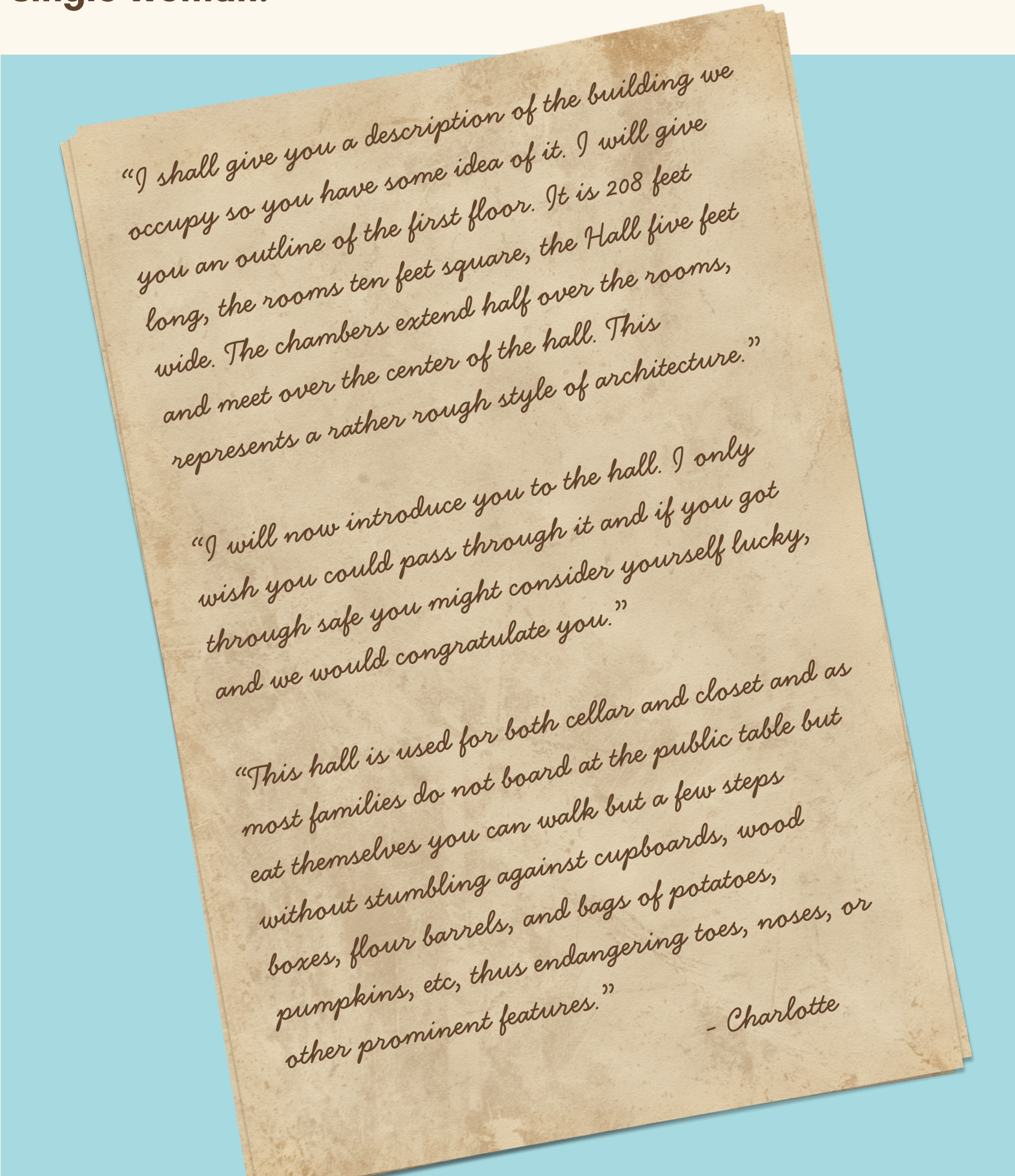


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## WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO LIVE IN CERESCO?

**Letter excerpt of Charlotte Haven (1821-1900) to her sister, Hannah, who arrived in Ceresco in 1848 as a single woman:**



"I shall give you a description of the building we occupy so you have some idea of it. I will give you an outline of the first floor. It is 208 feet long, the rooms ten feet square, the Hall five feet wide. The chambers extend half over the rooms, and meet over the center of the hall. This represents a rather rough style of architecture."

"I will now introduce you to the hall. I only wish you could pass through it and if you got through safe you might consider yourself lucky, and we would congratulate you."

"This hall is used for both cellar and closet and as most families do not board at the public table but eat themselves you can walk but a few steps without stumbling against cupboards, wood boxes, flour barrels, and bags of potatoes, pumpkins, etc, thus endangering toes, noses, or other prominent features."

- Charlotte

**Charlotte left Ceresco in 1849 after marrying Volny Mason (1812-1897). They moved to a small farm just outside of Berlin.**

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