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## 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 apologizing again for his comments about Mrs. Bright and has apologized to her and hopes she will spread no more rumors; regrets their long separation and hopes to see her soon; asks after the McKims; is thinking of having Lieutenant Saxton as his groomsman and must have Bob Magraw and General Ward at the wedding; Mr. Scharff is much happier after marriage than before and James Buchanan Henry looks forward to the same fate; mentions the Misses McKim, Miss Emily, and Dr. Raines, who has just been granted the ferry lines in Rio, which should result in a tidy fortune for him. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland. 142 Broadway, [New York], NY.

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**Date Range:** 1859/06/15

**Creator:** Henry, James Buchanan, 1833-1915

**People:** Bright, Mrs.

Henry, James Buchanan

Magraw, Robert M.

McKim, John

Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson

Raines, Charles Byron

Saxton, Rufus

Scharff, Christian Henry

Ward, General

Nicholson, Joseph Hopper

**Subjects:** Personal correspondence  
Letters

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

**Extent:** 2 items, 6 pages to scan, 5 x 8 in. and 3 x 5.5 in.

**Object Name:** Letter

**Language:** English

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

**Accession Number:** JBMS1996.399a-b

**Object ID:** JBFP 3.1.1.058

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

**Other Number:** JBFP Part 3, Series 1, Subseries 1, Folder 58

**Location:** LancasterHistory, Lancaster, PA

**Room:** Archives South

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

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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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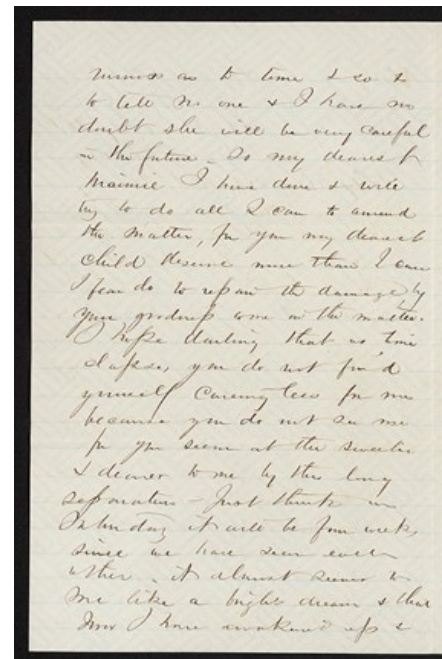
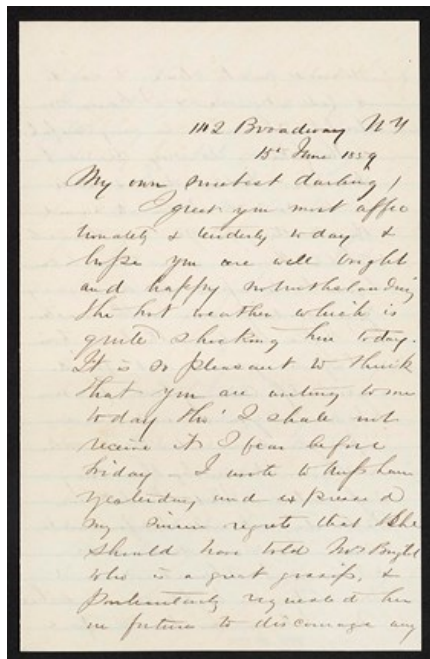
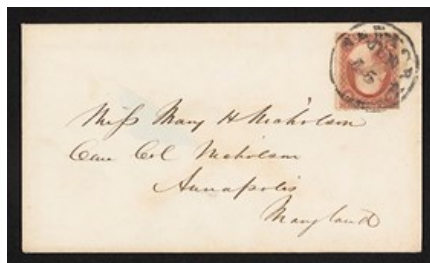
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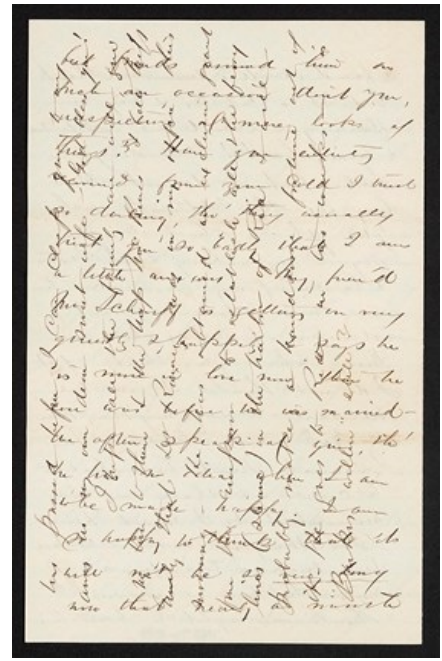
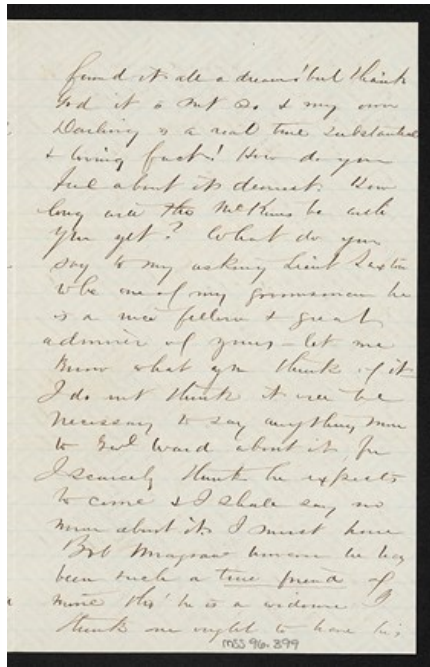
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Description Level: Item

Collection: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 3 James Buchanan Henry



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**Description:**

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson commenting on the heat wave; hoping that she is not too tired after reading his lengthy letter; his boredom at having to chaperone his cousin, Miss S, even after trying to expound of the merits of General Ward as a love interest; and wonders why he has lost interest in everyone else but her; commenting on the praise Scharff heaped upon her; and hoping to persuade her mother to allow her to write more often. Envelope with postmark and stamp removed and intact red wax seal addressed to Miss M. H. Nicholson, Care of Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland. Washington, D.C.

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**Date Range:** 1858/06/25

**Creator:** Henry, James Buchanan, 1833-1915

**People:** Henry, James Buchanan  
Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson  
Ward, General  
Nicholson, Eliza Ann Hagner  
Nicholson, Joseph Hopper  
Scharff, Christian Henry  
Saunders, Miss

**Subjects:** Personal correspondence  
Letters

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

**Extent:** 2 items, 6 pages to scan, 5.25 x 8 in. and 3 x 5.25 in.

**Object Name:** Letter

**Language:** English

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

**Accession Number:** JBMS1996.393a-b

**Object ID:** JBFP 3.1.1.004

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

**Other Number:** JBFP Part 3, Series 1, Subseries 1, Folder 4

**Location:** LancasterHistory, Lancaster, PA

**Room:** Archives South

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

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### Description:

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson apologizing for not writing on schedule but while they are in the country the regular schedule will not work since the President leaves the White House on Friday for the weekend; he is arranging a Party for a sail on the Harriet Lane that he will have no time to write; he hopes the trip will include Annapolis so that he might bring is best friend Mr. Scharff, who has kept him from becoming too wild, to meet her and implores her to like him; General Ward is joining the group in hopes that Miss Saunders will also be there, but she will not be; mentions her cousin Margie, the Ingrahams, and her aunt; chatted with Miss Emily.

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**Date Range:** 1858/07/11

**Creator:** Henry, James Buchanan, 1833-1915

**People:** Magruder, Emily Erving Nicholson  
Henry, James Buchanan  
Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson  
Saunders, Miss  
Scharff, Christian Henry  
Ward, General  
Buchanan, James  
Ingraham, Duncan Nathaniel



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

**Extent:** 1 item, 8 pages to scan, 6 x 7.25 in. and 6 x 3.5 in.

**Object Name:** Letter

**Language:** English

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

**Accession Number:** JBMS1996.320b

**Object ID:** JBFP 3.1.1.007

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

**Other Number:** JBFP Part 3, Series 1, Subseries 1, Folder 7

**Location:** LancasterHistory, Lancaster, PA

**Room:** Archives South

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

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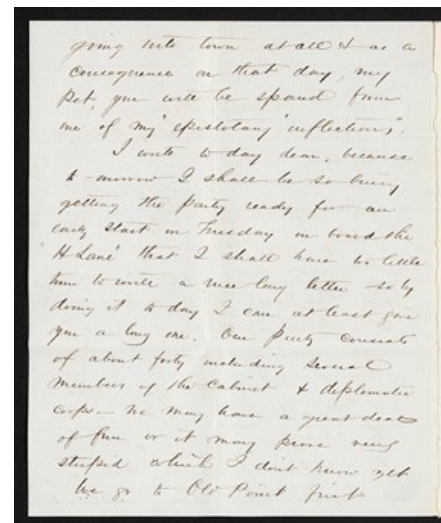
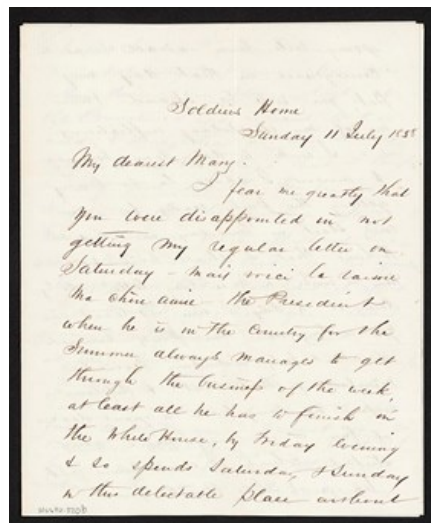
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3/ I believe had I receive you a  
very salutary influence upon me  
when during our College days at  
the Princeton I was retained to be  
wild & thoughtless on all serious  
subjects - in the days that I thought  
my self good enough. He became a  
member of the Church soon after  
leaving College & the effect of his  
example was not lost as we were  
in good or evil in relation to effort.  
I write this so that you may  
learn to appreciate my friend for  
at first sight you may be dis-  
posed to view him as he - a rather  
handsome & cultivated youth therefore  
feel to strike you - I want you to  
like him dear Mary as a brother for  
he is my best friend in the world  
- almost the only one. He will soon

come with me while the next  
are visiting the school, to see  
you - I was very desirous I would  
you to look as pretty as you can  
for you know I take such a pride  
in you - that pretty white dress  
I admire you had better put on -  
and I not saying dear to talk  
about such things! If we do not  
stop in the steam we will run  
we must likely together on Saturday  
as I am determined that you shall  
make each other arrangements.  
Dear Aunt Anne with the hope  
that Mrs Saunders will go west and  
but I fear he will be sadly disappointed  
as I understand she declines as the  
last moment to go - I care so little  
that I have not time asked her -  
I fear she does not like the interest  
I take in Wordsworth's success

7/ It has been intensely hot here  
for the past two days without  
standing that we have a very  
fine strong breeze.  
We had such a good  
service ~~the evening~~ at our little  
Rock Creek Church this morning  
in the text "For their sakes is not we  
our Rede, even our enemies themselves  
being judges" (32 text 21) the preacher  
so beautifully the importance of our  
work (said) on all others in the  
hem of danger or sorrow - the  
hellmouths of atheism, Unitarianism  
Humanism &c. in the hem of  
evil & trouble when human reason  
& philosophy fail to sustain us  
then promised.  
I am so glad that I shall  
hear from you & know how

you forget to write what was  
in your friend Mary's letter that  
you could not find when I  
read it the other day - My dear  
friend in the church has intimated  
to me that you had been thinking  
of this very thing but I shall  
leave this to you & say they go  
as they please - Don't you  
forget to write how much I  
am pleased with you & I shall  
not say a word of the due and  
I hope you take a care  
of your friends & I shall  
a very pleasant chat with Miss  
Saunders & a good laugh  
and she writes you

I think if we have sufficient time  
left we will point our toes towards  
Annapolis - it is not therefore  
quite certain that we will remain  
like the latter especially as there  
is vacation at the Naval School.  
The Secretary who is Commander in Chief  
in board may decide not to go up -  
The day sailing you know would  
be a sad disappointment to me if  
I count upon seeing you on Thursday.  
Still I think it my duty to tell you  
how the Officers stand so that you  
at least may not be disappointed.  
If we come at all you will see  
in some time on Thursday - I you  
may be assured that I will leave  
nothing undone to accomplish  
this. The steamer left Annapolis  
on Saturday at 2 o'clock with

General Ward & my dear friend  
Mr Schuff on board. I look forward  
with great interest & anxiety to a  
good long talk with Mr Schuff  
on the first time we meet since the  
great loss of our lives - on our anniversary  
sets recall much of our future  
plans into the past. This is unusual  
with you as a glorious opportunity of  
talking & planning are very things. As  
I told you this day by myself I have  
intended the most devoted, almost  
romantic friendship, through joy &  
sorrow for eight years & have never  
had an hour's quarrel or misunder-  
standing - he has been true to me  
to me & we hope to form much of  
our future lives together as friends  
& professional partners - he was  
always a good boy, of noble inclinations  
& religious impulses & thus

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