

Rev. Marvin Sisco, correspondence – Malone, NY, 10 Feb 1867

This letter, written in 10 February, 1867, was obtained by Winifred (Neal) Sisco, a researcher of the Sisco family line, and compiler of "The Sisco Book: 1805-1992." In March 1993, Winifred obtained a copy of the original, which was held at that time by Patty (Anderson) Strobe, great-great-great granddaughter of Obed Sisco (mentioned in the letter) and brother of Marvin Sisco. There was no envelope with the letter, which appears on letterhead with a "London" emblem in the top left corner; however, family members state it had been sent to Susan Simpson (1847-1937), Obed's granddaughter and Patty's great grandmother.

Charles F. Milliken provides the following information regarding Marvin Sisco in "A history of Ontario County, New York and its people, Volume 2"(Lewis Historical Publishing Co, 1911):

Rev. Marvin Sisco, a native of Vermont, was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church. He preached at Bangor, Franklin county, and in other towns in Central New York. He married Melissa Manning. He died in 1892 at Brandon, Vermont. Children: Mary; Harrison, died in the service in the civil war; George H.; Cyrenus: Ella, married Frederick Frost; Charles M., mentioned below.

Charles Marcellus, son of Rev. Marvin Sisco. was born in Bangor, Franklin county. New York, April 19, 1845. He received his education in the public schools and during his boyhood worked on the farm and helped to clear timber land. During the civil war he enlisted in the Ninety-eighth New York Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, but he was under age and his father refused his consent, but afterward he ran away from home and at Essex, Vermont, enlisted in Company G, Eleventh Vermont Regiment, and went to the front. He was wounded at the battle of Cedar creek and taken prisoner, but on the second day was retaken by the federal forces. At the hospital where he was taken, it was found necessary to amputate his leg. He continued in the service until 1865 when he was mustered out. He went to Malone, New York, and learned the trade of harness maker. From 1868 to 1871 he worked at his trade in Canandaigua, New York, and for two years at Victor. New York. In 1873 started in business on his own account with a harness shop at Manchester Village, Ontario county. From 1880 to 1884 he worked again at his trade in Victor and then opened a shop at Shortsville, New York, where he has since lived. He has been successful in business and prominent in public life. In politics he is a Republican. In 1897 ne was elected overseer of the poor and held that office for eight years. For several years he was a trustee of the incorporated village arid president two years. In 1906 he was appointed postmaster of Shortsville and has held that position to the present time. He is a member of Post 107, Grand Army of the Republic, and was its commander for three years; member of the Maccabees, of which he was record keeper for four years and commander five; member of Parlor Village Lodge. No. 88, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Shortsville. New York. In religion he is liberal. He married. December 10, 1883. Lottie A. Matherson Hulbert. They have one daughter. Maude M., married Charles A. Fiero and they have two sons. Charles Marcellus and John Alonzo Fiero.



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Respected friends one and all through permission of a kind providence I will improve a few moments in answering your kind letter although along time in contemplation we are all well at present George has been laid up for 11 weeks with a broken wrist Marcellus is working in the village yet at the Harnes's trade Mary is at home going to school I left Father Brooks the 22 of last Nov. & moved one mile and a half farther East I can't game from home nearly all the time this winter My circuit is so large to day its so tarry & debilitating that I can't face it 20 Miles & preach 3 times consequently I am at home the reason that I did not write to you before was

when we moved ² your former
 letters got lost an laid where
 i could not find them & i have
 so much to think about that
 i had forgotten your address and
 last Monday went out to Obeds
 and got it they are all well there
 please write your address in each
 letter for i have a great deal of
 writing to do & ifo get well we have
 been trying to go to Wt all winter
 but we have had so many donations
 visits to attend to the weather being
 bad & they have been adjourned
 from time to time so that we are
 excused now from going I got a letter
 day before yesterday stating that
 Elias & Rosene & Hazy & his wife are
 on the road here they will be here
 day after to morrow as they wrote
 i wish you was here here to visit
 with us Obed ^{privacy} was calculating
 to go west last fall but

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when he got some work and
was about to go he went off
on Friday Morning with over
\$50 dollars in his pocket and
spent it in two days time
that is the reason that he did not
go west this is true But keep
it to your selves dont bring
me out he feels bad about it
but its not godly sorrow
it does not work Repentance
he drinks every chance he gets
Now those verses that you wished
1 Now the shades of night are gone
Now the morning light is come
Lord may we see thee to day
Drive the shades of sin away

2

Fill our souls with heavenly light
Banish doubt and cleanse our sight
In thy service lord to day
Help us labor help us pray

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Keep our haughty passions bound
Save us from our foes around
Going out and coming in
Keep us safe from every sin

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When the work of life is past
O receive us ~~at~~ at last
Night of sin will be no more
When we reach that heavenly shore

May the sweet accents of
this poet be the language
of our hearts until our change
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing thy power to save
When this poor lisping stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave

Yours as ever in the bonds
of the gospel

Rev. M. Sisco