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Letter from William E. Green to John P. Green April 10th, 1843 [John P. Green Mss. – A.L.S.]

Worcester April 10th 1843

To Doc[to]r John P. Green,

Dear Son,

As you will be far on your voyage when you open this letter, I hope it will meet you in good spirits, & full of the hopes of making a pleasant, & very prosperous voyage, & I am glad that your friends have been willing to afford you that friendly aid, & counsel, which may eventually be usefull [sic], & so far beneficial, as to enable you to make yourself usefull [sic], & beneficial to your fellow creatures wherever fortune may place you – I have always since, & long before you were born, calculated on the son who should bear up my late honoured fathers name should be a physician, & should inherit the old home farm, it was the wish of your uncle Timothy, & a plan he laid when he, & I were settling the old affairs of the home estate, that the next son I might have should be called John, & that he should be bred a Physician, & inherit the old homestead, this calculation was made while Lucy's mother was living, & after her decease [sic] before I saw or knew your own mother, that the next son born to me, should bear the name of John, & he bred a Physician, & you will perceive from the part, that the plan by me has always been adherence too[sic]. You have had friends raised up to you far beyond the most sanguine expectations of my former hopes[.]

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Finding, on the attempt of the settlement with brothers Timothy, & John, that both of them were embarrassed, so that they could not hold the old estate, for the benefit of mother, sisters Mary, & Betsey, & the three younger brothers Meltiah, Bourn, & Isaac, and, as I had by providence, & care, saved a few hundred dollars, there was no one to step forward to take charge of the place by reason of the brothers Samuel, & Elijah having gone south, Meltiah to the west Indies, Bourn to Europe, & Isaac in Colledge [sic] at N[ew] York. I seemed as the only one, so situated, as to be able to look to the affairs at the old farm, and although I was bound for brother John to the amount of six, or seven thousand dollars at the time, I supposed he was rich, but hesitated to collect his debts for fear of giving offense to his customers, & by that means involved himself by their being outlawed, & when he died at the age of 44 y[ea]rs he left his family destitute, & John the present Doc[to]r just commencing practice to take charge of his medical business. I then had been appointed executor, with Theophilus Wheeler, & Doc[to]r John to brother John's will, & had to take the charge of settling the estate I tryed [sic] hard to get Esq[ui]re Wheeler to give bonds[?] & settle the estate, as Doc[to]r John wished for the situation for getting the practice, & to see, & collect the debts would give offense to those who employed brother John, in his life time, & by that means prevent their employing Doc[to]r John. I thought a great deal of the matter, & on the whole concluded to give bonds, & settle the estate, as well, as I could, and, as the Lyons skin was not long enough I borrowed the Foxes to eke it out, & began to hold up the idea that there was an immense estate of brother Johns, provided for the family, as well as I could repaired the Taylor farm house, & kept the appearance of great willingness to wait on those, who owed the estate only to have them settle, & give notes on interest, & for three years only need three persons to prevent loosing [sic] their debts - due the estate, & when I could hold out no longer, & the creditors seized

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on my estate the Crawford farm to pay Jeremiah Robinson & Doc[to]r Elijah Dix's demands against the estate, of brother John, as I had given my note to them for the amount due them I was obliged to give up the executorship, & Esq[ui]re Wheeler took the affairs into his hands, & closed the settlement of brother John's estate, & I lost about 7 or 8 hundred dollars, but had delayed the settlement, & kept every thing [Ms. illegible] untill [sic] John had got the practice well secured into his hands, & they all owed him, & he had made sufficient to take mortgages, & had enough due him to have released me from all embarrassment, but let me tug on, & do the best I could, & when I wanted to have him buy the estate of his father, which was sold at auction, he gave out that he would not buy it of me to give any thing more than I gave for it, & I offered to divide the loss I had made on settling his fathers estate, & he give me in addition to what I had bought, that estate for, one half the lien (about four hundred dollars) more than I had bought for, he would not do it, & then I had to sell, & put the estate out of my hands making the purchaser agree always to give John the first offer, & finally by menauvering [sic], got the estate into his own hands at about 2/3 of its real value, & he, & his mother has never thanked me for any thing I have done for them, it is true. I do not know that he ever charged me with any practice, or medical aid for my family, & do not feel under the least obligation to him for that, he having always acted like an enemy rather than a friend towards me, & his mother has often [Ms. illegible] my for urging his father to assist in raising money to pay where I was bound for him, as in one instance where we raised money to pay brother John['s] notes at

twinthe by may of down't Johnson who took douedamin & hilled himself we lost about 4 or 5 thousand Duthans in all, that ht it yo, the more on industrious , but ignorment mornow & did not know enough to ynamed with, d' house always suffered from a him of ynedgetnem theme hoth), Thomas time, vy you know through mony inhounder, & much twenthe but hope you will Hever clives from well then troubles, I if promoble Thope you will demonstate sufficient property to him, & holo the of Journ, & always house it de point, & place of nesent for Will the childness, og long, og they more live Thopeyon will be, 10 neunfull in your prent pennite that you will in the count of we five your make sufficient mony to return independent, is let nothing present you from Daing all the good you were to your fellow montants when you wer wifely offend there our - Thome unittee the for to let you know under what difficulties Thome had to out, & the little thanks Thome had for my contions. To endeavour to map the all homester, & to map the my contions. To endeavour to map the all homester, & it has an founilies united. Thome munded for beyond my expectations, & it has an 2 vinue me That with proper yention, & a Determination to to ruhet is night, a mon mony effect a monderfull dead of year In very finit convertion I was deprived of a sincere good, & below compoinison while were was a five unhe other my now by the denongment of my mond wife, I had many troubles, i un horanes-= mento, & when Lung more ochout & more thanks / hurs called to morem the bour of one of the last pronted, a most auffretion oute of momentshi I canno still deanes to me after the was mistand to her night mind mother, a more exout, unwhle, offichienate, mornen, no mun wer had & out to all my triveled disception time to with my two formers, I felt as though Environe how made up every los, & the was spound long enough to educate some of her children, to four our to enouble them to the change, I being Donwood the children, to for that the -

banks by way of Sam[ue]l Johnson who took Laudanum & killed himself we lost about 4 or 5 thousand dollars in all, (but let it go, she was an industrious, but ignorant woman, & did not know enough to quarrel with, & I have always suffered from a kind of grudge from them both), & I have lived, as you know through many embarrassments, & much trouble but hope you will stear [sic] clear from all these troubles, & if possable [sic] I hope you will accumulate sufficient property to live, & hold the old farm, & always have it a point, & place of resort for all the children, as long, as they may live[.] I hope you will be, so successfull [sic] in your present persuits [sic] that you will in the course of a few years make sufficient money to return independent, & let nothing prevent you from doing all the good you can to your fellow mortals when you can safely afford them aid -Ihave written thus far to let you know under what, difficulties I have had to act, & the little thanks I have had for my exertions, to endeavour [sic] to keep the old homestead, & to keep the families united. I have succeeded far beyond my expectations, & it has convinced me that with proper exertions, & a determination to do what is right, a man may effect a wonderfull [sic] deal of good – In my first connection, I was deprived of a sincere good, & beloved companion while W[illia]m was a few weeks old. In my second by the derangement of my second wife, I had many troubles, & embarrassments, & when Lucy was about 8 months old I was called to mourn the loss of one of the best hearted, & most affectionate of women & she seemed still dearer to me after she was restored to her right mind & I felt if possable [sic] the loss more severely than the first. The third your mother, & more exact, sensable [sic], affectionate, woman, no man ever had, & after all my trials & disappointments with my two former, I felt as though Providence had made up every loss, & she was spared long enough to educate some of her children. So far, as to enable them to take charge, & bring forward the children, so far that the present

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situations in which all are placed bears the strongest evidence that her plan of bringing up children was very correct, & good for your sisters Lucy Mary Julia & Lydia all are very exemplary, & are, & will I hope be always women who are & will be respected.

I shall with much anxiety wait to hear from you in your new location, I hope that but whatever misfortunes may attend you, that you never will be in the least discouraged, for, as long as you have health & life, & an untarnished reputation you may always expect, & hope for success with proper exertion you undoubtedly will have many obstacles to encounter, & one habit you have, which to succeed generally well with, you must conquer, "that is letting people discover what your feelings are when any thing occurs which may, or does not please you. You are too [sic] appt [sic] to look green, & show your feelings to[0] hastily - whereas a proper degree of confidence & pleasant manners outwardly shewn [sic] to your fellow creatures will gain theirs, but if you are cold, & distant they will be apt to be the same towards you, which chills those manner feelings of the heart which gains the confidence, & good will of our fellow creatures. As I have full confidence in your tallents [sic], as a Physician, & surgeon, & your strict honesty, for which you have ever been noticed by all your friends, <u>you must not let your difidence [sic]</u>, so far overcome your natural benevolence, & nice sense of action

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as to prevent you from doing your duty on all occasions. I have known men who had not half the acquirements, which I know you have, from what I have learned, from those, who know your medical acquirements, better than I do, make a great display, & put themselves forward, & make a great shew [sic] when actually they were poorly informed in the first rudiments of a profession, which of all others requires a man to be well skilled in, as human life is concerned, & may be often endangered from want of knowledge - I hope you have some plan on which you mean to act, in your present pursuit, & that when you have arrived at your port of destination, that you will circumspectly look around you, & [*Ms. illegible*] & with a becoming openness, & confidence make such enquiries, as will enable you to begin business in a right way, so that you will not have to learn from a far that you have done wrong -.

You have the best wishes of all your friends for success, & we all hope that you will pursue not only [*Ms. illegible*] successfull [sic] in your practice, but that you will be eminently so; that you may amass a fortune, & when you have safe opportunities to remit any prosperity you may acquire, you have brothers to whom you can safely entrust any thing you may wish to send home, & have it, if goods, sold, & the amount secured by mortgage, or if to be sold, & goods

prenching to be sent you, that thing were send it to you Doughly, a knep insund. If possable I have do get an insumance my life for a number of yours, at the life inmound affire I place the Orling in your listens hounds, that you might in can it any amount to yourself, have writhing to much This for sell this kindness, & were . Thous whither thus for not knowing that you will wer tothe hains to mad what is him unithen, but, if we muser mut again, to let you know wouthing what I have gone through I to give you my mins on your print wern of Conduct. you have my fundert mishes for your Jucus happismu, & prosperity & une it in any hower I would not have find to furnish you with very mide nearing compart, do which your proment vorgery might miguined if you June Schoell fut houppy d, if not I will introuver to have thing hipt to that you mary nition to the hoven of finish who will not first to never he discourseyed, but out with a prudat confiberer, in the moonner of your ann anyum = mint, truting in the hyport of that GOD who is able from the mother to mother The most pomenfull. Those to prois from you often ou time, & appointunity may offer - Som, as ever most simmely, & affectives with your fining forther, Mus ? le, ymm

purchased to be sent you, that they can send it to you safely, & keep insured. If possable [sic] I would get an insurance on my life for a number of years, at the life insurance office & place the Policy in your sisters hands, that you might in case of any accident to yourself, leave something to reward them for all their kindness, & care. I have written thus for not knowing that you will even take pains to read what is here written, but, if we never meet again, to let you know something what I have gone through & to give you my [*Ms. illegible*] on your present course of Conduct. You have my fondest wishes for your success happiness, & prosperity, & were it in my power I would not have failed to furnish you with every deeded necessary comfort, & c[etera] which your present voyage might require, & if you succeed I shall feel happy &, if not I will endeavour to have things kept, so that you may return to the honor of friends who will not fail to treat you with kindness, & affection. -

Never be discouraged, but at with a prudent confidence, in the resources of your own acquirements, trusting in the support of that GOD who is able from the meakest [sic] to make the most powerfull [sic]. I hope to hear from you often as time, & opportunity may offer - I am, as ever most sincerely, & affectionately your friend, & father,

W[illia]m E. Green

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[Addressed]: Doc[to]r John P. Green To be read when out one month or sooner if he chooses New York N.Y -

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