To the Rev. John C. Green, Minisary to M. Green, Min. Mary B. Join

The last news just returned from the West is not encouraging. It would be a matter of regret to me if you could not receive a letter from me this week.

I am glad to hear that you are making progress in your studies. It seems to me that you are doing quite well in your work. I hope that you will continue to do so.

In regard to your health, I am sorry to hear that you are not well. I hope that you will take proper care of yourself and that you will recover your health as soon as possible.

I am writing this letter in the hope that it will reach you before the end of the month. I hope that you will write to me as soon as possible so that I may hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

November 20th, 1839
Worcester December 28th 1839

To Mr. John P. Green Miss Lucy M Green, Miss Mary R. Green & the last though not less esteemed Miss Lydia P Green.

Johns [sic] very well written letter, came to hand on the 27th is not dated, but, as it was neatly written, & came so very opportune, that, as this day, was a stormy wet, day, after a hard blow, last night, I thought I would devote a few hours to write him a short answer, and a few lines to all of you letting you know of the abundance we possess (not of cash, as that is much in the vocative) but of snow, which is now drifted up the last night, with former additions, to the depth of ten, or twenty feet. We have a comfortable supply of fuel at the door enough in the barn, & celler [sic] at the present, every thing is, as comfortably taken care of, as could be expected in this unpleasant weather. it [sic] is now thawing, & we hope the drifts will be somewhat lowered in a few hours. Our assistant in the room of Miss Wilkins (the late Miss Hellen) is quite a pleasant married lady, of nearly as quite twenty, very well looking, & well behaved, does her work, as nearly to suit, as is possably [sic] for any one to come to the very superior accomplishments of the late Hellen Murphy now the Amiable Mrs. Wilkins. I am pleased to hear the lectures are as instructional, as usual, & have no doubt they will be duly appreciated by the Doc[to]r who is in the pursuit of a thorough - knowledge of Medical science - I was pleased to hear that the Doc[to]r was getting acquainted with the old friend of the family Mr. H[Ms. illegible] who appears like a very worthy gentleman, and one whom we might expect that he would desire much information from. Doc[to]r you had better look out for the other Hedge[?] as your brother Doc[to]r has done, in season, a good Hedge with the shelter it may afford a fine security for the enjoyment of future repose. John mentions something of the boys reading Hutchinsons [sic] memoirs by Mrs. H. who is Mrs H. is it Mrs. Hale. a [sic] little less of the initials & more of the names at length, would save an old man, some study. I am much pleased to hear, that the school [Ms. illegible], and is flourishing, as anything that affords them a good living, & makes it happy for them does the same for [Ms. illegible] their happiness is mine. I hope that you will all succeed beyond what you expected, the begin[n]ing of your career, and nothing like honest, endeavours with close attention to duty, with a persevering intention of doing every thing that your natural, and acquired abilities will allow will never prevent you from being respectable, if not very rich. I cannot, but hope that every exertion will be made to gratify [sic] your desire to repay Mrs. Smith for her kindness towards you all, and that eventually the business will repay you all handsomely for your exertions, and remunerate her for her friendly aid. I am very sorry to hear of the ill health of cousin Timothy, and hope that by using proper remedies that they will be successful [sic], in restoring him to health, & the usefulness [sic] which is necessary for himself, & family, as well, as friends. I am much pleased to hear, that you were now all well, and able to attend to your several duties which I hope nothing will arise to prevent you from farming untill [sic] you
November 28th 1836

Dear Sister [Name],

What a joy to hear from you! I have been very busy in the past few weeks, but I am happy to write to you. I am in good health and spirit. The weather is very mild, and the leaves are changing colors. I hope you are also enjoying the season.

I have been reading the newspaper and heard some interesting news. The Harriet Beecher Stowe's book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," has been very popular and has sparked a lot of discussion in our town. It is a story about the life of a slave and the suffering he endures. I believe it will help us understand the reality of slavery better.

I am also looking forward to my trip to Washington next month. I will be attending the inauguration of President Polk. It is a time of great change, and I am excited to be a part of it.

I hope you are doing well and that your health is good. Please write back soon and let me know how everything is going in your life.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

[Signature]
thoroughly master of [sic] your profession and accomplishments. John wishes for cloth for Pantaloons. I wish you
had written me whether cousin Martha had made you any advances for an outside coat or what was the prospect. I
have no money nor any means of getting any this season of the year and a dollar looks larger to me than formerly a
thousand did, it is an article much talked of here & but little seen many wanting and few of any have. Andrew is
suffering for an outside coat, & other cloaths [sic], & as for myself I wear the old ones to keep the rest company.
Julia takes great pains with her [Ms. illegible] & I believe they make every good progress better than formerly, as
they seem much engaged. I hope that Andrew will get a good place soon, as he seems anxious to engage again in
business. I believe he never will like to live in the country to be a thorough farmer. "Santa Clause" [sic] made many
presents of [Ms. illegible] value which were [Ms. illegible] disposed of the valuables I [Ms. illegible], the books
shifted hands & were again [Ms. illegible] up for a further display of the benevolence of the old gentleman at some
future day as [sic] Julia, Samuel, Oliver, Martin & the [Ms. illegible] will hope for a chance in this you may expect
they will make it a long letter[.] I have nothing more or interesting to write you excepting that William N. Green
Esq. on last Sabbath was published to somebody who I do not know but shall I hope in due season, if the papers
inform or publish the marriages for the next year. If any thing turns up favorable for another reason, or for a few
weeks I will write you again. I am as ever your affectionate father, & friend hoping you may all enjoy that
happiness which merit & virtuous extions [actions?] ever deserve[.]

W[illia]m E. Green
Worcester December 28th 1839

Worcester Mass 26th December
Dear Sisters and Brother,
I suppose Pa and Sam have told you all the news but I must get something done now. Mr. Russell left
about a week ago quite pleased. [Mr. illegible] takes the school next term not as the last of Jan.
when the election will be ended and we shall go regular once more and pretty soon too as it is a pretty severe. We
have been going up and down the street all morning and did the everyday errands all Sam and I went through and
the little one was at the office all day before the office.

[pICTURE OF JUMPER DRAWN]

Worcester Mass 28th December
Dear Sister & Brother,
I shall pen my journal by some private opportunity. It is very stormy to day - we (Andrew, Martin, & I)
broke out the lane with the jumper then we came home and went down again - we got the horse and black sleigh
from Mr. Green's - we had a good race coming home - Andrew drove the horse and sleigh & Oliver M. & rode on
the jumper - we kept ahead and kept over once - then we tried to break out the roads that leads to the other farm the
horse got stuck in the first drift we come at - and we had to dig him out - We have a dinner and supper togeth[er]
to day about 4 o'clock - we are just going out to dinner - we had a thanksgiving pudding - After dinner Oliver & I
went down town on the jumper through main street twice - we had a few snowballs, one hit a side of the head - It
snowed a good deal, most of the day - [picture of jumper drawn] - Father has told you about all the news I suppose -
John I think put a plenty of commas in his letter but no periods, I believe, or if any they were scarce - Lydia, I thank
you for your kind offer of presents from your library, but I think you had better keep all your books so that you may
have some books when you go to housekeeping which will be interesting for your children to read. Why don't you
write us oftener? we [sic] should like to hear from you more often - I have been reading to day about Queen Anne -
very interesting. She was born February 6th 1664 - The English revolution in 1688 by which James was dethroned and William Third and Mary 2 were placed in his stead after their deaths. Aime acceded the throne in 1702 - through she was very economical there was a vast amount of money
expended in her reign perhaps more than in any of the reigns of her predecessors. William has been published to a
Miss. [illegible] Mr. Brown has given notice that he is to open a drawing school. I do not know but that I shall attend.

[Written sideways in margin] We sent a little packet to you by [Mr. illegible] let us know when you get it. I desire you
to send me one of your letters a day and told me that I was to tell you all about [unreadable]. I wish you to keep
the little one well and have them write me a letter a day - I shall wish to know what you are doing and all about you -
I have been reading to day about [unreadable] [illegible] - etc. - [unreadable] - [unreadable] - etc.

[Written sideways in margin] We shall send you a letter a day and you may expect a letter from me to day and
every day. We shall be glad to hear from you and will write you oftener.

[Signature] W[illiam E. Green]

Signed [illegible]
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I wish to say a few lines to help fill up this letter in answer to the many you have written me to comfort and cheer me in my present condition. I sat down and wrote through the whole of this week only when I had a few minutes for your comfort. I write as best I can and shall try to do so until I am properly written. I do not mean to write as much as I can.

I shall be glad to hear from you all and will do what I can to help you all.

From your affectionate brother,

Martin Green
Dear Sisters and Brother,

I wish to put in a few lines to help fill up this sheet in answer to the many you have written me. As Samuel and Oliver have a vacation Willy and I wade through the snow together to school only when Pa is so kind as to carry us. Tell Lydia that Andrew and Samuel made a jumper and jumped down to the street through the drifts. I wish you a Happy new Year and I would like to send you a gift if I could. I would give much to look in and see you all.

It is near bed time and with much love I will bid you all good night.

From your affectionate brother
Martin Green

Dear John

I have a space left – for me to fill and shall most gladly avail myself of it to say a few words to you, by way of remembrance and also to suggest a few things for your improvement in the way of a letter writing not that I think myself superior to you either at chiragraphy or composition but you know dear John that we can in our brothers eye even when we have a beam in our own *as well in a* will apply in letter writing as in other things. Your dear [Ms. torn] while I am conscious[?] I have the beam nevertheless as I came [Ms. torn] will [Ms. torn] me if I posit it out to you. In the first place learn to class [Ms. torn] your subjects a little as for instance if you all speaking of the storm on the [Ms. torn] all you have to say about it is one place and speak of the quality of snow in [Ms. torn] with it. Then speaking of politics say all you wish on that subject and close it out then allude to it again with other things for in this way you make a [Ms. illegible]. Pardon me John of I tell you what your letter reminded me of and will not tell you for fear you all think me too ingenuous after the evident exertion you made to improve.

Your letter was as it regards penmanship very finely and neatly done and it gave Aunt B. particularly [sic] pleasure to see her exerotions on your behalf were not useless, but that that had of exertion for improvement was beginning to expand and we all hope to see it enlarge and we trust that the breeze of criticism which has blown upon it will not miss it, but that the [Ms. illegible] of a good resolution accompanied with the kindness of your friends to [?] did its extension will cause it to expand & c [etc.]. You speak of Dr. Somebody from Pittsfield. You said tell cousin Patty I have - You did not say where or for what. Begin a sentence and do not leave it - till you say something of it and then when you have done put a period and begin your next subject with a capital letter. You said Mary does not think it is best for him to come on. You did say whom. [Ms. section illegible]. I have told you these things for your improvement and I think you will receive it as such. We were all pleased at the [Ms. illegible] improvement in your letter. I do wish Andrew would make more exertions for improvement but I will not say anything as I may say too much. But I do desire to have him improve his precious time to more advantage and aid more by setting a better example for the boys in many things. It is my prayer that these trials which I experience is every respects as it regards the [Ms. illegible] of some way be for my advantage in making me more patient and helping me to overcome my own fitful and [Ms. illegible] disposition. Ask all to urge Andrew to improve. Aunt B sends much love to you and says do try and heed all your efforts for improvement she says Doct. Green says the lectures will grow more interesting as you advance. She is just recovering from a sick headache. I have not been very well for a week past but Aunt B went down and consulted with Doct. Green and since I have followed his prescriptions, I am some better, Ask the girls to direct Oliver to improve he is decided in his way and does not heed what is said on the subject as much as I wish he did for his own good. He does not study Greek but I hope he may be persuaded to next quarter. He can make a good scholar if he tries. Love to the dear girls and tell them I long for an engageing [sic] word from them. We get along well with evening school[,] I have filled my share of R. I. paper & I must close. With much love to you and all from J.E.G. Aunt B sends love to all. Write us another good letter soon do not be discouraged. get [sic] a large sheet & all write to gether [sic].
John my attitude will be acceptable when you can forward it to my wife and Sir. J. G. with the rest. I am yours faithfully.

J. Wilson

P.S. Mr. Green.
We had the pleasure of hearing from John a few days since but of the family have heard nothing since nearly a week. I wish Lucy would write me a letter giving all the minutiae of what is going on in New York. I should much like to be in New Y[ork] on New Years but the want of dress prevents. I should have made provision before I left you. We have been blocked up with snow for several times so that we could not get out for some days. Yesterday we were unable to go to church the first time since I have been at home. The accounts from my expected place are not flattering. this [sic] is something of a dissapointment [sic]. I assure you. but [sic] nevertheless – If I don’t succeed in getting a place in N.Y. I shall either go to sea or take William’s farm, I think. I intend joining a German Class held at the antiquarian, conducted by a young Dane. News are scarce here. I would be obliged to you if you will forward me a New York newspaper – it would be quite a treat to me. William is published for marriage with a Miss Staples from Northbrough. I believe of a very respectable family. Will you Lucy write me. My best love to all the family. F.R.G.’s especially. Regards to Mr. Da. & E. have you seen anything of my friend Mr. Johnson. I have not heard [Written sideways]: a word from him.

[Written sideways]: John my atlas will be acceptable when you can forward it[.] Don’t be in any haste for it might get here sometime this season In haste y[ou]r brother A.H. Green

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