

January 31, 1924

Miss Clara Martin Baker,
Decatur, Ill.

My dear Miss Baker:

Several months ago, when I was in Decatur, you were good enough to let me see a letter written by your grandmother who had lately come into Illinois to her mother back in the East. I remember it as a particularly vivid and interesting document. I did not, however, get a copy of it and I have been wondering if you would be willing to let me have one. I have in mind a study of the pioneer woman drawn from documents like this, and I should very much like to use this.

It is possible that you have given the letter to the Illinois Historical Society for some of its published records. If so I could of course get a copy through them; if not, would you let me have a copy of the original, with permission to use it in the work I am considering?

Sincerely yours,

The joint writers of this letter were my grandmother, Marilla Martin Baker, and her sister, Mary M. Davis. It was their first letter to their mother after their arrival in this country. I hope you will find it of interest.

Clara Martin Baker.

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