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## Isaac Collins House/Farm: Letter from Baker to Rex

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Hi Rex,

Great to see you and now I need your help please.

In all the excitement of digging in the house I never looked at the ell. If the Kells want to take it down the RI people will have to know and give permission. They say it was built 1817 which if true could present some problems. So how about looking for that period stuff. Frame material, nails, foundation, trim detail, etc. Also condition. Its possible we will have to convince them that this has to go---or lower it to one story. Perhaps it was once. Its not a bad place for an ell because everybody is going to come in on that back side anyway.

I keep thinking about the stairway in the front hall. Very strange - why was it built that way. I think there never was one there - probably in the back like it is now. It seems to be one of the three things they have to keep. Is it possible to relocate that head bashing beam. What's there anyway. I was thinking that if you pull up that floor board next to chimney - second floor - you will be-able to see what is going on the closet side of the chimney stack. I don't think that is a lintel end that you can see in the old room but it also seems like that chimney isn't big enough to need to install wood chocks. Last thought - if the roof was different there might be some marks on the chimney second floor - in particular remnants of a rain table. Will you take a look.

All for now. Have a great Christmas and thanks for helping out.