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## Letter from John W. H. Baker to Julia Ann Baker and his children, 1853 Oct. 21

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Mok. Hill, April 13th, 1855

My Dear Wife

I have this minute finished reading yours of date, March 15th in which you write me from Plainfield saying you are on a visit to that Place, Windsor, & perhaps Chesterfield. I am glad you have got out from your place of residence once more and that you take the opportunity you have to visit you friends & relatives. I did not know but you had given up any interest in the relatives since you have made very little talk of them during your communications. I am inclined to think your spirits are somewhat revived in anticipation of my return. I can say I am pleased to hear or suppose that to be the fact.

You write that the old homestead is to be sold on the 1st of May. I think you will not make the purchase from what you write me, and from the situation of affairs and under the consideration that we would have such individuals for neighbors I would not give my consent for you to purchase the place even at the price at which I sold it.

Since the reception of this letter I am more and more inclined to think I shall make a tour into the Western States before I locate any where or at least before I give any positive assurance of locating myself.

I think you and the children had better come to Windsor and meet me there and perhaps I may feel inclined to remain there a few days before I go to M. If you come there the 20th of May I think you will be in season. If there is anot accommodation for the children there we can stop at the Hotel but I think we will find plenty of room for a few days at father's-- I shall probably start from San Francisco on the 1st of May and if nothing unusual occurs I shall be likely to arrive in N. Y. between the 22 & 25th--

You say the children have altered very much and I expect I shall see the change which has taken place much more readily than you

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do. And I could but expect that a wonderfull change would take place in a family of such children--

I am sorry to hear that Hane is unwell again. she seems to be a sufferer. Give her my kind regard, hoping to find her well upon my return.

I perceive by the States Papers that the N. H. Democracy have been defeated and I am quite rejoiced. I should like to have heard who the officers of the town of Plainfield were but as you have not written I suppose I shall not know untill I arrive in the States.

I would like to know whether there have been any propositions from any Physicians to locate in Meriden, providing I should not locate there--Whether any one has been there to examine the opportunity since the death of Dr. Lane. I would like my old place and my old patrons, but if I were obliged to surround myself so completely with men from whom I have received so little consideration and respect, as from Ed. Frost, Sam'l Moulton, Dr. Blanchard & some few others, I believe I shall make a little examination fo other chances before I determine my locality--I think the matter should be well considered, for the reason that wherever I do stop for business will be my permanent residenct--With these few remarks I close my second part--While I still remain in good health I subscribe myself again

Your Affectionate Husband  
John W. N. Baker

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Mrs Julia Ann Baker  
Meriden  
N. H.