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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 begging for longer letters to sustain him; hopes to visit Baltimore with Mr. Scharff, his wedding looming near; Miss Bright will be married in a small ceremony with 150 guests; teasing her by asking if she is flirting with Mr. Randolph and he will send Mr. Magraw to spy upon her; did not go to Com. Wilkes "tea fight"; mentions Miss Emily, the Ingrahams, and the parties of Mrs. Grims and Lady Napier; will get her a ticket to the Great Ball if she wishes; solicits her mother's news in the next letter. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care of John L. McKim, Esq. Baltimore. Washington, D.C.

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Date Range: 1859/01/25

Creator: Henry, James Buchanan, 1833-1915

People: Riggs, Mary Turpin Bright

Grim, Mrs.

Henry, James Buchanan

Magraw, Robert M.

Napier, Anne Jane Charlotte Lockwood, Lady

Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson

Randolph, Mr.

Scharff, Christian Henry

Wilkes, Charles

McKim, John

Subjects: Personal correspondence

Letters

Search Terms: Correspondence

Correspondence, Personal

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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: Slight water damage.

Accession Number: JBMS1996.274a-b

Object ID: JBFP 3.1.1.045

Parent Object ID: JBFP Part 3 Series 1

Other Number: JBFP Part 3, Series 1, Subseries 1, Folder 45

Location: LancasterHistory, Lancaster, PA

Room: Archives South

Container: JBFP Part 3, Box 1

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<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
Photograph collections
Curatorial collections
Wheatland Mansion

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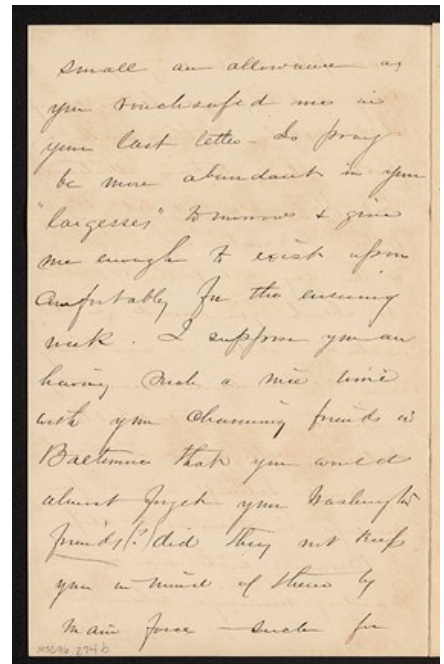
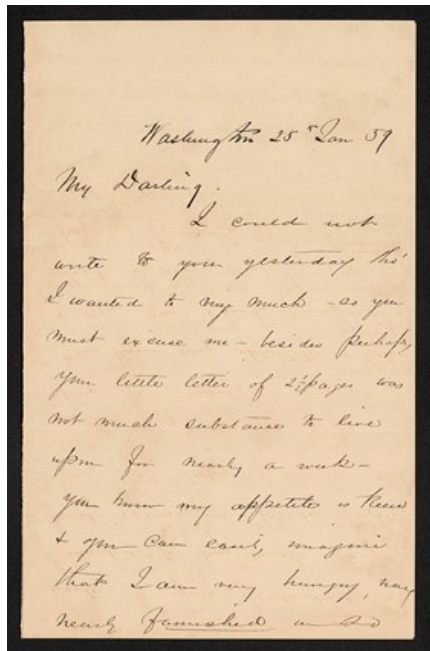
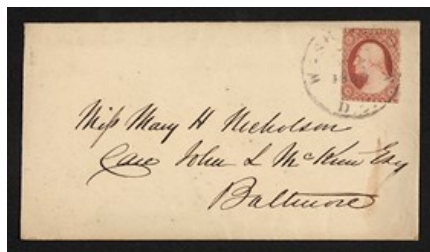
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It is outside - this is of
course "inter omnia" - she told
me as we are very old &
good friends.

Have you been flirting
with your friend Ransoph
I must get my friend Hopper
on the track to find out
you know his skill as
look out - I remember the
reciprocal privileges you
are bound to receive for me
- do you recollect?

There was a small
party last night at

at Com. Wilkes' - there was a
sort of tea fight & I did
not go - I called upon
Mrs. Wilkes yesterday evening
but she was getting ready
for the Wilkes & I did not
see her - she is to go out
in three days on some Capt
Ingram's - so do not be
surprised when that she
is at all the parties - I
go tonight down at Mr
Ginn's & on Thursday & Lady
Higgins' farewell - By the
by would you & your good
friends the Misses the Misses

Come down to the great Ball
to be given by the "high-falootins"
here to bid adieu to Miss
February - if I have undresses
sent to you? It will be by
all odds the affair of the
Season - Please tell me
about this either by letter or
when I see you.

You must always give
me your good wishes news
when you hear from her &
send my love when you
write.

But I must say
good bye - I will say so

in party - please to
write me a line or two
tomorrow & oblige

Yours affectionately
Henry

Miss Mary Wagner Schuler
for her & her

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example or contrary your
 long & full page letters every
 day nearly in the week &
 such their starting attentions
 but pray do not let the
 follies & vanities of the world
 in the gay metropolises of Balto
 so absorb your mind as to
 exclude older or more homely
 claims - Providence permitting
 I shall go on to Balto on
 Saturday afternoon & I think
 my friend Schuff will so far
 modify his plans as to stop
 at Berwyn with me until
 Monday morning - when would

you like to call upon them
 let me see your letter - they will
 be both very anxious to see you
 I assure you. If you think
 of it you must think their
 health on Thursday at 12 o'clock
 that is the hour. I have promised
 to do it. What a happy man
 he ought to be - so near the
 goal of his happiness here
 on earth!

Are you aware that our
 friend Miss Bright is to be
 married on the 24th of February
 the wedding will be small
 - about 150 - & will give
 some reason to New York

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Description:

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson acknowledging receiving her letter and happy that she enjoyed her party; felt stupid at Lady Napier's party because he had a bad cold; and hoping the weather is nice when they are in Baltimore tomorrow. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland. Accompanied by a card saying he will write this evening so that she will receive it tomorrow. Washington, D.C.

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Napier, Anne Jane Charlotte Lockwood, Lady
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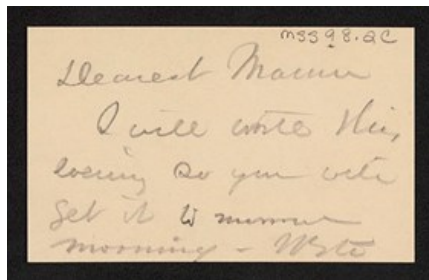
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Washington 25th Friday

My sweetest Mamma!

I received your kind
 good note of yesterday this
 morning & I thank you sincerely
 for it. I am glad you enjoyed
 your party so much. I should
 have loved dearly to be with you
 & your good friends - I am so
 happily desirous to think that you
 are right well & enjoying yourself
 right heartily, as I thank you

do from the time of your
 letter. I went to Lady Aspens
 last night I had such an
 intensely stupid time that I
 was very glad indeed to get away
 when 1 o'clock came - somehow I
 did not feel exactly in the humor
 of enjoying it & having a bad
 cold I was coughing all the
 time. I hope you got my
 long letter of yesterday safely.
 I hope we will have nice
 weather when I am at Balto

I shall leave here in the
 3.46 afternoon train & arrive
 about 5 o'clock.

As God willing, I will
 see you & my dear Mamma I
 will say good bye -

Yours ever affectionately
 1834

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on a page of lined paper.]

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