should be very sorry to hear that you had more trouble this voyage.&quot;</td>
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<td>1854 Aug 26</td>
<td>B-114</td>
<td>Morehouse</td>
<td>Burr, David</td>
<td>A long description of the things in the cases sent to Fairfield, including a portrait of David on canvas, and one of the vessel (Apollo). Bill is highly pleased with &quot;that book of cuts which I expect he has placed beyond the reach of Female Curiosity.&quot; Father was very pleased too. Joseph Wakeman died suddenly. The doctor gave the disease a strange name, but I guess it was the real cholera. Cornelia and Frank are sick with fever and ague. [Here he refers to Frank as &quot;she.&quot;] Many are sick in Fairfield, but not in surrounding towns. &quot;It seems as if there must be some local cause for this sickness and by some it is thought to be caused by the stagnant water of Reed's Pond.&quot; Something should be done about this but -- [A long paragraph about public spirit lacking in Fairfield, unwillingness to do anything that costs money.] There is a severe drought, crops and trees doing badly. A barn and corn house owned by Wheeler burned down because city people picniced there and threw cigars all around. &quot;The likeness of your Ducky arrived, and we were all right glad to see our new sis.&quot; [He talks about romantic things, and refers to &quot;your Libby&quot; and says, &quot;And when you are pacing the Quarter Dick of your bark in the quiet night has it not seemed that you were in London with E?&quot; [Note: See also letter from Isaac 8/20/54 about a letter from England. It seems that David had an intended in London before Ellen.]</td>
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<td>1854 Aug 29</td>
<td>B-114</td>
<td>Jennings, Isaac, New York</td>
<td>Burr, Eben, Fairfield</td>
<td>David’s accounts. I enclose my note for $743. I send it by mail as Oliver nor Abraham are going up for a few days..</td>
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<td>1854 Aug 30</td>
<td>B-114</td>
<td>Jennings, Isaac, Philadelphia</td>
<td>Burr, David</td>
<td>Ships, accounts. Glad to hear you're getting along without difficulty with the consignees. Glad to hear that you received gratifying intelligence from the loved one far away. It is a pleasant thing to love when we feel that we are beloved in return. I have been home, surprised to find Oliver at home having arrived the day before in the steamer George Law. Hadn't seen him in three years since last on the shores of the &quot;El Dorado.&quot; He was happy to meet his lady love I had lovely times with my lady at Southport. I had an evening alone with Mary. I should think from what you write that you have a chance for some sport there among the niggers. Look out for wenches. I shall launch maybe two weeks for New Orleans, but not before the yellow fever</td>
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has gone. The Hermit sailed today. I called to see your father, and received an order from him (about money.) I sent your father a note for $743. Your folks are fine, expecting your arrival. I dont think your likeness is very perfect.. a good daguerreotype is worth a dozen paintings. The painting of the Apollo is not bad. One of your parlours at home looked like a curiosity shop. Henry Burr is coming home in the...

1854 Oct 15 B-114 Burr, William, Fairfield to Burr, David

Dear Brother Ahoy, About 30 days have passed since you left Hampton Roads. I have been chestnutting and have got some aboiling. Henry Wakeman just came in. I have got to go to Black Rock to carry Mrs. Curtis of Danbury. "Mr. Atwater preached his farewell sermon last Sabbath in September. He had a crowded house, and such a set of wet-eyed people you never did see. My tears was mingled with the rest, and the fact of it was that in some of the seats there was quite a stream run out of the --- where the tears had falling to the floor. The church had every appearance of a flood. So ends his farewell." Rev Doc Lord of Cincinnati to take the place of pastor Atwater. Not liked by all. Getting $800 instead of 3000 that he got there. Going to build Episcopal Church in Fairfield where the jail stood. Captain Ike will not sail four weeks. Cecelia lost a brother who fell from a vessel. Nelson Wakeman died with the cholie in Waterbury. H.M. Sturges sailed the 20th for California. He took a wife with him. Mokelumne Hill burnt and he lost $10,000. J.M. was sick at the time. He is sick a great deal. James, Sarah, Eliza, Mother, Father and myself went to New Haven to the State Fair. Pickpockets. Fine weather, potatoes, apples. Making cider and will save you a drink if its not against your principles. News of loss of steamship Arctic off Cape Race Newfoundland. 250 souls lost. Aunt Anna is quite feeble. Father, Cornelia and Frank sick with fever-ague (fever and chills)]. Harriet and Sarah Golddin? Aunt Leib going to get married. I was over to see cousin Lewis, someone took my carriage, xx, whip, and the reigns of my horse. 18th. Gathering corn. Father and Sarah to factory in Orange to carry the wool. Yesterday James and I made cider 4 bl each over in Morehousetown. Harriet came to spend a few weeks. Eliza and I will go to singing school. Will do some ditching on Aunt Sallys lot, will make good land of it someday. Turnips. Frank has got the fever-ague again. I shall send you a clipping of the New York Express containing the letter of Capt of the steamship Arctic and a report of the Eire railroad. Samuel is expecting to write to you. Buy me two Marino sheep in France, Barnum has one. Going to singing school, Mill Plain for the evening. May the Lord be with you while on earth and also on the big waters and preserve you through tryle and hardship and through the tempest of the seas and bring you safetly home. Amen.

1854 Oct 28 B-114 Morehouse toBurr, David

Date unclear. Too late to reach you in Venice? It was the anniversary of Sarahs wedding. There were 33 at table, plays provided entertainment. Harriet Wilcox visiting, showing her Bridgeport and Barnums humbuggery. David Hull. Aunt Elizabeth to be married to Philander Dodge. Isaacs lady is daughter of Capt. Charles Bulkley. Oliver will be married. Have you heard of the fire in Mokelumne Hill in California. Sturges who used to teach in Fairfield. John Morehouse was sick in bed. Sturges was on his way getting a wife. Dr. Atwater is gone. Dr. Lord of Cincinnati is the

1854 Nov 09 B-114 Morehouse, Southport toBurr, David

[On same sheet with the 10/28 letter.] The steamer Arctic was lost off Nova Scotia. [More about that.] There were also two great railroad accidents. "The past season has been one of great calamity on the sea and the comgin winter promises to be severe on land." [Prices of food products, coal, wood, are high.] "Those who have the means of living within themselves and have produce for sale can take in the dimes while those not so situated will have hard times." Stocks and bonds are at a very low figure. The NY and Erie Road overhauling their accounts. I am teaching school in Southport. There was a fire at Mokelhumne Hill in California. Sturges that used to teach in Fairfield is in company with John Morehouse [they had losses]. Dr. Atwater is gone, Dr. Lord is here. If you go to a bedquilt country, please bring one for us.
William and James made cider, Sarah said they would not let her drink any until the "commotion" (fermentation) was over. Nuts are quite plenty. They went to a party and played dox and geesse. There was a temperance meeting and a rum dealer was raided. Caroline Sturges was married to Alfred Allen. "Write and tell me what you have heard >from Lizzie. Do you not want to see that daguerrratype? Aren't you sorry you sent it?" Other names: Becky and Harriet, Mary Bennett, Cousin Emeline, Mr. Madison Morehouse, Harriet Wilcox.

1854 Nov 20 B-114 Gariboldi, Venice to Burr, David, Apollo
Mail delivery

1854 Dec 01 B-114 Name?, Venice to Burr, David
In Italian, date estimated.

1854 Dec 10 B-114 Ship broker, Venice to Apollo
Bound for Argentina

1854 Dec 26 B-114 Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David
Remittance

1855 Jan 03 B-114 Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Apollo-Argentina
Apollo damaged

1855 Jan 06 B-114 Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Apollo-Argentina
Apollo worth repair?

1855 Jan 08 B-114 Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Apollo-Argentina
Sailor

1855 Jan 18 B-114 Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Apollo-Argentina
Apollo damaged

1855 Jan 20 B-114 Burr, David, Apollo to Michele Pojero, Palermo
Insurance

1855 Jan 25 B-114 Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Apollo-Argentina
Apollo sale, mate passage home

1855 Feb 01 B-114 Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Apollo-Argentina
Apollo sale at auction

1855 May 03 B-114 Burr, William, Fairfield to Burr, David
I have been to Jane's, as likely a girl as is in Fairfield. Ben (?) was here, we think he is partial to Eliza. John Mallory arrived home, his health is better. Thomas DeForrest talks of going to sea. It has rained some. I wish you would reserve $200 for your brother William for to bye a building lot for to board your wife. I want near 400 dollars but the other I will get here. I will allow 6 percent. Please write how Captain Sherman is. I went to Bridgeport with Eliza to a milliner. Aunt Sally has had two or three poor spells of late, she wishes someone would cut off her head when she ...
1855 May 15 B-114 George Phelps
receipt logwood

1855 May 18 B-114 Chamberlain-Phelp, New York to Burr, David, George Phelps
Take over ship G.A. Phelps

1855 May 18 B-114 Ball, Joshua, Baltimore to Burr, David, George Phelps
passenger

1855 May 25 B-114 Burr, William, Fairfield to Burr, David
Father had had fever/ague all week. A wedding at Madison Morehouse, had a good time among the country girls. Elisabeth Sturges to be married. Captain Ike arrived in Calcutta, his intended and brother have received letters. Samuel commenced teaching in Southport (must be Morehouse). Eliza going away to work. I think there must be strong attraction over to Axxx. Cousin Henry is going to try to break Aunt Sturges. (?)

1855 May 25 B-114 Customs, New York to George Phelps
permission

1855 May 27 B-20 Burr, David, City Point VA to Burr, William, Fairfield
The vessel, cargo, crew, here 3-4 weeks loading. "I suppose you would like to know something about the crops in this neighborhood." [Crop information.]

1855 May 30 B-114 Burr, William, Fairfield to Burr, David
Yesterday my birthday. Mr. James Tredwell up from New York. Captain Judson Sturges died yesterday. A drunken Irishman drowned near the Mill Plain bridge. Started building the church in Southport.

1855 May 31 B-114 Burr, Cornelia, Fairfield to Burr, David
Housekeeping

1855 Jun 07 B-114 Ball, Joshua, Baltimore to Burr, David, George Phelps
passenger

1855 Jun 08 B-114 Chamberlain, New York to Burr, David
Take over ship Henry Shelton from Capt. Sherman

1855 Jul 03 B-114 Chamberlain, New York to Burr, David
Henry Shelton
go to Marseilles

lad ing

1855 Jul 29 B-114 Burr, William, Fairfield to Burr, David
Much about the bad weather, haying, crops. Currant wine. Family lying around. Aunt Sally feeble. I have not bought the property yet. Captain Isaac did not sail until May 3. His old girl Sarah Bunker gets married tomorrow. Doctor Atwater is preaching today. Sarahs bird is dead and buried. Much lamenting. "I do not go to Celia very often as Bxx is there eight nights in the week. Morris has got New York boarders. Abe has got a lamb for his children." You must
inquire about Capt. Bibbins. S. Talmadge is going to build the Episcopal church. John Mallory is home now, not going to sea until fall. I received a letter from David Hayse working in the mines. Had been clamming. I have no girl in tow yet. Also: "Have you received any letters from your old friend -- you did not say you sailing from New York -- I heard some body say you cleared in Capt. Combs name. I think you want to deceive her." Cousin Henry, Mary Osborne, S. Morehouse and his wife. Bedbugs. The Maine Law.

1855 Aug 07  B-114  Chamberlain, New York to Burr, David, Henry Shelton, Marseilles
Licata brimstone

1855 Aug 07  B-114  Chamberlain, New York to Burr, David, Henry Shelton, Marseilles
Licata brimstone

1855 Aug 08  B-114  Oulonne, Marseilles to Burr, David, Henry Shelton, Marseilles
Introduction, agents of Messrs Chamberlain Robinson. [In a list of postal items in the William H. Tower Collection at Princeton there is mention of an 1851 item from Joseph Oulonne & Co., Marseilles, to a company in New York.]

1855 Sep 01  B-114  Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Henry Shelton, Marseilles
Licata brimstone

1855 Sep 04  B-114  Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Henry Shelton-Licata
Licata brimstone

1855 Sep 14  B-114  Morehouse to Burr, David
Bill can tell all the news because he hears everything from all his girlfriends. Jane Wakeman seemed to have a special share of his attention. Your father is pretty well, salt hay, bone dust, manure. Mother looking after Aunt Sally Wakeman, very feeble and unpleasant. Two picnics: Mill Plain and Greenfield Hill. "Some superannuated old maids" and Morris Lyon decided to refused for everyone but it didnt work. [More] Bill went to Mill Plain with Abram's wife's sister and Frances Burr. Eliza went with Ben Bulkley. Cornelia I believe never had a real beau. Mary, Emma, Frank & Sam are all well. Stephen Morehouse barn was burnt with all the hay and grain. He suspects two Irish boys who he offended. Mrs. James Burr's barn caught fire but was quicly put out. Captain Ike has been home courting his lady. She lives opposite my school so I've been able to watch him. " Don't you, David, you old bachelor you, not wish yourself in his ...

1855 Sep 18  B-114  Stephen Sinolone?, Licata to Burr, David, Henry Shelton, Palermo
bill

1855 Sep 29  B-114  Stephen Sinolone?, Licata to Burr, David, Henry Shelton, Palermo
bill

1855 Oct 15  B-114  Stephen Sinolone? to Burr, David, Henry Shelton, Palermo
bill

1856 Feb 13  B-114  Chamberlain, New York to Burr, David, Henry Shelton
 go to Toulon
1856 Mar 06   B-114   Burr, Sarah to Burr, David
I was home for my 23rd anniversary [birthday], running over to Aunt Sally's, missing Davids
frolicks. We have had good sleighing. James has gone to Bridgeport to find a market for some
of his stuff. "I can tell you Farmers lot is a hard one." As for news, there is but little. There was
talk of having a charitable ball at Mrs. Benson's but it was all talk and no cider. Mrs. Benson
prepared for it and they told her it was postponed indefinitely with no compensation. Isaac and
his wife are expected this week. I heard that she was going with him at sea. Last party at
Frances Bulkley's. "I don't know whether you intend to get married or not, we do not know all
your plans for the future" William attends balls regularly, he went to Redding with John Burr.
They had a 4-horse sleigh (more about the trip). Aunt Mary still keeps Gxxx there. "She czn't
make Charlotte think that it is her duty to live with her husband, she teels her they have loved ..
Once and they can again. Last week a wedding in Southport: Wakeman Meeker and Eliza
Jennings. Capt. Meeker son too Capt Jennngs daughter. Capt Jennings was taken sick that
night and is very sick now. Henry W. Beecher lectured in Bridgeport last week, his subject was
mirthfulness. Folks are very busy sorting onions and potatoes.

1856 Apr 20   B-114   Burr, David, Toulon to Grostephan, Ellen
Will be happy to leave Toulon. It seems duller than ever after seeing Marseilles. Can't ride out
to the country. An incident on the boat. "Your letter I read with a great deal of pleasure" three or
four times. [In closing, excused the short letter] "young unmarried ladies likes to receive long
letters especially when they are on the right subject, as this is not."

1856 Apr 30   B-114   Someone, Toulon? to Burr, David, Henry Shelton, Marseilles
cargo

1856 Jul 06   B-114   Lung, Marseilles to Burr, David
Boarding/Lodging bill, D"ue to Mr. Lung for two days boarding and lodging." [Mr. Lung is
related Magdalen (Ellen)Grostephan.]

1856 Oct 08   B-114   Chamberlain, New York to Burr, David, Henry Shelton,
go to Argentina

1856 Dec 04   B-114   Oulonne, Marseilles to Burr, David
Mr. Lung had to give up the boarding house he had established for sea captains, and opened
a Pension Bourgeoise for French people. Mrs. Lung is in a family way. Little Josephine has
been quite sick. Mention of other family members. Your sister-in-law is dead at Alger. Your
sister, brother-in-law and children thank you for your remembrance. I embrace Ellen and remain
your sincere friend, ...

1856 Dec 16   B-114   Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Henry Shelton,
Argentina
Brimstone

1856 Dec 24   B-114   Lung, Marseilles to Burr, David
I have opened a small hotel. Our dear sister Helen is always welcome. She will be well taken
care of with us. The wife of Mathias has died in Africa. Little Josephine always asking why you
dont come back. Hoping that Helen and you will come to stay for some time with us.

1856 Dec 29   B-114   Oulonne, Marseilles to Burr, David
I think you are doing well to send Ellen here. Hotel. The Zephir had very good passage .. your
safe arrival in Palermo.
1857 Jan 03 B-114 Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Henry Shelton, Argentina
Brimstone, loading in quarantine

1857 Jan 08 B-114 Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Henry Shelton, Argentina
cargo

1857 Jan 27 B-114 Michele Pojero to Palermo Burr, David, Henry Shelton, Argentina
weather, unsafe loading

1857 Mar 14 B-114 Burr, Eliza, Fairfield to Burr, David
Expecting David to arrive, the things from the boat arrived.

1857 May 17 B-114 Burr, William, Fairfield to Burr, David
[Date unclear.] Mary wrote wishing you to send up your things. My house almost burned. The
children lit a match, I saw the smoke. I went to Bridgeport and got it insured. Frank Burr arrived
home from California last week. His folks did ...

1857 May 19 B-114 Chamberlain, New York to Burr, David, Henry Shelton
Go to Lisbon

1857 May 19 B-114 Port of NY, New York to Henry Shelton, NewYork
OK to leave for Lisbon

1857 Jul 11 B-114 William Terry, Lisbon to Henry Shelton, Lisbon
Bill for provisions

1857 Aug 14 B-114 Morehouse, Fairfield to Ellen Burr
I want to see you and particularly that little baby. You havent seen David and now we hear that
he has gone farther away from you. We expect Sammy any day, he has been to Naples.
[Note: Samuel was lost at sea 8-18-57.] Difficult for me to write, Mary pulls at everything. Will
send some of her hair and size of her head as you asked me, she has two teeth. Probably
your has got as many by this time. I want to see you and talk about babies. Esther Lyon (or
Huntington) has got a boy about two weeks old. Isaac and Mary have met with a great
disappointment. She was taken sick on Sunday and finally had to have the child taken from her
on Wednesday morning. It was too large to be born and so they were obliged to take it in
pieces. Was it not dreadful? She suffered greatly and was very low for a few days, but
recovered very fast and is now well enough to come downstairs. It is only about four weeks
since she was taken. Isaac had talked a great deal about his baby and anticipated too much
pleasure. David says that you are in the country enjoying yourself as much as it is possible. ...
Later we have heard from David who will see you in about six weeks. Bill, Eliza and Cornelia
have just got home from a picnic sailing party to Long Island. Andrew took Cornelia, John
Morehouse took Eliza. John has got a heap together, expects to go back (where?). my writing
paper we have to send way up the Mediterranean for rage to make our paper.. Indecent
sheet. Expecting to see you all by winter.

1857 Sep 01 B-114 Chamberlain, New York to Burr, David, Henry Shelton
go to Licata, Palermo

1857 Sep 23 B-114 Michele Pojero, Palermo to Burr, David, Henry Shelton, Marseilles
Oulonne, cargo

1857 Oct 10 B-114 Reynard, Beaulieu to Henry Shelton
Debit

1861 Aug 06 B-114 Burr, David, New York to Burr, Ellen
I arrived in New York, preparing to load cargo. Mr. Troutgans came on board for a short time, had to go to meet Sister Mary and go with her to her husband. He is in camp uptown enlisted for the war. He gets $16 per month and the government pays her $4 a week. His regiment goes on to Washington soon as they get their uniform. Mr. Troutgans told me Adolphe was expecting to go to Fairfield. Things about the crew. Warm, thunder shower. It is 11:00 and I assume you are in bed. I intended to send this letter with Capt Jennings, he was on board part of the afternoon, but he didn't come back. Dinner with Mr. Troutgans. He has some doubts about Mr. Leung going to the war. That's apparently Sister Mary's husband. You need not look for me before Saturday night. I suppose Jimie will think that Papa is never coming home. If you have not had any rain, you had better water those cucumbers occasionally and get William to sell those early potatoes for you .. more. It is awful that down here I don't know how it is with you .. feel the heat .. my ..

Additional Related Materials:
Newspaper clipping: Bridgeport Sunday Post, October 23, 1927. "French Brides Were Brought to Historic Homestead." At that time, the home was owned by Theodore B. Burr, David's great-nephew. Captain David Burr brought his wife to a home on North Benson Road south of the Eben Burr property. In 1850 Abigail Babbitt sold the house to William Wheeler DeForest, who sold it to David Burr. The house was owned and inhabited by David's son David A., who never married and had no children. It went to his aunts, who sold it to Theodore. The article quotes from letters in the house. One was from Eben to David dated 5/17/1846 (in Mobile) with notes from Angeline. One was from David in 6/1846. One from 12/10/1846, David (Mobile) to Eben about a storm in the Bahamas. One from 7/19/1850, William to David about the death of President Zachary Taylor. Other letters talk about Fairfield people who went to California in the Gold Rush including Oliver Jennings.

Sermon preached in Fairfield on the occasion of the death of William Knapp and David Burr, Captain and First Mate of the Steamship "Evening Star," foundered at sea, October 3, 1866. By Rev. Edward E. Rankin D.D. The steamship sailed from New York for New Orleans on September 29 and foundered at sea in a terrible cyclone on the morning of October 3, having on board 275 souls, only 24 of whom were saved. The Captain and First Mate were both natives and residents of Fairfield. Each of them had had a brother lost at sea. The sermon contains some details about how each of them died. Fairfield Historical Society Vault 920 R221W.