

Vassar College.

Pokeepsie N.Y.

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My dear Papa,

It seems a long time since I have had a letter from you, but Mamma writes that she hears from you and so I hope you are quite well. I presume by this time you have received some of our letters saying that I am remaining at school. I am afraid you will be disappointed at my not returning with Mamma and Carrie, but I thought I went home this time I would never come on again to attend school and I really am too ignorant to give up studying now, and I know I would not have resolution enough to study much at home, there are always too many interruptions. I have foremost been thinking of staying another year since I have been at the college for one can not learn very much in a school year, but I am afraid before the year is over I shall be so homesick I shall want to go directly to Texas. In fact already I am longing to see you and dear Wood Lawn again. I have no photograph of you with me; will you be so kind as to take yours out of my album, and send in a letter to me. My album always used to be on the little table in hall upstairs and I think was left there when we came away. Has Carrie written you of Grandma Pease's sickness. It makes us all feel so badly. When Mamma and I left Binghamton she was so well walking out and working among the flowers. I have not heard from Carrie hope for some days but tomorrow to get a letter saying Grandma is better. It seems so fortunate that Carrie should have remained in Bing. for she can be of so much assistance to Aunt Maria. I have commenced taking drawing lessons and enjoy it so much. I always liked to draw and here the Prof, is so pleasant and everything is so convenient for it. He has also had us begin linear drawing, using the compass and other little instruments. It is not as interesting as drawing heads but will teach us to draw from models, which is what I am most anxious to do. I had a letter from Anna Towns end saying her Mother and family were going to come North and that Judge Bell's family had already reached Philadelphia. You have not written us, but then I have not had a letter from you for some time. I long for some of our nice fall weather, here it is already beginning to feel like winter and I presume this is a very cold place. But I intend to try and enjoy myself when winter comes by coasting and shall even attempt to skate, for an hour's exercise a day will be very dreary to be taken just walking about in the snow. I have one or two other letters to write and so must now close. I hope soon to receive a letter from you. With much love and many kisses your loving daughter Julie.

Julia M. Pease, '75,

P.S. Remember me to all friends and to the servants. Tell Lisa and Chloe that Miss "Dolie" will expect them to be very smart girls and nice servers when. comes back.

J.M.P.