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Letter from W[illia]m E. Green, Samuel F. Green, Oliver Bourn Green, Martin Green, Julia E. Green, to John P. Green, Lucy M. Green, Mary R. Green, Lydia P. Green December 28, 1839 [John P. Green Mss. – A.L.S.]

Worcester Dec[embe]r 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 opportunely, 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 any thing 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 grattefy [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 successfull [sic], in restoring him to health, & the usefullness [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

Thomoughly master of your profision and accomplishments. Then wishes for cloth for Pointatoons. Thisk you has another me whither cousin Mantha has more you any advormer for an ouside coat as when mas the prospect. There no many nor any morens of griting any this have more the prospect. There no many nor any morens of griting any this have my the years and a bother bushes bunger to me them form for " thousand Did, it is an antich much tatter of these shut titte sun mony manting and five of any have. Andonne is sufficing for an outribe wat, & other closthe, & refer might I moon the Barns token the bist company. Inlike takes gowent prains with her schothras I theline They make very good knogness tuttes than Janmarly, as they seem much engaged, hope that andrere will get a your place some, as he sums anxious to engage orgain in first non. Philippe he never will like to live in the wentry to a the many for iner. Hanta Clours' made many presents of divens wakes which men usualiously dispond of the caterales I means, the back, sticks hands a neve regain trutenend up for a function display of the benevalence of the all gentleman at some future down as he find for a fighter of the benevalence of the all gentleman at some future day, as plives formul, oliver, Mountin's the number will hope for a chance in this you may expect they will make it a long litter . Thouse nothing ness or interesting to write for excepting that withour it. Green by on last Southwith was published to surphishedy who To not know but shall I hope in due trans, if the papers infor is publich the morninger for the next year. formy thing turn up frene norther far another norson, or for a fine muchs mill which you again. Torm as we mer your affection at furthered wint hoping you may all enjoy that happines which muita mintures extirms wer desinve Worcester December 28th 1839 Dear Sisters & Brother Ashall bends my Dournal by some private opportunity - It is very stormy to day - we (Andrew, Martin, +D) broke out the lane with the jumper then we came home and went down again - We got the horse and black sligh from Me Geer's we had a good tace coming from - Andrew drove the horse and black out the roade by wate on the jumper we kept ahead and up over once - then we tried to break out the roade that leads to the other farm the horse got stuck in the first drift we come at and we that leads to the other farm the horse got stuck in the first drift we come at and we to dig him out - We have a dinner and supper to getter to day about 4 o'clock are just going out to dinner - we had a thanks giving bud ing - After dinne Oliver & went down town on the jumper thro. main struct twice - we had few more balls, one hit 6, side of the head - It mowed good deal mot mow balls one hit O, side all the news & they were Acarce - Lydia I thank you for your kind offer of presents from your library, but I think you had better keeps del your broke to that you may have some booked when you go to house keeping which wile be interesting for your childrew to read - Why dint you write as offener ? we should freque theory all along you if you did not hold a firm place in our affections - I have been reading to day about Queen Anne - very interesting the west for Yeby 6t 1664 - The English work tim in 1688 by which Dames was dethroned and Thelian Third and citary I were place V Quen Anne - very interesting the ward and William in 16 88 by which Dames was dethroned and William is stead after their deaths Anne ascended to very economicale there was a wast amount of p. tion in 16 88 by which Dames was dethrowed and William third and ching 2 werther the the in his Stead after their deaths Anne ascended the throme in 102 - the the was very economical there was a wast amount of money extremded in her reign more perhaps than in grap of the reigns of her prede cestors - William has been published to a thing. Sarah M. Staples Deliver Dam oure her name is the published to a thing. Sarah M. Staples Deliver Dam oure her name is given notice that he is to open a drawing school odo not know but the given notice that he is to open a drawing school odo not know but the Dahell attend - Accept love from your brother Sam's & Gleen Ido not know but the Dear Jisters and Brother sear isters and Drother of pupposed ha and Sam ha orcester Map 25 he has left about a weeklago got disconcered takes the school yext term or not the the vaction will be ended and the sha prait too

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 ou[t]side 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 hopeing [sic] you may all enjoy that happiness which merit & virtuous extions [actions?] ever deserve[.]

/signed/ W[illia]m E. Green

Dear Sisters & Brother,

Worcester December 28th 1839

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. Geer's - we had a good race coming home - Andrew drove the horse and sleigh & Oliver M. & I rode on the jumper, we kept ahead and lept 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 to gether [sic] 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 thro[ugh] 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 forget about all about you if you did not hold a firm place in our affections - I have been reading to day about Queen Anne - very interesting - She was born Feb[ruar]y 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 Anne ascended the throne in 1702 - tho[ugh] she was very economical there was a vast amount of money expended in her reign more perhaps than in any of the reigns of her predecessors - William has been published to a Miss. Sarah M. Staples I believe - I am sure her name is Staples - and I believe her Christian name is (Sarah M.) -Mr. Brown has given notice that he is to open a drawing school, I do not know but that I shall attend - Accept love from your brother Sam[ue]l F. Green

Worcester Mass 28th Dec[ember]

Dear Sisters and Brother

I suppose Pa and Sam have told you all the news but I must get something stale or new Mr. Russell has left about a week ago got diseased I believe I [*Ms. illegible*]ght Esq takes the school next term or not till the 15th of Jan. when the vac[a]tion will be ended and We shall go regular once more and pretty strait too as he is pretty severe. We have been fixing the street this after noon and did the everyday errands all Sam and I went through and

[*Written sideways in margin*]: We sent a little packet to you by [*Ms. illegible*] let us know when you get it - we sent it by Rebecca [*Ms. illegible*] to have it - forwarded to you the first opportunity to you sister Lydia she need not send the [*Ms. illegible*] cushion I thought it was at home - and I wished to know where to look for it as I thought she told me she left it a checked bag one day before she left.

We got the horse from from seens to day so we thant want for stock but forker As to Greek I have not got alesson since John went away though form So must square up with love to all and much for your sefer 2S, Day much obliged to you Lydia for the books OBturn men but had rather you would give them yourgelf or not atall had better get your lifraty Dear Siters and Brother, with to put it a few lines to help fill up this sheet in answer to the many you have written me. ets Sammel and Celiver have a vacation "Willy and I would through the show to get her to show only when The is so find as to carry us tell Lydia that Andrew and Samuel made a yumperen and yumped down to the street through the drifts. I with you all the appy the Sean and Swinlie like to send you a gift if I could I mould the much the fork in and see you all of it mean bed time and with much ill hid yo id you all good might. From your affectionate In ther Wantin Incon Martin Green ment in the wey of letter writing not that I that you price property or perior to you wither a chinagraphy or composition but you know dear John that we can be a beau in our own as well in our hothers are used as have a beau in our own as well in our hothers are used as in other things, your dear the for will apply in Title writing as i Ater Things, your dear while I am conscious I have the bear montheless as I can vill parame if I point it out to gow. In the first place lean to clap your subjects a little as for instances of you are sheeking of the stores on the all you have to say about it is one place and speak of the questiy of russ i conver with it. The stacked of holties say all you with on that subject and alone it and to allow to it again with other things for in this way you make a mythin. Pardue the get of I lett you that you little sended me of I will out till you for fear row it think me to sugererous after the evident afertion you prede to inprove. You little has no it regards for marship very finght and neather dome and it gave that bas as it regards permaship very finity and neatly done and it gave that B. hankeularly pleasure to see her exertions on your tichalf were ash useless but that had of exertise for inprovement was beging to expand and it all boke to see it enlarge and los truck that the bury it is if pill and the flow it it enlarge and loe truck that the breese of britisisto which has blow when its will not wife its last that the pristice of good resolution accompanied with the kides denie of your finds to did its ytansion will can't its to expend. He. You spectre of Dr. Sombody from Pills field. You said Hell come Dally I have Doch. You did not say where of for wheet. Begin as sentences and do not have you say some this of it and the she you have done part a period and begin next subject with a capital litter. Some sound they does not tak it best to come on. you did suy whom. Bragin me dear John. I have total you these the to come on. you did suy whom. for your inprovement and I trush your will receive it is ouch. Doe were at the manfest infrommate in your letter. I do with Anale - would man entime for infrommate but I aille not very any thing as I very very the " I do derive to have his infrom his precious time to more advantage and by setting a better excemple. In the house anone things. It is my frener I to some on. you did say whom by setting a better example for the boys in among things. It is my frager that the bids with Defining in many respects as the requests the conduct of remaining one with Defining in making are more restrict and helping male over came ing one with I advantage in making are more restrict and helping into over came ing one with I ad ingovernable displosition. Ask all to wreak allowing the intervention of the second of the The box to your and anys do try and hend all your efforts for informents is Doct from songs the lectures will grow more interesting as you achieve first recovering her a oich headrache. I have not been ory well for a co with recovering her a oich headrache. I have not been ory well for a co with the overly her a oich headrache. I have not been ory well for a co with the prescriptions. I am and consulties in the girls to clearing there to a cloud this prescriptions. I have taken the girls to clearing there on the consider is his legister on the to here and the one of the outpicts as and is decided in his here and the prod. He does not study the being the one of the - orguell for a week el aner for h yerk but I hop

we got the horse home from Geer's to day so we shant want for stock but for hay[.] As to the Greek I have not got a lesson since John went away though I may begin it next quarter – Julia and Andrew will want the rest of this sheet so I must square up with love to all and much for yourselves[.] PS I am much obliged to you Lydia for the books but had rather you would give them yourself or not at all had better get you a library[.]

/signed/ O Bourn 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 all aff 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 [Ms. torn] in our brothers eye even when we have a beam in our own "as well in a [Ms. torn] 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 exertions 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 [Ms. illegible] - 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 [Written sideways]: 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] -

monday mong. Dect. 30.39 Service had the pleasure of hearing from Tohn a derive had but of the family have heard nothing while made a week I wish Lucy would write me a selected wing all the minutae of what is going on in hea tak schould much like to be in hea & on them Bears but the submit of brass prevents I should have made provision he for a left you, we have been blocked up with snow for several times so that we could not get out for some days. So the first we were unable to go to church. the first time and Care of my John J. the Junt Ser her Breen Esq. expected place, doe not flattering. this is something of a dissapointment. I assure you but nevertheless .- If I don't Aussappointment of getting a place in h.y. I shall either go to see Sor take william's farm I think I intend joining a being blass held at the antiquarian, conducted by a young same. There's 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 maniage, with a mus staples from Northbrough & believe of a very respectable family will inter you due, mite me, Any best low to all the family, will you ducy mite me. Any heat love to all the I family. IRG' especially. Respects to Am Da. P. IE. have you seen any thing of my buind Amphuson. Thank not heard

Monday Mor[in]g Dec[embe]r 30 [18]39

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 minutae 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. Respects 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

[Addressed:] John P. Green Esq.

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