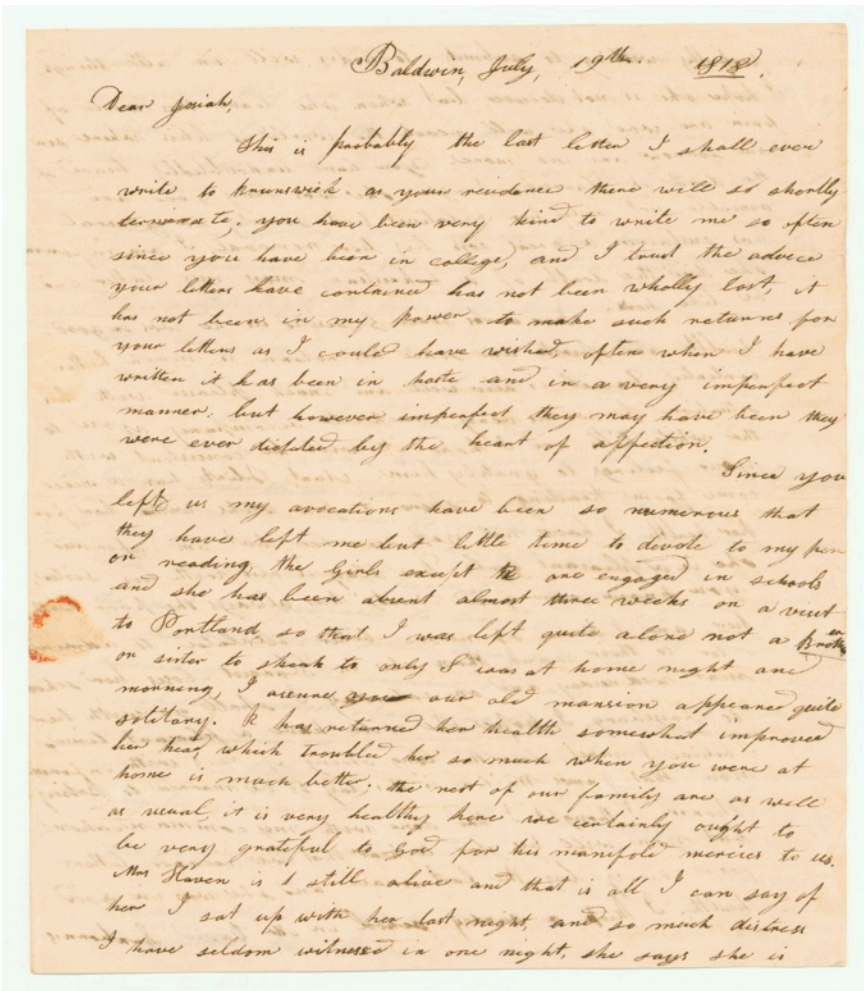


Baldwin, July, 19th. 1818

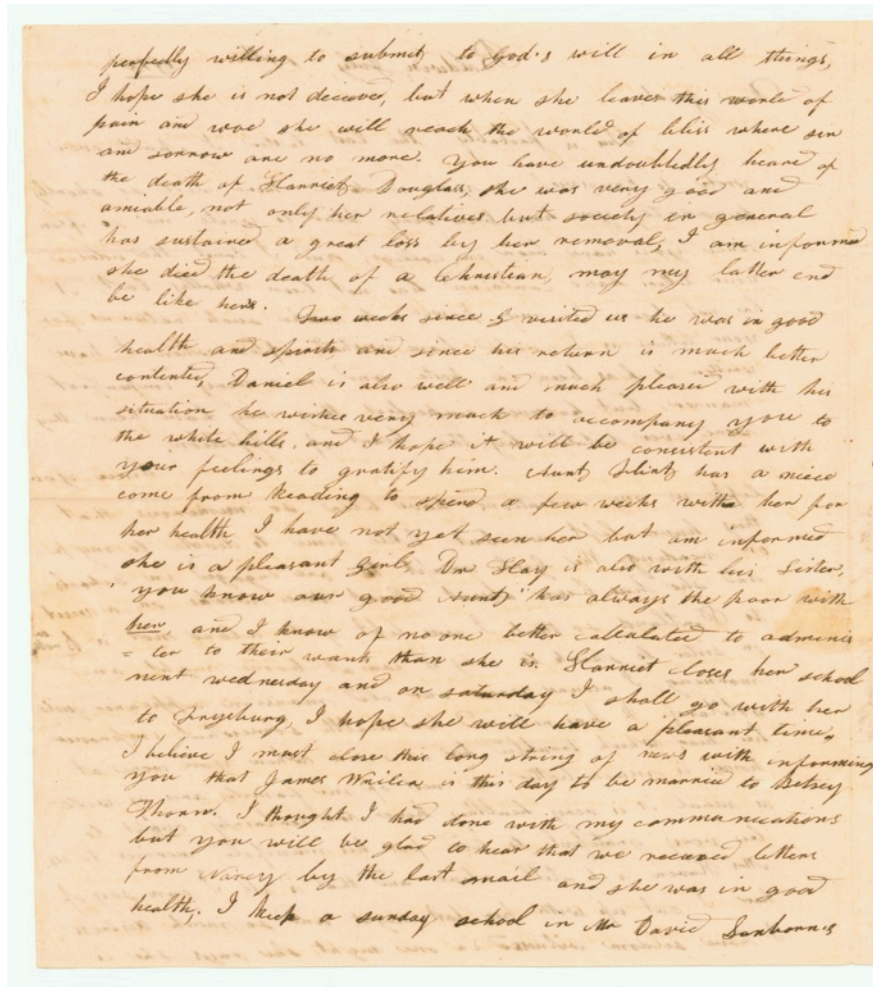
Dear Josiah,

This is probably the last letter I shall ever write to Brunswick, as your residence there will so shortly terminate; you have been very kind to write me so often since you have been in college, and I trust the advice your letters have contained has not been wholly lost, it has not been in my power to make such returns for your letters as I could have wished, often when I have written it has been in haste and in a very imperfect manner: but however imperfect they may have been they were ever dictated by the heart of affection.

Since you left us my avocations have been so numerous that they have left me but little time to devote to my pen or reading, the girls except R [?] are engaged in schools and she has been absent almost three weeks on a visit to Portland, so that I was left quite alone not a Brother^{er} or sister to speak to only S was at home night and morning, I assure you our old mansion appeared quite solitary. R [?] has returned her health somewhat improved her head, which troubled her so much when you were at home is much better; the rest of our family are as well as usual, it is very healthy here we certainly ought to be very grateful to God for his manifold mercies to us. Mrs Haven is still alive and that is all I can say of her I sat up with her last night, and so much distress I have seldom witnessed in one night, she says she is



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Description: Hannah Pierce to Josiah Pierce



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pain and woe she will reach the world of bliss where sin
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the death of Harriet Douglass, she was very good and
amiable, not only her relatives but society in general
has sustained a great loss by her removal, I am informed
she died the death of a Christian, may my latter end
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contented, Daniel is also well and much pleased with his
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the white hills, and I hope it will be consistent with
your feelings to gratify him. Aunt Shanty has a niece
come from Reading to spend a few weeks with her for
her health I have not yet seen her but am informed
she is a pleasant girl. Dr. Hay is also with his Sister,
you know our good Aunt "has always the poor with
her" and I know of no one better calculated to adminis-
ter to their wants than she is. Harriet loses her school
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to Fryeburg I hope she will have a pleasant time.
I believe I must close this long string of news with informing
you that James Weiler is this day to be married to Betsey
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we are fondly anticipating your return and promise ourselves much pleasure from the visit of your friend present our compliments to him tell him we will give him the I was going to say a cordial reception but hearty rustic welcome will do better. I rejoice that you are so well pleased with your assignment for commencement, and hope you will have a pleasant NB time. One thing of great importance you will on your return have to make an acknowledgement to my Morna for your unjust suspicions, the sweet little robins were all permitted to reside peaceably in the nest till prepared to leave it and seek their fortunes in this wide world, since their departure they have been serenading us in the orchard and are now employed in composing a most charming piece of music ~~on~~ to welcome you on your return, but I have almost covered my paper and must bid you adieu. That you may be good and happy is the most fervent wish of the family all send love to you.

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