

*From William Baker who emigrated with the Pelworth party  
in 1832.*

November 3rd. 1833.

MY DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER,

I take the opportunity of writing to you, I hope it will find you all well, I am quite well at present. I received your letter, I heard you were all well, I should like to hear from my brothers and sisters, father and mother. I am doing well. I am living with Mr. Charles Ford, that married Amelia Cooper, from Frightfold. I shall have 3 acres of wheat of my own to reap next year, off my own farm. I have 1 horse and waggon harness. They are all doing well that come out with me on their own land. Benjamin Batchelor is along with me, doing well on his farm, he is hoping to get in 3 acres of wheat this michaelmas: he don't want to come to England no more, he is very sorry to hear his brother Matthew is gone for a soldier, he [had] better come to Canada, he would be better off. I was glad to hear from my mother, and brother Charles. William Pannell is doing very well on his land, he was glad to hear all his friends were well. Your son, William Baker, and Mr. Ford, have been butchering this summer, and do well at it, and sells at two pence a pound, good fat beef and mutton; pork, three pence pound. You be not forced to go down to Spooner, and give nine pence a pound for pork: come to Upper Canada, then you won't go to bed without your suppers; there is plenty to eat in Upper Canada: any man work three [days] in a week will get a good living. Young girls that wants to get married, must come to Upper Canada, they will soon get a husband: girls are wanted for wives. I should like to hear from W. Rapley. There is no black man, there is plenty of Indians in this country; bears and wolves in this country; they be very civil, they don't hurt no one. There is plenty of deer; pheasants; poultry; rabbits; squirrels, are black; ducks. Winter is very cold, but not over three months. You can get plenty of whiskey, and rum, brandy six pence a quart, beer sixpence, cider, two pence a quart, tobacco six pence a pound. Price of work, 5 shillings a day, in your mint. Bring no tools, in this country, tools are better in this country, and cheaper. Any one that come in this [country] come by New York, come much cheaper and quicker to