

Orington November. 6. 1818

Dear Children and Grandchildren after my love to you all
I have the sorrowful news to right to you of the death
of your Brother Calef he had been to the West Indies and
was taken sick the next ^{Day} after they set out to come
home and died in five or six days he died the
28 day of September that his death my bed morning
to us all it has been very ^{sickly} here in this place this
fall there has but one died near us we have been spared
so long through the goodness of the almighty God and
I desire to give ^{him} the praise and glory which is due to his
name for all the favour and joy I think your sister
Calef is better in health than she was before she went to
Boston she got home 21 day of September she was 18 days
on her passage home I was afraid when she came home she
was so weary of her passage that I was afraid that she was
no better but before she had don taking her traid
that she brought home she was better and could sleep
but she is in great trouble now she is left to mourn the loss
of a kind and tender husband your Brothers and
Sisters are as well ~~and~~ and as for myself I feel very
feeble old age has come and you can't expect that
I can continue here long I desire your prayers for me that
I may be prepared for ~~the~~ death and go no more at
present I remain your affectionate mother till death
I remember my love
to your sister Judith
The Captain lost his brother he was sick about 12 days I
think and both buried in the sea
I wish you would ^{send} letters often I want to see you all
I want to hear from sister Sarah

Thankful Baker

To Nathan Stone Esq
Dennis. Post
Newport Cape Cod

My Grand Mother's
Baker's Letter
1878, N. Stone

[1818-11-06 Thankful Baker; letter from Thankful Baker^[42], mother-in-law to Nathan Stone Esqr, addressed "to Nathan Stone Esq Dennis Post Master Cape Cod"; on the address side in another hand, "My Grand Mother Bakers Letter, 1878, N. Stone":]

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⁴² She was Thankful (Gray) Baker, b. Tisbury, ca. 1750; d/o Samuel Gray of Harwich & Ruth Allen of Rochester m. 20 Jul 1769, Moses Baker of Yarmouth. Her daughter, Patience Baker, was first wife of Nathan Stone, Esqr.

⁴³ His name is recorded as Cleophas, b. Yarmouth (Dennis), 5 July 1778.

⁴⁴ No doubt the wife of the son Calef/Cleophas Baker.

⁴⁵ The children of Moses Baker & wife Thankful were: Alden (b. 26 Aug 1770), Moses Jr. (11 Nov 1774), Patience (12 May 1772), Cleophas (5 Jul 1778), Thankful Jr. (26 Aug 1781), Jane (7 Feb 1784), Benoni (26 Apr 1789), and Joshua (7 Apr 1793).

⁴⁶ Probably referring to her husband, Moses Sr., who had several brothers.

