

# LancasterHistory Research Collections

## Letter

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**Description Level:** Item  
**Collection:** James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 3 James Buchanan Henry

**Description:**  
Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson saying he delayed going to Captain Ingraham's to await her letter, but it did not come; the delay in the mails resulting in a missed event at Miss McKim's; he is happy that she is surrounded by friends; offering advice in getting over a "little affair" which will disappear if they love each other; Mr. Scharff was married at noon and James Buchanan Henry is very happy for his dear friend; will go to the farewell reception of the Napiers and later to a ball given by Mrs. Brown; sends regards to Miss Margie and apologizes for not receiving her invitation on time; and Dr. Dau. Envelope with no stamp and no postmark addressed to Miss Nicholson, Care of John L McKim, Esq., Baltimore. Washington, D.C.

**Custodial History:** The James Buchanan Family Papers were collected by the James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland. This collection was relocated from the Wheatland mansion to the LancasterHistory archives in the Spring of 2009. Digitization of the James Buchanan Family Papers was funded by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, PHMC Appl ID # 201808013051, 2019-2020.

**Date Range:** No date  
**Creator:** Henry, James Buchanan, 1833-1915  
**People:** Brown, Mrs.  
Hagner, Daniel Randall  
Henry, James Buchanan  
Ingraham, Duncan Nathaniel  
McKim, Miss  
Napier, Francis, Baron Napier and Ettrick  
Napier, Anne Jane Charlotte  
Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson  
Scharff, Christian Henry  
McKim, John

**Subjects:** Personal correspondence  
Letters

**Search Terms:** Correspondence  
Correspondence, Personal  
Letters  
Buchanan Collections  
James Buchanan Presidential Library

**Extent:** 2 items, 10 pages to scan, 4.5 x 7 in. and 3 x 5.5 in.

**Object Name:** Letter

**Language:** English



**Condition Notes:** Cross-hatch writing.

**Accession Number:** JBMS1997.031a-c

**Object ID:** JBFP 3.1.1.035

**Parent Object ID:** JBFP Part 3 Series 1

**Other Number:** JBFP Part 3, Series 1, Subseries 1, Folder 35

**Location:** LancasterHistory, Lancaster, PA

**Room:** Archives South

**Container:** JBFP Part 3, Box 1

**Associated Material:** James Buchanan Papers, Dickinson College Archives & Special Collections,  
<http://archives.dickinson.edu/collection-descriptions/james-buchanan-papers>  
James Buchanan and Harriet Lane Johnston Papers, Library of Congress,  
<https://www.loc.gov/collections/james-buchanan-and-harriet-lane-johnston-papers/>  
James Buchanan Papers, Historical Society of Pennsylvania,  
<http://www2.hsp.org/collections/manuscripts/b/Buchanan0091.html>  
James Buchanan Papers, Penn State University Libraries,  
<https://libraries.psu.edu/findingaids/1458.htm>

**Related Item Notes:** James Buchanan Family Papers  
MG-96 James Buchanan Collection  
Historical Society of Pennsylvania microfilm  
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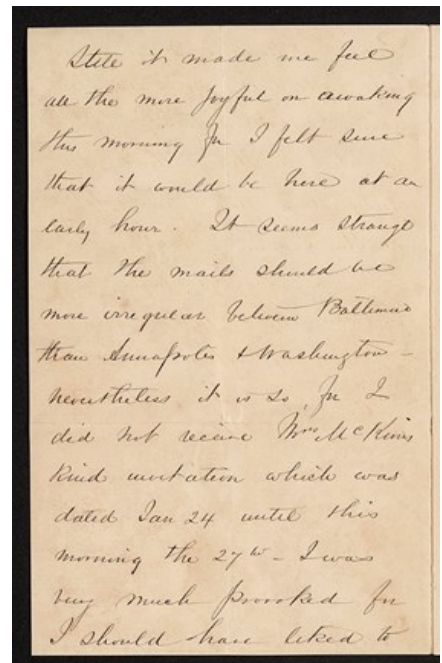
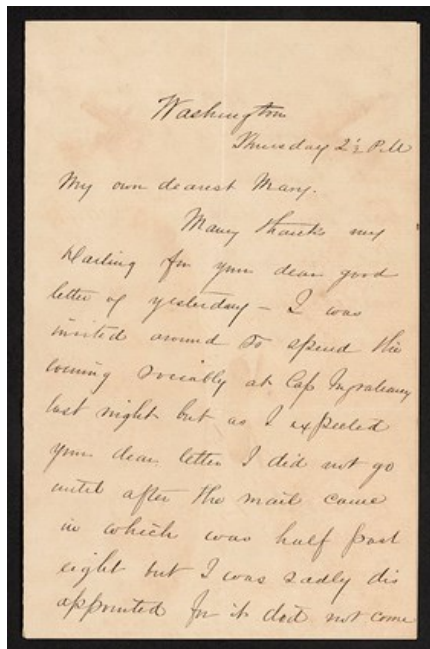
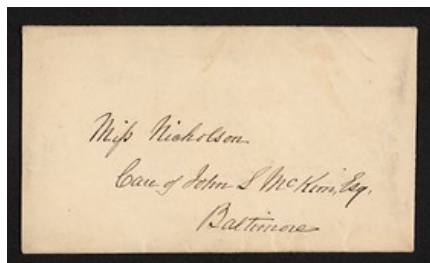
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Cheerful trusting that  
 all will in due time be  
 right: 'Poor Child!' then  
 you first trouble came when  
 you were least able to bear  
 it, when suffering in body -  
 I assure you my heart bled  
 for you, tho' I felt myself  
 helpless to comfort you -  
 I have long learned to rely  
 too much upon myself, to  
 allow it to trouble me  
 except on your account, &  
 if you are again well &

happy let us banish all  
 further thought of this  
 bug bear for like any common  
 ghost it is easily dissipated  
 with a two penny candle &  
 when we look into it and  
 give us no further real  
 trouble.

Well our friend Schaff  
 was I have no doubt married  
 today at 12 & I a very  
 happy man, I drank his  
 health & that of his bride  
 at 12 o'clock. I enclose you  
 a letter from him by which

you will see that he has  
 kindly adopted my proposition  
 & will remain at Parsons &  
 Balto from Saturday until  
 Monday morning. You will  
 see by it what a kind good  
 friend he is of mine.

I wrote to you day  
 before yesterday - did you  
 not receive it. I want you  
 to drop me a little note in  
 receipt of this & tell me  
 something about how we  
 are going to do in Balto - &  
 when I can see you etc also  
 when we can go down to

Mr. Schaff etc I  
 received your letter  
 of the 10th & was  
 glad to hear of your  
 recovery & that you  
 were well & happy  
 I have sent you  
 a very brilliant  
 ball & I have sent  
 you a letter by  
 which you will see  
 that he has kindly  
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 do in Balto - & when  
 I can see you etc also  
 when we can go down  
 to

have run over to see you  
all especially as I was free  
having no engagement here last  
night - a thing that you  
know does not often happen  
at this season in Washington.  
Please present my kindest  
compliments to Mrs. Weston &  
express my extreme regrets at  
being unable to wait upon  
her, owing to the cause as  
above stated. I am so  
pleased to think that you  
are gay & happy with your  
dear friends for I know  
what a luxury it is -

Now dearest I want you to  
promise me not to trouble  
yourself any more about that  
little affair - I say little  
because if we truly love each  
other we must be willing to  
make little sacrifices for each  
other - & the pleasure I would  
derive from making any on  
my part would more than  
counterbalance the pain for  
I feel that you would love  
me all the more - So that  
we must be happy &  
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