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Geneva April ^{15th} 1841

Mrs Baker

Sir.

I will once more address you for I
am anxious to see how things go on
in regard to my place for it is time
to have it sold I think almost for
the first of may it will be to Kent a
gain, if it is not sold and I had rather
it would not be sold for less than \$350
if you could get a long with the Notes
you have given for me any other way
and there must be \$2.00 down for I do
stand in need of some money I have
had poor health all winter and have
done but very little if Sanford can
show my Fathers Receipt for three
dollars that would leave only 15 due
at that time by the time you get
this it will 24 dollars with if it
is agreeable with your feelings I
wish you would send to me by mail
as soon as you receive this and you
will very much Oblige yours truly
Martin Stearns

S.P. if I did not stand in need
I would have the face to for any
thing of you until I saw every thing
was settled up square and wright.
Martin Stearns
J. C. Baker Esq.

Madison Brown
Lees 15 April 1841
had 7 clay panes
same size

Yours
A. K.



J. H. Baker, Esq.
Middlebury College, Va.

J. H.

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Bristol Racine Co

Sunday June 27 1841

Dear Parents

I now take my pen in hand to write you a few lines and let you know that we are well and I may these lines find you enjoying the greatest of all blessings of health. Rollin received a letter from you the 23^d. I wrote you a letter the middle of March last, which I conclude you have not received. I then felt that I had neglected my duty and now mean to make amends by writing oftener for the future. Charles Edward has been a worrisome child and not very healthy which has been a great care on my mind but do not for one moment think that you are forgotten nor those near and dear friends which are connected by the ties of consanguinity will ever be held in grateful remembrance you write that you are comfortably well and our friends in general (Henry excepted) While so many are dying around us we should bear in mind ^{that} some of our number may soon be called and should we never meet in this world may we meet where parting comes no more we should be pleased to see you here and are in hopes Father will take the trouble to come and spend a while with us. I think you would like the country and enjoy your visit. I am expecting Edward every day but perhaps ere this reaches you he may be enjoying your society. I do hope we shall have the pleasure of once more seeing him when I heard he had gone South it seemed as if I had lost a Brother. we had a letter from him last winter. Cain returned an answer we had a letter from Augustus Ross the 17 of this month.

Strawberries are plenty here
tell Adeline we had no paroled corn last winter but we had plenty of Hickory nuts as a substitute

It is a general time of health here there has been two deaths in this neighborhood since the year came in one an infant of Mr Henry Line the other a child of Mrs Severo Fowler aged 4 months perhaps you have heard before this that Lemmon Upsons wife is on a journey to Connecticut she was going to stop in Ohio with her sister about two months she does not expect to return until next Spring I saw her three or four weeks before she started I might have sent a letter by her but thought she could tell you more than I could write Timothy Upson has a son Northrop Jackson a son he is calculating to get into his new house soon the Jacksons are all going to settle just the other side of the river likewise Timothy is going to build there Salmon has got a large barn and is now at work at his house the inhabitants about here are intelligent and industrious and are getting along well the season has been rather backward but crops look favorable Rollin will comm^{ce}ce haying tomorrow Wallace is down to his ranch Dingleys driving team for him William and Margaret are as tough as knots Mr Higgins expects to go into his Brick house in the fall I suppose it will be furnished in ample order Maryann lives at quite the southern extremity of this town Eliza is smart she takes charge of the work at home and attends school at Southport why did not you write the names of Lucius Boy and Sarahs Girl and Adelines Boy I wish she would give me one of her girls if you will none of you come to see me I do mean to visit Connecticut if we get able in a few years to see my friends and the home of my childhood I often think of those lines (There is not a spot on this wide peopled Earth So dear to our Hearts as the Land of our Birth)

Still I think there are places for Beauty and Fertility
that surpass Old Connecticut and one of them is this
far famed Wisconsin. you can have no idea of this
country until you have seen it. it is homelike we live in
the Burr Oaks in a log house 16 & 18 feet with a stoop to it
our furniture consists of a second hand full leaf Table
two Bedsteads, a low chest, half a dozen Chairs all
Gains make a cupboard and shelves in one corner of
the room for the pantry. I wish you could see how we
look, our house is the best one about here, ^{of the kind} we have a
barn 24 by 30 we had to sell some of our stock to pay
for lumber, it is paid for now we have two Cows a pair of
2 year old steers, two steer calves half a dozen hogs
a dozen hens fifty Chicken a good dog Dr. Rollin has two
Cows a pair of three year old steers two steer calves his hens
have been caught by foxes till he has but a few left
we have plenty of flour and pork and dried beef I intend
to make a few Cheese this summer we sent to New York
state and got a barrel of dried Apples this summer
the Wolcott folks enjoy good health Widow Jackson lives
with Northrop Jane lives with Maria they have not had
a letter from the East in some time I wish our Brothers
and Sisters would write to us often but I think Adebine
is excusable if any one of them tell Sarah to write
all the news good, bad or indifferent I should like
to have some of our friends send us a paper now and then we took
the telegraph an year Gair thinks he shall not take them and
year Elisha sent us a paper a while since they will not let
them go out of the office with writing so they tore it off I wish he would write a
letter to us please to write us soon as you receive this
give our love to all enquiring
Lucius & Rebecca Dutton Rebecca ell Byington

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Mr Lucius Tuttle

Wolcott Newhaven County
Connecticut