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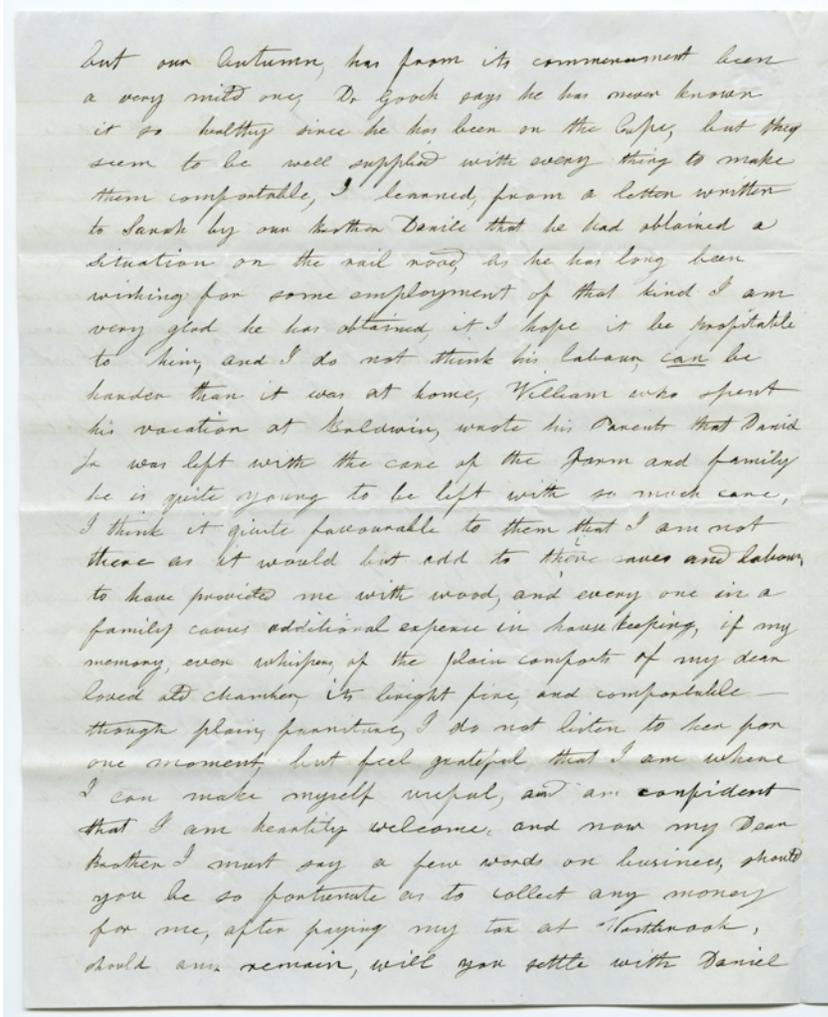
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Description: Hannah Pierce letter about her nieces and sister



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I think it quite favourable to them that I am not
there as it would but add to their cares and labour,
to have provided me with wood, and every one in a
family carries additional expense in house keeping, if my
memory even whispers, of the plain comforts of my dear
loved old chamber, its bright pine, and comfortable ---
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one moment, but feel grateful that I am where
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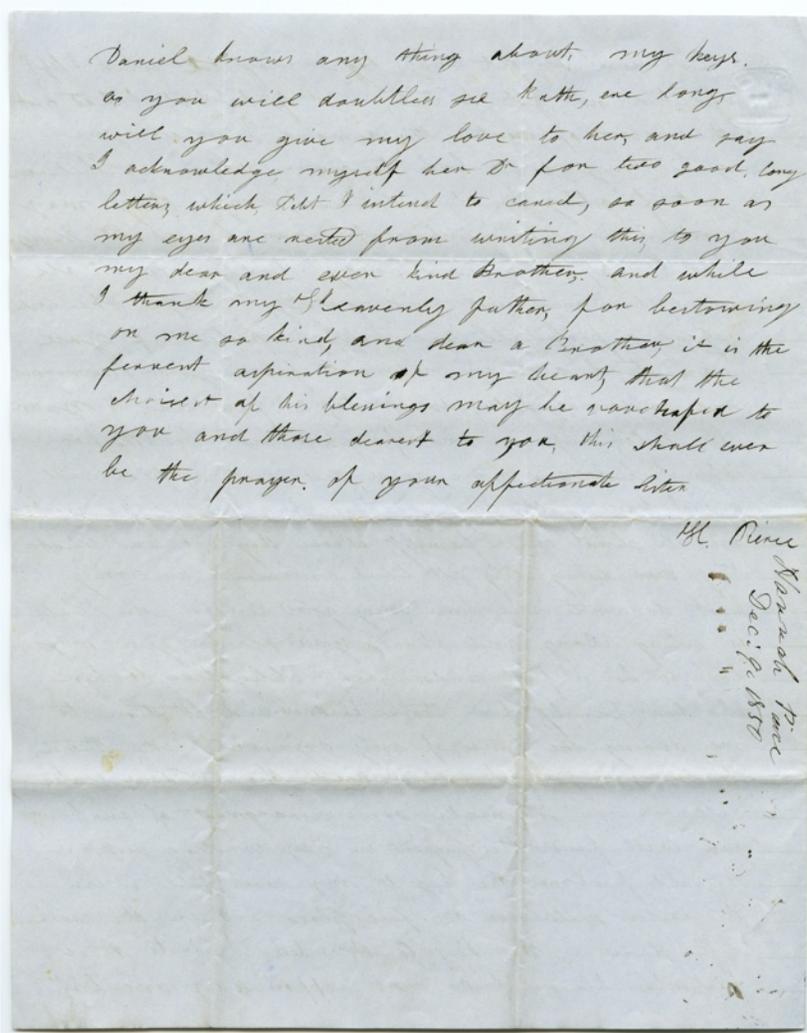
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and arduous duties, do write, a few lines, to your
old Sister inform me of your own health, for
when I last saw you, you did not appear well,
and I have felt very anxious, about you, do write
me all about your family where they are and what
they are doing, they all have an interest in my
heart, do write me how my good Cousin Mrs Hall,
is getting along, and should you see her, give my
love to her, I feel under great obligation to her
and her family for their kindness and attention to
me during the time of my sojourn, with them,
Should you go to Baldwin and the Widow Yates
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Daniel knows any thing about, my keys.
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letters, which Debt I intend to cancel, as soon as
my eyes are rested from writing this, to you
my dear and ever kind Brother, and while
I thank my Heavenly Father, for bestowing
on me so kind, and dear a Brother, it is the
fervent aspiration of my heart, that the
choicest of his blessings may be granted to
you and those dearest to you, this shall ever
be the prayer of your affectionate Sister

H. Pierce