

Fryeburg, July, 9th. 1814.

My very dear Brother.

You are now on your way, or perhaps allready arrived at our dear Paternal roof, where the warm smile of Parental, and fraternal affection is ready to welcome you; I cannot suppress the involuntary sigh, nor the term of regret, when I reflect that I am not to share in the general joy, which will precede our habitation on your arrival, my hear[ink blot] flies to meet you;

but I look round and find myself solitary in my chamber: you will I know you will forgive my weakness; do not suppose me unhappy I have many things to render my situation agreeable, and if the society of my beloved Josiah is wanting in the number I ought not, nor will I repine so long as I believe you happy, which I cannot doubt.

I need not tell you how happy I was in receiving a visit

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Description: Hannah Pierce to brother

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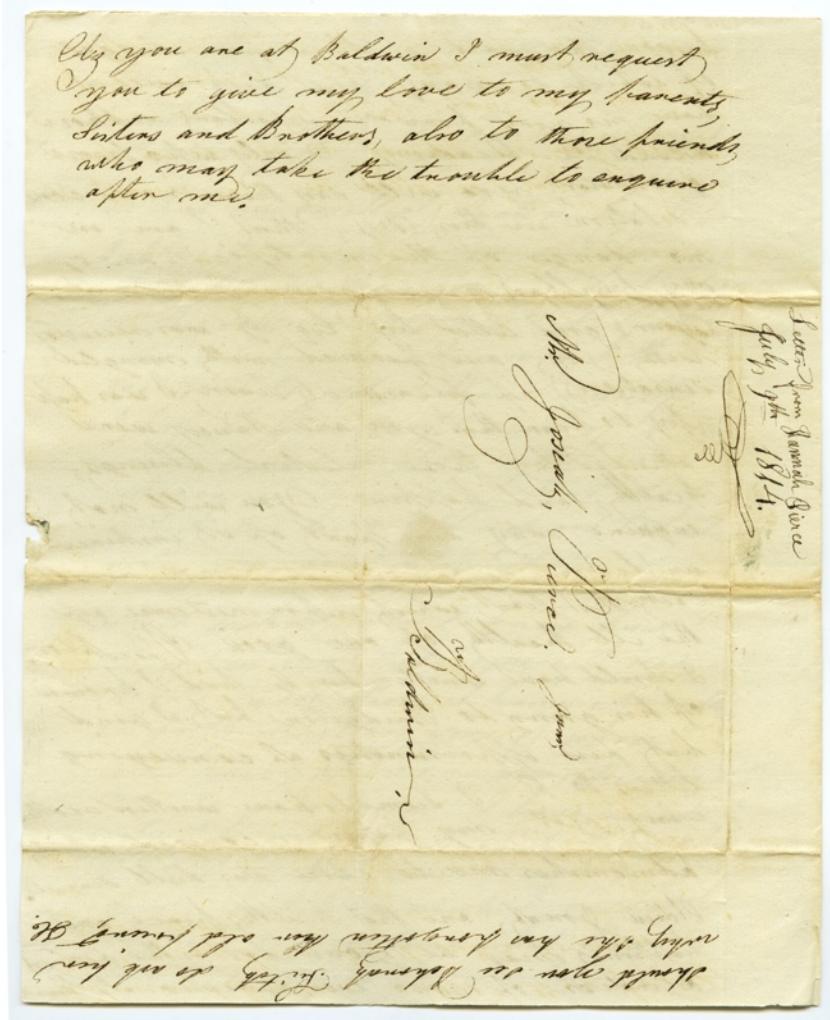
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As[?] you are at Baldwin I must request  
you to give my love to my parents  
Sisters and Brothers, also to those friends  
who may take the trouble to enquire  
after me.

[address written sideways]

Mr. Josiah Pierce, Jun.

Baldwin

[written on bottom on page, upside down]

Should you see Deborah Fitch do ask her  
why she has forgotten her old friend, H.