Womenter august 19 1/042 Le Doct-John P. Green Sear Von, Thomasimina sevenal litters from you which remain more = mind, and, vis I to not wintillarly momentes the contents of them porticalanty I shall hist, as huch on such pointe, as may own to my mumany you must poundanding inournaigs which mory occur, & take what is whittin, as well mucht, & not, so property expressed, ors Thomas your your my Dorton veluorys out hourt - Shall hugers my de nototion why your norme corme to be John as Your getting ob, & the history of hourt events may Inve to vinin you for de line moment, I will give my mind that were of new thiting which the swend arouncies which howe form. mory home impressed any thing pointiculor an my mind. after I had hun three yours, & or free months sittle in Gnorthin in this county, I more pennaded to notion to Worneter, & tothe thouse of the do form of my forthers, as my brother John who had the change of the fairm, as Executor to my future will, & my litter Mouny & my Mothin limbon The form, & only howing hind help on the place who had no other interest thous to get their mayes the form more much men out fines hover, a the hour which how her pointially mpoined the

## Incomplete letter from William E. Green to Doctor John P. Green, August 19<sup>th</sup> 1842 [John P. Green Mss. – L]

Worcester August 19th 1842

To Doc[to]r John P. Green

Dear Son,

I have received several letters from you which remain unanswered, and, as I do not particularly remember the contents of them <del>particularly</del>, I shall hint, or touch on such parts, as many over to my memory, & you must pardon my inaccuracies which may occur, & take what is written, as well meant, if not, so properly expressed, as I have your good my dear son always at hart [sic]. I shall begin by a relation why your name came to be <u>John</u>, as I am getting old the history of past events may serve to amuse you for a leisure moment, & will give my mind that ease of resollution [sic] which the several anniversaries which have passed may have impressed any thing particular on my mind. After I had been three years, & a few months settled in Grafton in this county, I was persuaded to return to Worcester, & take charge of the old farm of my fathers, as my brother John who had the charge of the farm, as executor to my fathers will, & my sister Mary, & my Mother lived on the farm, and only having hired help on the plow who had no other interest than to get their wages the farm was much run out [*Ms. illegible*] poor, & the house which had been partially repaired the year that my father

2 dist mores in sen unfinished White yet to tenorthy compositulities for the formuly - The hvenn more poor no hory floore or stately which mene wowenint or normely compartvible for the Cotthe. There were a poirs of mail cottle on the place four cours mull, & one hours which how this John bought I put on the form he has tother or what which were drawn - minly liver on the form when Dunius Rice mulduy. I from which More throng the present how of hours now on the form from a stud which aver your To my nother by his Anther Brightier Simothy Burgyly when my futher munnicher My birther hmothy more fitter in N. york, & foring sun the situation of The form, & Knowing the situation of his outprins of the plove or the formity form he with my knother form "any ungent to have me have groupton & wone to Monuter yo into wintrunship with Cohnorn Morings hyp. on attaining Atto in Warnester at that time the same with whom I the down, & ofter considerable unging Tunnat to go into company with high Many, & watinin in The company thinten yours must of the time mide = ing on the form, & hipt my office in the Unit untitle Me Bornys mois upprinted under the new converge = mint of that Count of Cummon places & General Hypor of the Server or Judge of that count = when Twentime the prositive above in the some office untill Mrs Mongis her Educino Dillinghorn Boungs inves admithe to provitive a thin we went into whom then ship for or five years what four I believe a then at the my unt

died was in an unfinished state yet tolerably comfortable for the family - The barn was poor no hay floors or stables which were convenient or scarcely comfortable for the cattle. There were a pair of small cattle on the plow four cows small, & one horse which brother John bought & put on the farm he had taken a colt which was deemed from the mare father purchased of old Mr. Starrs who formerly lived on the farm where Darius Rice now lives & from which Mare sprung the present breed of horses now on the farm from a steed which was given to my mother by her father Brigadier Timothy Ruggles when my father married her - My brother Timothy was settled in N. York, & having seen the situation of the farm, & knowing the situation of his affairs & the plow or old family farm he with my brother John was urgent to have me leave Grafton & come to Worcester go into partnership with Edward Bangs Esq[ire] an attourney settled in Worcester at that time, & the same with whom I studied law, & after considerable urging I consented to go into company with Esq[ui]r[e] Bangs, & continued in the company thirteen years most of the time residing on the farm, & kept my office in the street untill [sic] Mr. Bangs was appointed under the new arrangement of the Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions of the Peace a Judge of that court - when I continued the practice alone in the same office untill [sic] Mr. Bang's son Edward Dillingham Bangs was admitted to practice & then we went into copartnership for a time years about four I believe & then at the request of Mr. Bangs we dissolved & I opened an office by myself &

3 prositing have a fine yours where 2 Mr. manys untimed on your untill he find, I his son writing of the fithe At how write for more choses fine tony of the of the I my howing grouthen & wime on the ob tomm when I found way thing, as hadly tothato are more home the while in Grouptun their mude money 1,500 within in mony & Yound no more or wallow Termon to the from frond it nows musserry to make hermoniping I atter the mothers of wannaying on the plane, 7mprind the firms with more morth mu comment the from ham, 2 me floored it. With withinty to my profinional himmend drawter outing hours work day to the annight if the form and gennally non int four De clock in the musing denous what the vurnight of the fram untitle ight by down in the morning & after that Twent to my offin until 12 Plach or I Oulork come home to time I whinned to my office generally ochout 2 Ontoh I there wating the others to mak hairman versuing nummy to be done untill night, & some times untill quite with in the mining. MI this time This no titte to the down but more promised on tittely brothing John, & timothy. I wantin in to to the ching of the fram for four yours & mind had expudded my winning in cultivotion subduing fining mprins untill I moved go no funther without a little to the plan mother him . more much unbernand in his huimett -

practiced law a few years after & Mr. Bangs continued as Judge untill [sic] he died, & his son continued the practice of the law untill [sic] I was chosen secretary of state of the state of Massachusetts - I now will mention the the [sic] period of my leaving Grafton & came on the old farm where I found every thing, as hardly situated as was possable [sic][.] while [sic] in Grafton I had made nearly 1,500 dollars in money, & I owed no man a dollar[.] I came on to the farm found it was necessary to make some repairs & alter the [Ms. illegible] of carrying on the plow, I repaired the fences built some new walls new [Ms. illegible] the farm barn, & new floored it. I still attended to my professional business, & devoted a few hours each day to the oversight of the farm and generally rose at four O. clock in the morning & was about the oversight of the farm untill eight O. clock in the morning, & after that I went to my office untill [sic] 12 O clock or 1 o'clock came home to dinner & returned to my office generally about 2 o'clock & there continued to attend to seek business as was necessary to be done untill [sic] night, & some times untill [sic] quite late in the evening. All this time I had no tittle [sic] to the farm but was promised a little by brothers John, & Timothy. I continued to take charge of the farm for four years & more, & had expended all my earnings in cultivation [Ms, illegible] farming & repairs untill [sic] I could go no further without a little to the plow Brother Timo[thy] was sunk [Ms. illegible] in his business -

4" I brother yohn the wine houring mybets to sittle his but with mying how this him more an Womester with our intentions to sittle the Estate I my futhis, a vis their whurys him pointiculies to tothe hills & Churing to fur vile balos done atmins nononistry reports on the Annie it more amentaria that mithout very pory for my similes Thow privat four thousand putting, that this time then some that at the price frances mine setting, that a settlement which was numer by my forthins will for my mother to two sixtures month he definted provided I more him out of the neal Estate, & he mished me to take a de If the form & montynge it hout to him to pay my three youngest throthins served I have not oryme to that methor of doing the huismus , I more hound Ave brother John ait that time what four office Thomand sollowns to he was kind to had me his norme but left me from the hurry of his huisness always to both out & noin more to mut all his, & my awa work out & noin more to mut all his, & my awa listilities which how norms me very much , & after hin! & John & Their would musel days a had booked over my upuching for my prayment un pointer, as Y would not to very thing to Jupundige my mothin's or history settlements on the Estorth ? without to your up my cloim for advances I have the form, I town what I have prived a Those sully beten ind to to do un her himsthy would take such or with Spent

& brother John the same having neglected to settle his accounts with his patients for many years - at last after much urging brother Tim[oth]y came on to Worcester with an intention to settle the estate of my father, & as I had always been particular to take bills & receipts for all labor done & business rendered by repairs on the farm it was ascertained that without any pay for my services I had paid out four thousand dollars, brother Timo[thy] then saw that at the price farms were selling at that a settlement which was secured by my fathers will for my mother & two sisters would be defrated [defrayed?] provided I was paid out of the [Ms. illegible] estate, & he wished me to take a deed of the farm, & mortgage it back to him to pay what monies he had advanced to brother Thomas & what my three youngest brothers and I could not agree to that method of doing the business, & I was bound for brother John at that time about four or five thousand dollars -& he was kind to lend me his name but left me from the hurry of his business always to look out & raise money to meet all his, & my own liabilities which harassed me very much, & after Timo[thy] & John & I had consulted several days & had looked over my vouchers for my payments we parted, as I could not do any thing to [*Ms. illegible*] my mother's or sisters settlements on the estate I concluded to give up my claim for advances & leave the farm, & loose [sic] what I had paid & I was fully determined so to do unless Timothy would take such a deed & execute

Transcribed by Emily S. Dunster