

Newbern, Sept. 3rd. 1838.
Dear Bro. Wain:

I had no idea when I wrote you last that half as much time would elapse before I wrote you again. But I have not had my time at my own command. To say that I have not had time to write you would not be true; but I can say, I believe in truth, that sufficient leisure with a disposition for letter writing, have never occurred together.

But you must not infer indifference from silence. You have been frequently thought of & your name is always associated with many pleasing recollections. I have thought of your trials & discouragements

-ments, and have offered in your
behalf & the interests you have in charge,
my poor supplications. The present
prospects of the Institution — the indif-
-ference of its professed friends — the
opposition of its enemies, and especially
its small number of students must
be pressing to you. I hope however
that you will be able to persevere, &
that your final success may be
better than your fears.

We are getting on here as well
as we can & much better than I
expected at first. The Church, when
I came, was very low & much dried.
They have now a revival some I
am a great deal more invited.
I have baptized four persons — three
of whom were methodists. This had

a powerful effect upon that denomina-
tion & they have been preaching about
it nearly ever since. But they may
have & I will be guilt & baptize.

their Minister (Mr. Langhorn) has ren-
-dered himself very unpopular here
by attacking others. He preached two
set sermons against the Bishop
just before he finds at us.

But to turn to something more
interesting I would inform you that
I began this letter to invite you to
attend the annual association which
is to be held in this place the 3rd
Sunday in act. I am known that the
asso. is very small & portentously dis-
tute of ministers. Unless we can
get help from abroad I shall be
extremely sorry for it to meet here.
The preaching we should get from

the few ministers around ^{us} here would
make me die for a month - and I
am certain it would injure the
Cause. The people here are anxious
to see you - you might do good work
as ever.

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Rev. Saml. Wain.

Water Forest,

N. C.



Stop
in case that - my
letter has
an aut. probably.

Dec. 21. 1838.

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Come if you can. And if you cannot
send some body. I have a up this
winter & will pay up ~~an~~ ^{the} ~~rest~~.

Regards to sister Wain & all about
the West. J. J. Wain.

Wilmington Sept 9 1838

My ever dear daughter

We have ^{just} returned from a visit to the North and to our
great joy found a letter in the office from you all's health
has improved every part for six or eight weeks past I should have
written long ere this had it we all been well But thro much anxiety we
are the gain & enjoy better health now than I have for several months
previous our friends in Brandon are well as usual and now
I want to know the way and wherefore about your husband's contemplated agency
has he given up his professorship and do you calculate on removing
to some other part of the country In regard to going South in
the way you proposed I do not know for me to meet any of your merchants
at all I have fondly anticipated much on seeing your home and
taking some comfort with you before I go to the grave but whether we
shall ever enjoy this privilege is unknown to us all one thing is apparent
that is if I ever go I must go soon for I find my strength is failing more
rapidly the last year than any previous many times I almost despair
of ever seeing any of your faces or holding sweet converse together
again on earth having so often been on the eve of departure
and something has transpired to prevent why it is so is beyond
our short sight whether Infinite ^{Widow} has defined it in mercy or judgment
on me for letting my affections to much on the children he has given me,
I am seriously inclined to think the latter by his removing them one after
another by death and distance may the better be sweet and the medicine ^{of}
an affectionate remembrance to all will write the rest Sarah M. Garrison

I have already advised you to be diligent about the settlement of the estate and the appointment of an executor.

Dear Sister, as mother has left a space for me
I shall say a few ^{words} about the settlement of br C's
estate. It has been delayed for a long time, and
much to the dissatisfaction of br. Wylton as well
as to his inconvenience. I am well aware that
br. Wylton stands in great need of that little which
he supposes will be coming to him ^{from} the estate. I am
also aware that I am accountable for it as well as
for all other of the bequests, for this plain reason
that I did not refuse the executorship within
thirty days as provided by law. On that account
I am somewhat anxious to have the business atten-
ded to soon in some shape. You stated in yours of
the 25th May that Prof. White would conduct the business
but before he could say in what manner it should be done
he wished to examine the laws of the state and that,
he would do as soon as he could procure a copy.
I have been waiting in expectation of having further
advice upon the subject. Now I really wish I might
be informed what is necessary for me to do. - As I have said
before, I do not understand your Carolina laws, & know not what
to do. The business ought to be settled soon. If Prof. White can
do the business and will attend to it, please request him
to state to me what is necessary for me to do in such case.
Please give love to all our friends. I remain your affec-
tionately - Write soon - Abel M. Comman
Now I'll wait -

you will see have not filled the paper therefore I will try to talk
with you a little more, Still I cannot hold that Sweet converse
and mingle our joys or sorrows as ~~we~~ could were we blessed with
a social interview. Now I really dread the coming winter the cold
weather for several seasons especially the last ^{year} had a very deleterious
effect on my lungs could I ^{go} remove to a more temperate atmos-
phere we think it ^{might} have a beneficial influence on myself and
feel as much on ~~it~~ he thinks however that a western climate
would be likely to be more beneficial than a Southern on account
account of some inclination to bilious habits. Still I have such
an ardor to see you and be with you that I should run the venture
Should a convenient opportunity present (The grasshopper is already
becoming a burden) I ~~will~~ has about come to a conclusion to sell out
has now an opportunity to do so and I think probably will soon (Do not
say any thing of this in any of your communications for I may come
under blame for saying any thing about it) It has been a very warm
dry season here no long rains but many refreshing showers which the

thirsty earth soon drank up Crops of all kinds have ^{generally} come well except
my potatoes. The farmers in ~~it~~ have been so bitten by the flower
speculators that ^{they} have turned their attention to raising their own bread stuffs
~~that~~ they will have enough and some to spare. To the merchant and
mechanic Farewell my dear daughter may the good hand of the
Lord with you and yours prosper each in health and bless each in their
calling and comfort you by his love prosper White and wife are included
with you, does any of you ever say if you think of coming to ~~it~~
Pray for your that she may have her heart and affections set above
Self. Wait
S M

Arlington Va }
September 24 }

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Mrs. S. Wait

Wake Forest

S. Carolina

to be

John Johnson

George Keene D.C.
Sept. 14, 1838.

My dear Sir,

I am now well
— having a slight attack of probalgia,
the dysentery, & so can write but
little. I am happy in knowing
you entertain for ~~my~~ me the
kindest sentiments you express, I assure
you they are fully appreciated. It is
not often that friendship exists una-
dulated in this selfish world.
I hope ours may not only be
cemented closer through life but be
consummated in a better & higher state
of being beyond the grave.

As to the business part of your letter,
there is a young man here who
will graduate the 1st Med. Socy. — that

express a willingness to take charge
of your school, provided the conditions
suit him. His name is John C.
Hammer, a Virginian & a Baptist
preacher. (or preparing for the ministry
- perhaps he has not preached much)

He has taught at school 4 months
he says. I do not think you will
be likely to get a man who will
suit you better. He has been here
about 3 years. He is considered by Prof.
Chaplin, our Linguist, abundantly com-
petent "to fit boys for college" & much
more.

He wants you to write by the
return of mail. Let him know the
compensation offered & when he must
be with you. He will find it necessa-
ry to visit home to transact some
business &c. before he can go on.
Would like, probably, to enter upon
his duties the last of Oct. - the middle
if necessary he thinks he ^{may} come.

He wishes to know where your recitations
occur.

I like your idea of pushing
your acquisition of fund in your
own person. Now in the youth of
the institution is the time to lay well
the foundation. Get it above doubt
at all hazard. (as our politicians say)
- again I say raise it above doubt.
I cannot say what I know upon
the importance of such a policy in
language sufficiently strong.

You will not forget in
making your daughter learned
in the languages &c. the practical
woman so strikingly portrayed by
Solomon in the 31. Chp. Prov.

Present my best regards to Mr.
Wait: & remember me to Prof.
Richardson.

Sincerely your friend.

Riv. J. Wait Secy. W. Russell
Principal, Dak. P. Sch.

----- I forgot that I was to write but

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To Dear Friend. 187
Sept. 14.

The Rev. Saml. W. Woot,
Wake Forest
Institute
N. Carolina



Brandon Sept. 24th 1838

Dear Sister Mary,

I have long waited a return from my last letter to you containing a draught on a N. Y. bank from J. A. Conant to you for the money due you from me; and I do not know but I have waited too long perhaps I ought to have written before now.

I hope it arrived safe, I have paid the money to the Conants and anticipated there would be no failure in your getting the money. but from not hearing any thing from you I have some fears that some thing has befallen the draught.

We all enjoy pretty good health Mrs. Powers has got her health again tolerably well. I gave you some account of her being injured by lightning when I wrote that letter it was under the most unfavourable circumstances. Mr Conant had made out the draught on the worst paper I ever saw it was almost impossible to write upon it and it was late at night and I was in the village and the letter must be left that night. so it went as it was.

The school at the Seminary is quite full this fall
Mr Parker from Maine is principal Miss Grigs
is principal in the female department.

Mr Thomas our pastor is now gone to Mass. to get
him a wife. he is one of the best men I ever saw
William Arnold and Mrs Stiles died a few days
ago with consumption.

I have no special news to write crops are very good
this year we have had a fine season.

I must close by wishing you the best of heavens
blessings

Yours affectionately

Jacob Powers

Write soon

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Carthage N.C.
September 29th

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Mrs. Sarah M. Wait
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At Major Dowd's Moore Co. Sept. 25. 1838

My dear Wife

I arrived yesterday at Friendship just in time to hear the conclusion of Br. P.M. Dowd's last sermon at the Camp-meeting. Had it not rained on the Sabbath I should have arrived nearly 24 hours sooner. As it was, finding myself so late I approached the house as cautiously as possible to avoid occasioning any disturbance. As soon as the meeting closed, Br. Richardson came to place where I sat at a corner of the place fitted up for the congregation without knowing till the instant he saw me that I was there. Taking my hand very affectionately he expressed the deepest regret that he had known that I was there. I told him the facts of the case. At his request I went into the midst of the people. One of the first I spoke to was sister Phillips. A meeting we almost shouted. I met with a most cordial reception from all. Br.ⁿ Monroe and Cornella were also present. Love to you from – I don't know how many. I preached – Rain to day – a vexatious law-suit is much in my way. Jesse Sowell, who was when we knew him a Bap. min. in credit has fallen – his moral character all gone – is now Prosecutor and the 2nd son of Br. Phillips Defendant – a youth of 22 – A letter containing what Sowell regards as slanderous was found somewhere, and the young man in question accused of writing it.

The trial comes on day after tomorrow in Rockingham, Richmond Co. 40 miles from this. All hands go. Not only father and mother, but the old Mjor and his son living with him turn out. Br.ⁿ Richardson and Shattneks are compelled to go. The consequence is that there now scarcely a man at home that I care about seeing. To morrow I intend to set off for Br. Chambers – hope to be with him at night. Dr. Burns in the same neighbourhood. Probably I shall be next Sabbath in Anson.

I have promised Br. Dowd to be at his camp-meeting which is to commence on Friday eve. before the 1st Sab. in Oct. I shall not I see be able to reach Charlotte. – You will not receive this till Monday next. Write the first mail. Direct to Dockey's Store, Richmond Co. – I shall somewhere in that neighbourhood – But you must not lose a mail. – No subscribers in this Co. and no prospect of doing anything in this quarter. I hope soon to be where something can be done. – All however very friendly. – Saw Dr. Bruce and wife – live in Carthage same house at which we stopped – Her father died in Alabama more than a year ago. No persons could be more cordial than were the Dr. and his wife – ever so much love to you and A.E.

Wm. R. Hinton keeps a tavern or, rather a grog-shop in Tuscaloosa. – Br. Richardson has a second son 3 or 4 years – named Judson. Br. Philips eldest daughter who married a son of Jesse Sowell has 3 children – the youngest a son named after – no matter who – the camp-meeting here was a cold one – or rather but little that was deeply interesting

The associations are some distance apart and the Coust a great way off from the convention. If I can I shall attend the Pee Dee and the Sandy Creek Associations. This I rather think will be best although I am confident I cannot do much at making collections. But I can see many of the brethren from different parts and try to stir them up. I wish too to come in contact

with all the ministers I can. Should this present storm continues I shall be thrown back. It is not only raining but cold. From present appearances there will be frost soon.

Love to A.E., Mary, the Profr.^s, and any who may inquire for my welfare.

Your affectionate husband

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Jan. 1. 1841

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Carthage Mo }
Sept 29th

Mrs. Sarah M. Wait
Wake Forest
Wake Co. N.C.

would me - or rather had - better not send dearly necessary -
the operations are some distance apart and the last year
very off from the connection. I'd care to attend the Fair here
and the Society here well of association. But I rather think well be less
absent & am confident I cannot do much out making calls to
but I can see many of the brethren from different parts and try to get
them all.

Newton Co. Ga. Sept 27th 1838

Dear Bro. Wait

Your kind letter of Aug. 27 has been received and cheered our hearts. It was first opened at the house of Bro. Solomon Graves, his family, Bro. Nicks family and my own persons, all of whom request to be remembered most affectionately to you and family in connexion with all the N. F. friends.

Since the receipt of yours I have visited the Mercer Institute and conversed with Bro. Sanders. The plan of building up a village under the restrictions which lay over the Am. at the Mercer Univ. I think an admirable one. It will cluster around the institution a society not to be surpassed for morality and intelligence. It will create for it a greater interest and enable it to wield a more powerful influence. Let a village be laid off and the lots sold as they shortly will be, to many of the most influential Baptists in the state, they will settle around the institution and for their interests to be identified with its interests.

I would say the plan takes well in this country. You inquire the size of the lots and price. They were acre lots, there were front and back lots, those in front sold for from \$175. to \$200. those in the rear for from \$75. to \$125. Persepolis will be a handsome village. The Mercer University will be situated at a delightful place.

I have recently made a tour through the upper or
Cherokee Country, supposing that a country which was
destined to wield the future destinies of Georgia and which
possessed the advantage of health, fertility of soil &c
would afford an opening for a Manual Labour School.
I found the people ready to take hold, Bro. McKee and
myself therefore endeavoured to direct their operations in to a
proper channel and to give some point to their action.
The friends agents, opened subscriptions and in a week
raised between 12 and 15 thousand dollars, then called a meeting
of the citizens of the adjacent country, determined the location
of the school, appointed an executive committee, employed a
superintendent, agents &c &c. Bro. Thos. Quinn, an old
acquaintance of yours, present at this meeting. He requested
me to say to you that if he could not have his son
instructed at the Prater Forest Institute, he could at least have
him instructed by one who had taught there. Do you see
I have agreed to take the charge of this infant institution
with all its cares and anxieties, and as I have prayed that
your burden might rest lightly upon you and that you
might be made eminently useful, I hope my dear brother
you will offer the same prayer for me, let us continue to
pray for each other and for each others family. Oh how
I should rejoice to bow with you once more before our
heavenly father. I fondly hoped until very lately that we
should soon see each other and be permitted to mingle our
prayers, but my engagements forbid it. The location of
this school will be in Warrens Valley, Floyd County.

The scenery about this valley is highly picturesque, it is
surrounded by beautiful ridges of mountains and the valley is
covered with the most luxuriant corn fields that ever I have seen.
It is blessed too, with as fine water perhaps as the world
affords, one of the many excellent springs gushes forth
from the foot of the mountain with a force sufficient
to make a mill whiz. Come and see it.

You ask questions about the little one. She grows very
rapidly and knows me well, her name is Mary Ann
and never did I see such a child before. She is six
months old, can sit, stand, look smart and almost say
Pa - the kindest little creature in all the country, and
I honestly believe the prettiest. Tell the Dr. if he could
see little Mary Ann he might not feel ashamed of
Harrison, but Rebecca says he would have to confess
that she was better. —

We have glorious times in religion, revivals abound
in every section, there is one now progressing in one of
bro. Milks churches at Monroe, in an adjoining country
he has baptised more than thirty.

I now remember my fault, that I have never
answered bro. J. Hoskins' letter. Tell him I beg pardon
and will write very soon. — Please give our love to
sister Wait, Ann Eliza, brother & sister White, bro. Richardsons
bro & sister Ryan, Calvin & all our acquaintances among the students
the Baptists Mr. Berry, bro. Loo's family, bro. Du Bois family
to all our adjoining friends particularly to Dr. Outlaw & family
and more must I say farewell? it must be so
Yours in Christian love
Henry L. Gross

Let sister visit & return it a pleasant surprise to make
her a friend of the paper if she will accept it. I know
in time to write to this effect. There has been some
to me when writing before. I have been receiving the paper for
some time.

Rev. Samuel Hail
Wash Forest Institute
Wash Co.
N. C.

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as a new place to go to me than the friends attending
up to the interests of the W. F. Institute. I want to do
of some something others may be preaching of new lives, but my
former friends will be. H. D. H.
Now you are a subject. Can we be sister Mary
When is this?

Mrs. S. Wait
Wake Forest Institute
N.C.

My dear wife – This is only for yourself and Br. White & Mary –

Only a moment to write – trees not attended to – cut them soon. – I thought we were so busy I would not mention them now – Some reasons to give when I come home.

Tell the Profr.^s that the Faculty are requested to procure a teacher fro the preparatory school – wish Br. White to hold on upon the Br. recommended by Prof.^r Ruggles. – we are to give him what we think will be a fair salary. The Board will meet at the Inst on the 28 Inst. And if we think best we will then try to procure Mr. Morse. If we get him we shall of course not want the other. The point of inquiry with me is this, which is the better plan – to have Mr. Morese and depend upon dividing the duties of the preparatory department among the Profr.^s or have one man all the while in the Pre. department . I rather incline to the latter. Still, Br. White may just keep hold of the young Br. in question, if he can, and when I come home, if we all think best we will try for Mr. Morse. – To tell the truth I am very unwilling to give up Mr. Morse. In a short time I hope we shall be in a situation to want just such a man – Look for me 2 or 3 days before the ~~ex~~ commences – Nearly all was done that I wished to be done at the meeting. Some things to be attended to when the B.^d next meets. – Br. White may engage the man recommended by Prof.^r Ruggles if he think best. If we cannot get him for less we may go, I imagine, as high as 500 and board. Try for less - Or if he finds it convenient to do so, he may just hold on upon him till I come home. But do not run the risk of losing him – I write in a room where 20 persons are all the time talking. – Love to all – Adieu

Sam.^l Wait

At Br. William's Tuesday Oct. 5 or 6 1838

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Mrs. I. A. Wait-

Wake Forest Institute

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Dockey's Store N.C.
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Mrs. Sara M. Wait
Wake Forest
Wake Co.
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At Br. Alfred Dockey's Oct. 11, 1838

My dear Wife,

The camp-meeting closed day before yesterday – Br'n David, Cornella, Philips and myself the only preachers. Good meeting – 5 or 6 obtained a hope, to day we meet again and I am to baptize them. – Love from a Last to yourself and A.E. – The point is just about settled that I shall, if spoud, travel next year. The brethren generally agree and urge under such circumstances that I am convinced I must yield – The sub.^s [subscribers?] pray very cheerfully and some new ones subscribe. – Occasionally the old ones subscribe again. Pretty good prospect of 5 or 6 new students as the result of this expedition thus far. I am satisfied we can fill up. – I hope Br'n Johnson and Jones are not occupying separate rooms. If they are and continue to do so, I shall be censured if I do not censure them. They know what I want and what ought to be done. Let them know what I have written on this subject. You can write one at the Con.[vention] Next Sat & Sab.[bath] I am to preach a Cedar [sic] Creek Anson Co. The following Wed. at – X Roads Montgomery Co. Pee Dee Ass.[ociation] and camp-meeting too at the same time. Sat. & Sab.[bath] following at the Sandy Creek Ass.[ociation] in Randolph Co. and the next Sat & Sab.[bath] at the Convention – a long ride this week. I was over in Anson last week – was at Br. Wilson Chambers, Br. Alsobrook's just over the line into S.C. called on Br Gullage – spent a night with John Moore's father &c. Love from all to yourself and A.E. too. Sometimes Dick is inquired after. My warmest love to all at the Institute. O how I thought of home during the warmest part of our camp-meeting. Tell the deacons of our little ch. at the Institute to do all they can towards promoting prayer meetings with particular reference to a revival at the Institute. O how much I wished to have all the students with us here during the last part of our meeting. I think the fire would have been kindled.

At Br. Alfred Dockery's Oct. 11. 1838.

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such circumstances that I am convinced I must yield. - The sub's
pay very cheerfully and some new ones subscribe. - Occasionally the
old ones subscribe again. Pretty good prospect of 5 or 6 new students
as the result of this expedition thus far. I am satisfied we can
fill up. - I hope Bro: Johnson and Jones are not occupying
separate rooms. If they are, and continue to do so, I shall be
convinced if I do not cure them. They know what I want and what
ought to be done. - Let them know what I have written on this
subject. You can write me at the Convention. Next Sat. & Sab. I am to preach
at Cedar Creek Anderson Co. The following Wed. at Brown's Creek,
- and the Sat and Sab following at - & Roads Montgomery Co.
Pre Ser App. and camp-meeting too at the same time. - Sat. & Sab.
following at the Sandy Creek App. in Randolph Co. and the next
Sat & Sab at the Convention. - a long ride this week. - I was
over in Anson last week - Was at Br. Wilson Chambers, Br.
Mebrook's just over the line into I.C. Called on Br. Gullage -
spent a night with John Moore's father J.C. Love from all to
yourself and A.E. too. - Sometimes Dick is unkind after. My warmest love to
all at the Institute. Please much I thought of home during the warmest part of our
camp-meeting. Tell the deacons of our little ch. at the Institute to do all they can towards promoting
prayer meetings with particular reference to a revival at the Institute. Please much I wished to have all
the students with us here during the last part of our meeting. I think the fire would have been
kindled. -

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Mrs. Sarah M. Wait
Wake Forest
Wake Co.
N.C.

At Br. Chambers Montgomery Co. N.C. Oct. 18, 1838

My dear Wife

Having only a few moments to write I send you this half sheet. – I preached yesterday at Brown's Creek Anson Co. and came over the Pee Dee to spend the night 7 or 8 miles from this.

Tomorrow in company with Br. Chambers and family I expect to go on to the X Roads meeting-house in this day to attend the Pee Dee Ass. – shall soon be in the neighborhood of Br. Benjamin Deberry.

Br. Elisha Burns is not married – had his license – was at the Widow's on a certain Mon. – left expecting to be married next day – but, when Tues. came he found a slip between the cup and lip. – This was in consequence of the officiousness of an interested person. – The widow I understand has learned his mistake – would gladly coax him back. But he is not to be coaxed. Particulars when we meet. – If Br. Crenshaw approves of it what little cotton we have at – Br. Forts should be sold. The price is now tolerable. I am quite well satisfied with my success. A deep interest is felt in the institute. – Subscribers pay up well. – only a few failures. – and the most of these will pay soon. – I think I shall procure not less than 8 or 10 students – perhaps more – 5 new Sub.^s for the Recorder. – 245 dolls. Sub. for the institute. – Thus far I have been nearly all the time among those who had subscribed before my present visit. – Love to yourself & A.E. from – I can't tell how many. – My love to our family which includes of course Br. W and Mary – to Br. Richardson, Br. Ryan and family – the students &c.. My health never was better. Dr. Burns is now with me – wishes Christian love to you – says I must tell you he is a gross widower. Old Br. Ingram is also here. Sanders Ingram's grand father. You know the old gentleman – He is a Methodist – a very warm friend – will be at the institute this winter. Be sure to ask him to stay with you all the time of his visit – he has made arrangements for the Sanders to go through a College course of studies. He is a very good man. Show him the buildings &c. Write me at the Con.[vention] If any letters of interest come to hand send [...] See that Br. J. Jones cutes the tender limbs of the Mulberry trees as I told him before, hard frosts come just as leaves begin to fall off. Also cut your row, and all if you can keep them about 3 or 4 inches from [...] ground before hard frosts. You know how to preserve the cuttings. Yours with all my heart. – Sam.¹ [...]

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Mrs. Sarah M. Wain
Wake Forest
Wake Co.
N.C.

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At the house of a Br. Jordan, Montgomery Co. Oct. 24. 1838.
My dear child,

Your letter came to hand on the 19th inst.
about a mile from this, at the meeting-house where the
Pee Dee Association met. Br. Dockery, Gen. S's father
brought it to me. — I was glad to hear from you all, and
not at all displeased to find so much of the ^{communication} letter from your
hand.

My dear child, I have had, during my absence from
home, several most delightful meetings. During the most
interesting part of the Camp-meeting, both at Dockery's and at
this place, I thought almost constantly of you and the students.

This is one of the places at which Br. Eli Phillips preaches.
David Wright too, formerly one of our students, has
charge of a large and flourishing Sabbath School in this
place. God has greatly ^{blessed} this school as well as the preaching
of the gospel. During the past summer a very interesting
state of things has existed in this church. Many have obtained a
hope and not a few of these were Sabbath School scholars.

Last Sab. Br. Phillips bapt. 11 candidates, 7 whites and 4 blacks.
Of this number 3 were little girls several years younger than
yourself. One of them told her experience about an hour before
she was bap. Her father informed me she was 8 years old last
March. These 3 little girls and a grown young lady went into
the water together. While witnessing this delightful ceremony, of
whom, my child, do you suppose I thought? Whose image think
you was constantly before me. — It was that of my child, my
only child. — Oh how I wished that you and the students could have been present.

The Association adjourned on Monday, but the meeting continued till Tues. (Yesterday) — Later at night, ^(Monday) a son of Br. James M. Butler a youth of perhaps 17 obtained a hope. His father, mother two brothers and two or three sisters being present in the meeting-house together, with, probably, 50 or 60 others and all apparently shouting at the same moment, you will not be surprised when I tell you, that Lewis almost dropped by the noise. An other youth, a boy obtained a hope at nearly the same instant. Br. Culpeper and myself had retired to bed in one end of the meeting-house so that we had a fine opportunity to hear all that passed.

Next day, which was yesterday, Br. Philips the Pastor having gone home I bap. this young man, as himself, parents and all their children (that is all who are yet in this state, some having gone before.) will leave on Monday next for Mississippi. Tell your son Br. and sister Butler wished a most affectionate farewell to her.

I took my final leave of them just as I came out of the water, where I had the moment before bap. their sons.

Sister Parker and several of her children were here — Betsey was not. She is married. — Tell your son too that Br. and sister Skene and two or three of their children were here from Davidson Co. together with Br. Lanier the Preacher. All these were very particular in seed, their christian love to your sons and yourself.

Sister Butler charged me to tell you that her daughter Caroline with whom you played and to whom you became so much attached when at their house had lately been bap. — She was here at the meeting — is a little larger than you are. —

Some of the things mentioned in your letter pleased me, others occasioned considerable regret. — Tell the Profs. that the Association unanimously passed resolutions having the most friendly bearing upon the Institute.

Give my christian love to them and tell them I hope they will not be discouraged for a moment. — that there is ^{christian} ~~faith~~ towards the Institute the most friendly feeling, and that no one acquainted with the actual state of things in the community at large can for a moment doubt the correctness of the statement I am now making.

In one of my other letters I mentioned what my son would be till the meeting of the Convention. — The Sandy Creek Association will meet on Sat. next in the lower edge of Randolph Co. —

On my way from that meeting to the bar. I shall pass through Moore Co. — shall probably be, about next Tues. night at the house of Br. Eli Philips or Br. Shattucks. — Ask your son how she thinks it will do to have a tongue put to our carriage so that I can work two horses, and take her with me next year.

Appearances now strongly indicate that I must travel as agent next year. From all I can now see, I should have much more to encourage me now, were I to engage, than I had when I came before. — How do you think, you and your cousin Mary, could manage in the absence of your son? If it could be so, I would much prefer having your son with me to going alone.

You will not probably hear from me again till after the meeting of the Convention. Nor shall I think of coming home until I must come in order to be at the examination.

I hope, my dear child, you will learn all you can in my absence. Improve your time well. Don't let my heart be pained on my return at learning that you have trifled away your time. — My best love to your son, Mary Br. White & Richardson, the Stewards and family, together with the students as you may see them. Let the Profs. read this. — Now, my dear child, when you have read this letter it down and retire and let the Lord to have every one of you and prepare you as well as the little girls here for the rest that remains for the people of God. May the Lord bless you all.
From your affectionate father Saml. Wain.

him to keep the black mare as little coll- apart as much as he can -
-also to feed the mare well, as I wish to drive her this winter. I hope she
will be in a good condition for business. When I come I hope to find the dirt-
removed on the West side of the college. Tell Mr. Allen I saw his father &
another at the meeting & saw some of their children. - All well. I have a letter for him
in my pocket which I shall send him from the boat. The most of the particulars in this
note are trifles, but I thought I would just mention them. -

Adieu, my love,
A. W.

Oct 24-38

1838

Miss Ann Eliza Hunt
Wake Forest
Wake Co.

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N. C.

Oct. 25. Last night my dear child, I spent at the house of
Dr. David Wright. I find he is doing much good, particularly in the
Sunday School. His wife is a Baptist. I saw mine, about 5 miles from Mr.
Wright, at the house of Bro. Gury whose wife is a sister of Mr. Wright's
wife - about 10 miles farther on to night to the house of a
Bro. Polk whom I saw at the camp meeting just closed. All people joined Church

Institute Oct 25, 1838

Dear Wm

I take this opportunity to drop you a line. I have but little news, it can be told in a line, ~~perhaps~~ ^{Stephen} ~~rather~~ probably except of an appointment should be recruited.

But after all I am really at a loss how to advise. He would assist much in governing the school and should any difficulty arise in carrying your plans forward, we could rely on him - so you could go out. This however is anticipation, every thing thus far goes smoothly and harmoniously.

You know what I think of the preparatory department. I feel more and more the importance of having some one in it. There must be to make it what it should be. Prof R. says he will take care of it next year and think of the time & perhaps we can do so. But soon I hope you will be back & shall we wait for? Look for yourself.

Has not the time come to do something in Theology? Can not a Professorship be established and sustained now. Can not a plan be got up by which a person may be paid by subscription say, for ten years. ~~During~~ During this time a popular man would obtain enough to endow or establish a permanent professorship, independent of any aid from the ^{or income} funds of the school. A right kind of a man in this place could bring in many scholars. They would all want some aid from the other departments and of course would pay tuition. We could thus gain one officer and give all the theological instruction that the present state of the church demands or will demand for ten years. You could make such a department go first rate, people would have faith in your theology. Such an idea has just suggested itself.

29th This has laid aside a day or two. But must say some more. There has been some difficulty with Bro. Lewis, if thus it ~~may~~ ^{is} be terminated. You know he was the first nominated to go. Well ~~enough~~ ^{enough} enough was not raised

to send three delegates, the brethren proposed to him not to go
he said he would whether the church or faculty either
were willing. The church thought that bro. Meredith would not
be treated well if he should be excluded, they had a meeting
voted to send yourself & bro. M. Lewis said it must be at heart
- felt injured rich &c. said to be shut has asked a dismission
from the Institute, stating however that he has not the least
objection to the faculty their treating towards &c. I have told
him that I should give him no dismission at least at present
that if he wished or would go to the convention, ^{he could} just
as he pleased - that he acted on his own responsibility
that the whole matter would be referred to you and to the
trustees if you saw fit, especially as he is going to be
a preacher should his brethren know the reason for his
conduct - he did not see why they had any thing to do with
him - I asked him if he had consulted his parents - said
no, nor did he see why they should be consulted. What
he consults you know as well as I do. I hope it will
turn out to be a boyish freak - that he will reform, by
the way he has not been in Algebra for nearly eight
weeks for "a good reason" known to himself, and of
course can not go on in his class unless he studies in
the vacation &c. I need not tell you what the brethren
think of him. We have been under the necessity of disciplining
Ruscoe somewhat - think he is doing better, much think
we should ^{have} sent him off - should he reform however it will
be for the best probably that we did not. "Offences must count"
but we get along with them very well.

~~But~~ I went to Ralleville last you sabbath for preaching
gave a word of exhortation &c

Try and be here to preach Sabbath previous to examination if not before
Should you conclude to appoint ^{Moose} to do so - please send the appointment
to me that I may add a word. I have not time to add more
in very great haste. Mary sends her love

Yours
J B White

P.S. Mr. W. requested me to open the letter to just add that
you had better take advantage of the suggestions in the
letter of our European brother to say that the Institution
is at present well filled as it regards officers &c

Prof. White

Dr. H. L. H. 1838

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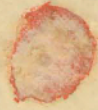
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Dr. H. L. H. 1838

and in our hands. The first of these is a small book of accounts, which contains a list of the names of the persons who have been admitted to the church, and a list of the names of the persons who have been expelled from the church. The second is a book of the names of the persons who have been baptized, and the third is a book of the names of the persons who have been married. These books are all bound in leather, and are very well preserved.

Rev. Sameuel Wait
Sampson Co.
N.C.

(private)

Wake Forest Inst. Oct 28, 1838

My dear husband

Your last from Dockery's has been received. I need not assure you we were glad to hear of your health and success. I have all along shared with you your regrets in regard to the business with Willas. It is my opinion that he will not give up control. Although Br. White says he cannot hold it by law. Previous to the arrival of your letter I had determined to try to purchase his control for a part of the trees. They have grown on five inches since you left. I see from the papers that hundreds of thousands of the more multiaulus have been sold in Baltimore this fall from 20 to 22 cents per foot, and from 2 to 3 cents per bud. There is not the last probability of their bringing half of that price again, but they will in all probability bring a good price another year. Get all of the trees if you can at the Convention – but say but little about it and do not appear too anxious about it. If you can get them all in your own hands I think you will be able to accomplish more good by them than you could in any other way (that is with the tress [sic]). I hope Willis will not come until your return but if he should, rest assured I will do my best. I have thought some of writing to him myself and requesting an answer so that in case he should give up the trees we may be prepared for transplanting. What say you to this? Perhaps a little female eloquence might move him. I have had all hands out in the grove raking leaves and sinafring up the rich earth underneath them into heaps ready to be removed when desirable.

I have received a letter for you from Br. M.S. Graves. He says that he and his Br. Wilkes have lately made a tour through the Cherokee country and that they offered a subscription for the purpose of establishing a manual labour school in that section and that in less than one week they raised between 12 and 15 thousand dollars then collected a meeting of the citizens [sic] of the adjacent county – determined the location of the school – appointed an executive committee – employed Br. G. as superintendent – appointed agent S.C. Br. Hugh Quin president at the meeting. He requested Br. G. to say to you, that if he could not have his son instructed at the W.F. Inst. he could at least have him instructed by one who had taught them. The location of the school will be in Vanns Valley Floyd County. The letter is very affectionate and full of kind remembrances. – In answer to your inquiries restiting a village at this place he says, The plan of building up a village under the restrictions of the one at the Meneer Inst. I think an excellent one. It will cluster around the Institution a sanity not to be surpassed for morality and inteligence [sic]. It will create for it a greater interest and enable it to wield a more powerful influence. Let a village be laid off and the lots sold as they doubtless will be to many of the most influential baptists [sic] in the state. They will settle around the institution and find their interests to be identified with its interests. The plan takes well in Georgia. The front lots of the village at Penfield sold from \$175 to 200 the back lots from \$75 to 125. There is one acre in each lot. I shall enclose Br. Armstrongs letter. I should not show it except to Gen. Dockery and perhaps not the whole of it to him. You will see that you will now have an opportunity to give him a hint that he will not be needed at the Inst. Br. W reminds me to exhort you faithfully to do it. I would not however do it altogether on my own responsibility. He can be told that it is indispensably necessary that the board of officers should now be filled and that consequently the

Board will be unable to avail themselves of his services on his return. I would consult in private some of the most influential members of the Board and obtain their advice on the subject.

[Side of front page] Nothing has yet been done in regard to outhouses for the new buildings. Would it not be well to get an order passed requesting Br. White do do something about it. Jones and hand are now at liberty can take down the chimney: make arrangements for moving. We can there make a bee and get it done. *[Side of 2nd page]* If nothing is done about the houses until after your return you will have no time for transplanting trees.

[Top of Back Page] On what day may I expect you will be at home? I cannot tell you my dear how anxious I am to see you. I hardly know how I can give my consent to have you absent an other year. In our youth and middle it has been our lot to endure long and painful separations. Now in the dutine of life I fear less able to sustain the trial. I need the tender sympathies of my dearest friend to sustain my oft-sinking spirits.

[Bottom of Back Page] Oct 31 Letters to A.E. and myself from you arrived on Monday [sic]. All of your request shall be attended to. Night before last we had a severe frost which killed nearly all the leaves on the mul. trees last night the frost was less severe. Last evening I superintended Aggy in cutting down my trees. To day Mr. Jones will trim the others. Yesterday he finished gathering in the corn. Do you expect Willes will write you about the trees? I have not paid your subscription for the Con. Mary and A.E. send their best love to you. You have my prayers for a pleasant meeting.

Yours entirely,

S.M.W.

(private)

Wake Forest Inst Oct 24, 1903

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Rev. Samuel W. H. Sampson Co.

A. B.

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in the room. Do you expect Quaker will write you about the trees?
I have not paid your subscription for the book. I hope to do so this last day
to you. You have my prayers for a pleasant meeting again entirely. Feb 11/11.

Institute Oct 31. 1838

Dear Uncle

Mr W. has sent to day for the
two men of Mulberry. He sent an agent.
I told his agent to tell Mr W. that I was not
surprised that he did not come himself -
that the impression on my mind was
that Mr W. misrepresented the real worth
of trees and unless I had some explanation
from him (Mr W.) I should ever regard the
act on his part as taking an advantage
of your want of information and (if Mr W.
were known as a speculator) as swindling so
much ~~and~~ not out of a private individual
but of a public charitable institution. I sent
my best respects to Mr W. inviting him to call
and see us, especially if he enjoyed purity
of conscience &c -

Late last night Johnson applied to go
somewhere (ie) to the convention undoubtedly
I said all I could against his going except a plain
no. I told him you would be ashamed to see
him. But nothing would answer. He will not
be here next session I don't believe. He will not

have Jones with him. &c. I thought it hardly
prudent to any difficulty - I think the arrangement
I suggested should be made by the trustees, if one
will room alone, ^{make} let him pay double room
rent, and to have this only on condition all the
rooms be not filled. But you will have a
meeting of the board here. The bearer of this
will tell you about Randolph-Macdonald College
They have had some difficulty &
I know not as I have any thing further
to add. In great haste

Yours nephew

John B. White

Rev. J. W. Alden

Oct 11 1850

Long

Rev. Samuel Wait
Sampson Co.
Virginia
Per Br. Creath

Nov. 1 1838

My dear husband

This will be handed you by Br. Creath, a Baptist minister from Va.

Yesterday Will'm sent for the trees, but took only two rows – and delivered up the run trout Br. White managed the business and I suppose has told you all I sat up last night until midnight counting birds and tying them in bundles of a hundred birds each. They do not turn out so well as we expected I have more than half of the whole counted and think there will probably between 29 and 30 of thousand birds. I some fear you will not succeed in getting the trees. This fear prevented me from getting a moments sleep last night and this morning I have arisen at break of day to write this note. You have purchased the control for the trees sent to Willim and are now fairly your own so that if the Trustees refuse to comply with your wishes you can still hold on to a part of them but I think I should say nothing about Willims having given up the control at present. It is important that the business should be settled at the Con[vention] so that we can be transplanting the trees and this you can maintain as your reason for bringing it forward at this time I have all ready enjoyed much bprhasm in the hope if this business succeeds you will be able to do much by your example (for there are some men who will not be beatic) for the Inst. as will as something handsome for yourself. But let us watch and pray. I feel that we have special need of this exercise at this time.

Your devoted,
Sarah

Wake Forest Institute Oct. 28 1838

My dear father,

I have thought of setting out some of the small trees in the north west part of our garden. The plan I have in view is to dig a trench three furrows wide and ten or twenty inches down and fill it up with rich earth from the ground and in this trench plant the trees 3 or 4 feet apart leaving the rows 6 feet apart. What say you to this? If not right tell me what will be the proper plan. Damn my last letters.

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22nd Nov^r

Dear Brother Wait

I returned home from the Convention by the way of Traligh & Wakeforest, I found the Boys in fine spirits, I became acquainted with Professor's White & Richardson, I think them first rate teachers & most amiable gentlemen, I see nothing from hindering our school from rising & flourishing, it is only for the Brethren to act their part well, it should be the business of every Trustee, as ^{well as} all the friends of the Institute, to seek diligently & muster all the Boys in their neighbourhood & Country & send them up to the forest, there is nothing lacking now but a little diligence on our parts, (especially when you have procured your full grown man) to make our school rise & prosper, I wish very much to be with you but its out of the question, my heart is with you, if I am not present in person, — I presume you have had our Town located before this, I think it would be well to offer a premium to him who will most ^{effectually} improve the first Lot, know of Captⁿ Bury if he will be employ'd to go to putting up Buildings forthwith, I think we can give him a job that will last him his lifetime. — If Captⁿ Bury is present ask him please send me a plan of the Town, & also the plan of the College Building, please let me hear from you respecting all that you have done, & what

you contemplate on doing, & when the sale of our Lots takes place, Captⁿ Bury must be sure to purchase a lot & improve it for his family by the spring, at which time I shall want him to go to work for me, - it is hoped that the Brethren are all in the spirit of improving.

Brother White will please remember, that if he takes any boarders he must be sure & take my sons the next session please let me hear from you what you have done in your agency, & what your prospects are, & when you will be in this part of the state, & what do the people say about sending up their sons to school, - you should be trying to get students, as well as funds.

The Board passed an order to give Brother Battle & myself their Bond for those Buildings. if it would be any accommodation to the Board, I had as live hold the Building as my property provided they will make me a title to a four acre lot of ground embracing the house & pay me the Interest annually, if they have given their Bond please enclose it to me, & if they prefer my last proposition they can do so, & you will please have the Deed Registered & inform me of the same.

I remain your ever affectionate
friend
Chas. W. Skinner

C. W. Skinner

Rev Samuel Wait

Wake forest

Wake County

N.C.

Dec. 28. 1838.
Ans. Dec. 21. 1838.

To
Rev. Sam'l Wait
Wake Forest Institute
From
Mr. Chas. W. Skinner
Raleigh, N.C.

Edenton, N.C.,
22nd Nov. 1838.
(Rec'd Nov. 28, 1838)

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Chas. W. Skinner.

(The new Professor was John B. White, born in Bow, New Hampshire, Mar. 10, 1810. B.A. Graduate of Brown University in 1832, having been at Brown a student of Dr. Francis Wayland, whose work on Political Economy he had studied in manuscript. Prof. of Math. and Nat. Phil., at Wake Forest

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from Feb. 1838. President of Wake Forest College from Dec. 1843 to Dec. 1853. When he assumed the duties of President, the College was in the swelling tide of prosperity which had begun in 1845 and continued to rise until the Civil War. In 1838, he married Miss Mary P. Merriam, a daughter of Rev. Jonathan Merriam, and a niece of Mrs. Walt.)