

James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 1 Papers of James Buchanan, Series 1 Correspondence

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Scope and Content Note: The James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 1, Papers of James Buchanan, Series 1 Correspondence, Subseries 1 contains letters to James Buchanan and Subseries 2 contains letters from James Buchanan. Within these subseries, the letters are arranged chronologically, dating from 1819-1868.

This collection contains letters, both to and from James Buchanan. The letters from Buchanan range from the different periods of his life—as a private citizen and lawyer, senator, and ambassador to Russia and Britain; his Presidential term from 1857 to 1861; and his later years until his death in 1868. The earlier letters include details of his travels, political matters and the military, social engagements and responsibilities, his responsibilities as a political figure, and accounts of family chatter and gossip. He also discusses at length, in his letters to and about Harriet Lane, his opinions of whom she should marry, his opinions about her social encounters and interactions, her living situations, and her livelihood. Buchanan also often wrote about his Christian beliefs, especially during the later years of his life. Letters from his later years detail the day-to-day life at home in Wheatland, including some of his guests, his servants, and his illnesses as the end of his life neared.

The letters that are addressed to James Buchanan range in different topics, concerning military affairs, political and legal information, and family chatter. Other letters include details of Buchanan's financial matters that are in reference to loans, Buchanan's investments and purchases, deeds and bonds. There are also a number of thank-you letters and notes of recommendation.

Many of the letters are to his niece, Harriet Lane and nephew, James Buchanan Henry. Other correspondents are H. B. Swarr, Henry A. Muhlenberg, family members, Francis Scott Key, Riggs & Co., James L. Reynolds, and many political colleagues.

Creators: Buchanan, James, 1791-1868.

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System of Arrangement: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 1 Papers of James Buchanan is arranged into six series.

Series 1 Correspondence

Subseries 1 Letters from James Buchanan



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Biographical and Historical Note: James Buchanan was born on April 23, 1791 to James Buchanan and Elizabeth Speer. He was the second child born out of ten children, and he would go on to outlive all but one of his siblings. Most popularly remembered as Pennsylvania's only President and as a lifelong bachelor, Buchanan committed a lifetime to politics. In 1821, he left his law practice and embarked on his political career after having been voted into the U.S. House of Representatives. He would remain in the House for five consecutive terms before serving as the U.S. Minister to Russia, a Senator in the U.S. Senate, the U.S. Secretary of State, the U.S. Minister to Great Britain, and finally, the 15th President of the United States. He died in his bedchamber at Wheatland at 8:30 AM on June 1, 1868. He was 77 years old. [<https://www.lancastrhistory.org/about-wheatland>, accessed 10/24/2019]



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Box 1 Series 1, Subseries 1 Letters from James Buchanan

Folder 1 Lancaster, 13 September 1819

Letter to William Wright, Esq. sharing his legal opinion of stockholders in Columbia Bridge.

Folder 2 Lancaster, 10 December 1819

Letter to Robert Coleman regarding the funeral of his daughter, Ann Caroline Coleman. (photostatic copy)

Folder 3 Lancaster, 4 June 1820

Letter to Cyrus Jacobs, Esq. offering a clarification of the will of Daniel Clymer, Esq.

Folder 4 Washington, 29 March 1826

Letter to Samuel Dale concerning a financial matter of Oliver Drum.

Folder 4a Lancaster, 10 May 1827

Letter to Gabriel [Niester] imploring him to appear at the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania when the argument begins in his case.

Folder 5 Lancaster, 17 May 1827

Letter to George Markley refusing to be involved in a local post office dispute.

Folder 6 Lancaster, 29 October 1828

Letter to Dr. Charles Yates concerning rental property in Mercersburg, the defeat of Barlow, and James Buchanan's health.

Folder 7 Wheatland, 3 November 1832 to 15 February 1868

Note: This group of sixteen letters of unknown ownership and whereabouts were copied on 19 July 1937 by F. A. Henry, American Consulate, Melbourne, Australia. Whether he owned the letters is not clear.

Letter 1 3 November 1863

Letter to James Buchanan Henry discussing the power of Congress to issue paper currency and the financial matters of family and Miss Hetty.

Letter 2 4 November 1863

Letter to James Buchanan Henry following up on letter of November 3.

Letter 3 22 April 1864

Letter to James Buchanan Henry concerning family financial matters including Harriet's loss in the stock market.



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Folder 7

Letter 4 29 September 1865

Letter to James Buchanan Henry praising Miss Lane's cooking, some financial matters, and the publication of his book.

Letter 5 2 March 1866

Letter to James Buchanan Henry doubting the truth of Mrs. David Lynch's contention that her daughter, Isabella, ought to be move from the convent to home because of illness, asking for money for the trip and some other financial matters.

Letter 6 12 March 1866

Letter to James Buchanan Henry inquiring about the removal of Miss Lynch from the convent; complaining about the "pegging away" of her mother, who "might not be in her right mind"; Mr. Schell's silence; Harriet in Cuba; and financial matters.

Letter 7 16 March 1866

Letter to James Buchanan Henry commenting on the poor performance of his household staff, financial matters, Miss Hetty's relationship with others, Andrew Johnson's poor selection of cabinet members, and how the South should be treated.

Letter 8 4 October 1866

Letter to James Buchanan Henry concerning rents, deeds, the marriage of the O'Neal sisters, and his going to Baltimore after voting.

Letter 9 10 November 1866

Letter to James Buchanan Henry praising his handling of the Leonard affair, his visit to Baltimore visiting Harriet and the Johnston family, with mention of visits from Mrs. Ellis and the James Shunk family.

Letter 10 13 December 1866

Letter to Cornelius Vanderbilt introducing James Buchanan Henry.

Letter 11 9 January [1866]

Letter to Mrs. Robert Walsh introducing James Buchanan Henry.

Letter 12 14 December 1867

Letter to James Buchanan Henry hoping for a visit from him and Mr. Schell at Christmas, present visitors, and financial matters.

Letter 13 7 February 1868

Letter to James Buchanan Henry desiring to buy some prints from Mr. Buttre, financial affairs, and the "Murillo affair."



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Folder 7 (cont.)

Letter 14 25 January 1868

Letter to James Buchanan from J. C. Buttre quoting prices for prints.

Letter 15 15 February 1868

Letter to James Buchanan Henry enclosing repayment for prints bought and other financial matters.

Letter 16 22 August 1864

Letter to James Buchanan Henry from [Harriet Lane] concerning the borrowing of jewels, Confederate raids, Miss Hetty, Robert [Magrainy] and others at the party. Typescript and photocopy.

Folder 7a Washington, 26 December 1835

Letter to Sarah H. Porter having a letter containing money sent to her via safe hands.

Folder 8 Washington, D.C., 19 January 1836

Letter to Humes Porter explaining his forwarding of Porter's letter to W. Livingston.

Folder 9 24 February 1836

Letter to Jacob Glatz returning the patent sent earlier and a letter from Mr. Sevier, delegate from Arkansas; mentions Mr. Woodruff and invites Mr. Haldeman and Glatz to visit after they visit the President.

Folder 10 Lancaster, 19 November 1838

Receipt for \$1,200 of Jane B. Lane to be distributed to her children and \$724.07 from the estate of Elizabeth Buchanan to distributed to his sister Jane Lane.

Folder 11 Lancaster, 25 November 1839

Letter to N. Nathans, Esq. regretting that he cannot recommend Col. McClure for a position in a territory soon to become a state. With envelope.

Folder 12 Washington, D.C., 12 December 1840

Letter to Elliott Eskridge Lane consoling him on his father's death (James Buchanan Lane) and the visits of Elizabeth Huston and Sarah Maxwell.

Folder 13 Lancaster, 16 April 1841

Letter to Thomas P. Cope and others declining an invitation to speak at the Mercantile Library of Philadelphia. With envelope.



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Folder 14 10 January 1843

Letter to Jacob Glatz with comments on his busy schedule, dull business of the House, Botts' attempt to impeach the President, and his being attacked because his name has been put forward "by a large portion of the democracy of my native state, although I myself have not raised a finger or stirred a step in the matter."

Folder 14a Washington City, 18 July 1845

Envelope addressed to Miss Harriet R. Lane, Charlestown, Jefferson County, Virginia. With seal.

Folder 15 26 September 1849 – 17 December 1851

Note: This group of six photocopied letters to Rev. Eugene A. Freauf were generously provided by Linden Hall School, which retains the originals.

Letter 1 No date

Letter concerns the bill of Miss Yates in the amount of 8½ cents.

Letter 2 Wheatland, 26 September 1849

Letter making arrangements to send Miss Hobbs, Miss Dow, and the Misses Laumans for a Saturday appointment. Miss Lane will not be going, but Mr. John Ford, the driver of the carriage, is a careful driver.

Letter 3 Wheatland, 6 March 1850

Letter regretting not attending a musical presentation because of bad weather.

Letter 4 Wheatland, 13 August 1850

Letter offering to send a carriage for Miss Theodora, the Misses Laumans, and his niece if they have permission to visit him.

Letter 5 Wheatland, 18 November 1851

Letter announcing that Harriet Parker, sister of Miss Hetty, will accompany a pupil for the school.

Letter 6 Wheatland, 7 December 1851

Letter regretting that he cannot attend a function at the school tomorrow because of bad weather and because he has already accepted an invitation to attend the opening of the plank road between Lancaster and Petersburg.

Folder 16 Washington, D.C., 6 February 1844

Letter to W. E. Robinson, recounting briefly the emigration of his father from County Donegal, Ireland, and his pride in Irish heritage. (photostatic copy) Also in the folder is a sheet of calculations of undetermined origins. (original and photocopy)



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Folder 17 Lancaster, 26 July 1844

Letter to the Hon. Henry A. Muhlenberg expressing his support in the coming election and Buchanan's travel plans to Bedford and Wilkes-Barre. (Copied in an unknown hand from Letters to H. A. Muhlenberg, March to August 1844, p. 44.)

Folder 18 Washington, D.C., December 1844

Letter to Harriet Lane detailing activities of family and friends, especially those of Buck Yates, who will sail with the Navy to the Mediterranean Sea.

Folder 19 Washington, D.C., 14 October 1845

Letter to Harriet Lane giving advice on coming of age, especially at Bedford while in the company of another family and that she left as a school girl, but will return as a lady. With envelope.

Folder 20 Washington, D.C., 16 October 1845

Letter to James B. Lane offering him the use of his house and furniture in Lancaster should Buchanan be elevated to the Bench and need to resettle elsewhere and leaving his rented, furnished room in Washington.

Folder 21 No date, no location

Short note to James B. Lane stating that Harriet will come of age on the May 9 and requesting that he set up an account including her share of her father's estate to include what Buchanan owes her.

Folder 22 22 January 1846

Letter to James B. Lane concerning the mortgage of Ann Keffer Boehm and other financial matters. On a blank sheet is Lane's reply.

Folder 23 Wheatland, 1 October 1846

Note to H. B. Swarr, Esq. asking if W. Sanderson has paid his debt and expressing his annoyance if he hasn't.

Folder 24 Washington, 2 November 1846

Two notes to the firm of Cocoran & Riggs depositing money in one of his accounts and his desire to purchase treasury notes.

Folder 25 Washington, 19 January 1847

Letter to John Black, Esq. concerning Mexican affairs. (Photostatic copy of typed letter. Location of original letter unknown.)



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Folder 26 Washington, 30 March 1847

Letter to James B. Lane detailing his accounts receivable and requesting that his brother Edward will collect \$4,500 to Buchanan's credit.

Folder 27 Washington, 8 June 1847

Note to James B. Lane requesting that he forward a bond to the Hon. Charles J. Ingersoll of Philadelphia.

Folder 28 Washington, 2 August 1847

Short letter to Harriet Lane saying he will accompany the Postmaster General, Senator Bagby and W. Medele to Old Point. Asks to be remembered to Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Bache and the young ladies. With envelope.

Folder 29 4 November 1847

Letter to Mrs. Sarah H. Porter replying to her request for a lieutenancy for her son George since the President will fill all vacancies with veterans of the Mexican War. A clerkship is also unlikely because two of her sons already hold appointments in the government. There are no vacancies on his staff. With envelope and seal.

Folder 30 Washington, 27 November 1847

Letter to Harriet Lane announcing that she may expect a visit from Henry A. Muhlenberg and his wife, both held in high regard. With envelope.

Folder 31 Washington, 4 May 1848

Letter to James B. Lane, Esq., dealing with bonds and other financial matters.

Folder 32 Washington, 9 May 1848

Letter to James B. Lane, Esq. setting up a procedure for the purchase of a house for Mary [Elizabeth Speer Lane].

Folder 33 Washington, 11 June 1848

Letter to Christian Buchanan, Esq. asking that an outstanding judgment against Col. Stambaugh be revived. Buchanan wants his name left out of any resolution if it would raise opposition. He wants to protect General Cass. Comments disapprovingly of General Taylor's prospects for carrying the state.



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Folder 34 Washington, 25 October 1848

Letter to James B. Lane, Esq. praising his appraising of some matting and for acting wisely in not buying Buchanan's house at this time because of taking too much capital, but Buchanan will not offer it for sale publicly. Written on the blank page is James B. Lane's reply stating that he does not wish to board but will do so until circumstances improve. He will inform Mr. Meredith that all he wants from the furniture at Wheatland is the matting.

On same stationery is a copy of James Lane's reply from Lancaster, 30 October 1848 stating that he wants to exchange housekeeping for a property of his own and that Mr. Fortney wishes Buchanan to inform Mr. Meredith that he will not want any furniture from Wheatland except the matting.

Folder 35 Washington, 1 November 1848

Letter to James B. Lane, Esq., refusing all items from Wheatland except the matting and the book cases, other items may be chosen when he returns to Lancaster after the election. He advises James not to board because it gives a bad appearance and that he is putting his house in Lancaster on the market. Sees some hope in the coming election.

Folder 36 Washington, 22 December 1848

Letter to Harriet Lane giving her permission to visit him in Washington the following week in the company of Dr. Foltz if she can prepare for the journey. If not, she is to come in early January.

Folder 37 Washington, 9 February 1849

Letter to Samuel Edwards, Esq. extracting from a letter of Colonel Emory, head of the Officers of the Topographical Corps charged with surveying the Mexican boundary, offering Mr. Edwards an assistantship in the expedition in charge of the instruments which he will accompany around Cape Horn. With envelope.

Folder 38 Wheatland, 3 July 1849

Letter to James B. Lane, Esq. commenting on the arrival of Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Little to purchase the *Lancaster Intelligencer* from Mr. Hutter at the price Mr. Hutter paid for it. He hopes to clear up Dr. Sample's judgment.

Folder 39 19 December [1849]

Letter to James B. Lane lamenting the fact that the handling of the sale of the *Lancaster Intelligencer* has been expensive and annoying and that Sanderson, and not Hamilton, ought to suffer.



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Folder 40 Wheatland, 18 January 1850

Letter to Harriet Lane commenting on her choice of visiting Philadelphia instead of Pittsburgh, that the sleighing has been good and enclosing an obituary of General Robert Lytle. With envelope.

Folder 41 Washington, 11 February 1840

Letter to Harriet Lane expressing sorrow over her unhappiness and detailing his travel plans between Washington and Lancaster. With envelope.

Folder 42 Wheatland, 7 March 1850

Letter to Harriet Lane at the Macalesters in Philadelphia full of chatter about Miss Hetty's sister, Harriet, a visit to brother Edward to see ailing Charlotte, and Lily's forgetfulness. With envelope.

Folder 43 Lancaster, 17 June 1850

Letter to "Whom It May Concern" introducing in glowing terms William Carpenter, Esquire.

Folder 44 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 11 July 1850

Letter to William P. Schell, Esq. expressing his great approval of the candidacy of Mr. McKenney for Congress in Western Pennsylvania and his regret that he had not vacationed in Bedford Springs for a while.

Folder 45 Wheatland, 3 October 1850

Letter to Harriet Lane saying he is happy that she is enjoying her travels in New York state and that Eskridge is home after being sick in Philadelphia. With envelope.

Folder 46 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 25 February 1851

Letter to Harriet Lane with chatter about Harriet Parker, Eskridge, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Pleasanton, who approves of Harriet's conduct.

Folder 47 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 24 March 1851

Letter to Hon. Wm. A. Graham, Secretary of the Navy recommending Mr. S. T. Lineaweaver of Lebanon to be appointed a lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

Folder 47a [Wheatland, near Lancaster, March 1851]

Letter to H. B. Swarr, asking his advice on the appointments of Mr. Sharrette and Jonas D. Bachman as clerks, in addition to Mr. Baer, inclining to appoint Dr. Hall as Inspector of Drugs in Philadelphia. With envelope.



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Folder 47b Wheatland, 25 March 1851

Letter to Col. John W. Forney introducing his friend Dr. N. B. Wolfe of Columbia, a delegate to the Reading Convention and a gentleman to “worth, talent, and character.”

Folder 48 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 26 June 1851

Letter to Edward H. Pendleton acknowledging receipt of his note and accompanying music. In folder is a sheet containing portraits of Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan which were published in London.

Folder 49 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 6 August 1851

Letter to [I. U.] or [M.] Smith regretting that the refrigerator he ordered was never delivered. (photostatic copy of original at Penn State University)

Folder 50 Wheatland, 19 November 1851

Letter to Harriet Lane in Pittsburgh noting the visit of James, with whom he conducted business on her behalf; the business failure of Willoughby Webb; Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins; the character of Mr. McCandless; and an address by Frazer. With envelope.

Folder 51 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 8 December 1851

Letter to Henry Welsh, Esq. reporting that he has written “strongly” to Gardner Furness, Dr. Gerry, Captain Schmidt and Col. Bailey, but not to Mr. Charles or Joseph Detweiler, apparently about Presidential politics saying that General Cass thinks he can be President, but cannot be elected.

Folder 52 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 22 December 1851

Letter to Edwin Coolidge, Esquire, mentioning his pleasure with an article published in the *Essex Banner* and that he has expressed his appreciation to Mr. Stafford.

Folder 53 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 19 January 1852

Letter to Harriet Lane describing a major snow storm and commenting that recent visitors included Susan Reynolds, her brother (doesn't care for the hair on his face) and the Lanes, as well as expressing his opinion on Mayor Lynch and the good sleighing.

Folder 54 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 3 April 1852

Letter to Harriet Lane stating that she should spend some time in Philadelphia, recounting family chatter, that Miss Hetty is extremely happy with “dear Mary” and begs her not to turn down a good prospect in Mr. Evans.

Folder 55 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 2 July 1852

Letter to Messrs. Corcoran & Riggs directing them to send the interest on his Virginia Bond (\$11,000) and stating his intention of relieving them of the burden of his business shortly.



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Folder 56 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 29 December 1852

Letter to F. [J.] Hall, Esquire regretting not being able to recommend his father being reappointed Navy agent for Boston because he is a private citizen "in the interior of Pennsylvania."

Folder 57 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 7 March 1853

Letter to Harriet Lane enclosing a letter from Miss Ward opened by mistake and even though he "never read beyond the first line" recounts the entire letter, admonishes Harriet for writing poor letters, and suggesting that she leave the Tyler household because she may think "that too much of a good thing, even like yourself, is good for nothing."

Folder 58 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 17 March 1853

Letter to A. W. Graff giving his reasons for not recommending his appointment as Post Master at Aaronsburg, Center County. Removed an engraving of Buchanan apparently lifted from *Historia de los Estados-Unidos-Pa6*.

Folder 59 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 21 March 1853

Letter to William L. Cook, Esq. advising him to seek employment other than for the clerk's position for which he asked Buchanan for a recommendation. (Note on back: "4 27 1953 - Original owned by Mr. Horton J. Kirkendall, 2501 N. Third St., Harrisburg, Pa.; Photostat supplied by: Professor Paul Gast, 2500 N. Fourth St., Harrisburg, Pa. Class of 1921")

Folder 59a Wheatland, near Lancaster, 16 May 1853

Letter to James McFarland repaying a genuine (not one of the many counterfeit ones) one-dollar note of the Lancaster Bank and congratulating him on his appointment as postmaster.

Folder 59b Legation of the United States, London, 8 December 1853

Letter to Wm. Henry Rawle discussing the unfavorable situation of Ladies Wellesley and Stafford concerning land holdings in Pennsylvania and business in Baltimore. Recommends Rawle as agent and friend Christopher L. Ward, Esquire, as local agent. *Original owned by Mike Minney, bought at auction.*

Folder 60 London, 26 May 1854

Letter to Eskridge Lane expressing his anxiety over the lack of communication from him, one of the two people to whom he entrusted his financial affairs; Harriet's fitting into the expensive London society and his distaste of it, and longing to return to Wheatland.



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Folder 61 Legation of the United States, London, 6 October 1854

Letter to Eskridge Lane consisting mainly of financial matters but also includes mention of his to-be-kept-secret meeting with Mr. Soulé at Ostend and the cholera epidemic.

Folder 62 Brussels, 19 October 1854

Note to Eskridge Lane saying he will finish his business in Brussels and return to London, where Harriet will visit with the Judge Mason family and enjoy herself.

Folder 63 London, Friday, 27 October [1854]

Letter to Harriet Lane detailing his social plans, including a dinner for Reverend Johnston, Captain Strobling, and some American friends and his dining at Lady Talbot's later; advises her to make the most of her trip to Paris; his employment at his own expense; Mr. Moran to complement that of Col. Lawrence; and Mr. Welch's departure for home.

Folder 64 56 Harley Street, 27 November 1854

Note to General Campbell expressing his support of the claims of American citizens in need of financial help in returning home; he authorizes a Sovereign to help W. F. A. Becher of Charleston, S.C. to fortify his support.

Folder 65 Hornby Castle, Yorkshire, 4 January 1855

Letter to Eskridge Lane dealing with business matters; he will leave Hornby for Richmond Hill, the seat of William Brown, MP and partner in Brown, Shipley & Co; Harriet will stay there to be in the wedding of Brown's grandson; the bride's mother is a sister of James Coleman; and abusive articles supposedly from the "Government Organ at Washington" hampering his negotiations.

Folder 66 Legation of the U.S., London, 16 January 1855

Letter to Eskridge Lane executing the deed of Mr. Michael; saying that Harriet is still with the Browns; hoping that the news that some of his political friends will support Cameron for the Senate is not true; and he hopes to soon have a good Secretary of Legation to replace the departed Sechles.

Folder 67 Legation of the United States, London, 27 April 1855

Letter to Eskridge Lane commenting on the "confusion" of Eskridge's latest communication and other business matters; expressing happiness of receiving news from Lancaster; stating that Harriet's cold is being treated by the great physician Sir Henry Holland; and he praises Mr. Tyson very highly, hopes Harriet might marry him and asks that Patty not be told.



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Folder 68 Legation of the United States, London, 4 May 1855

Letter to C. Van Dyke telling him of his feelings for England and rebukes Van Dyke for some of his views of the British; defending his views of the Ostend Conference and Mr. Soulé; berating the London *Times* for its support of the Know Nothing party; speaking of the coming campaign in the United States must confront the Know Nothing party, the difficulties with Spain and the serious difficulties with England; expressing his happiness over Senator Bright's favorable comments; wondering why General Cass is his enemy; and asserting that he can take care of himself even if he is a candidate for the Presidency.

Folder 69 U.S. Legation, London, 29 August 1855

Letter to Harriet Lane detailing social plans for the near future and her possible early return home.

Folder 70 Legation of the United States, London, 4 October 1855

Letter to Eskridge Lane making arrangements to cover Harriet's considerable expenses in Europe.

Folder 71 Legation of the United States, London, 30 November 1855

Letter to Eskridge Lane giving Harriet complete control over the furnishing of Wheatland; expressing satisfaction with his investments except for railroad bonds; showing his extreme unhappiness with his position in England, but determining to remain there until someone is nominated for the Presidency, which he does not want and will not seek.

Folder 72 Legation of the United States, London, 21 December 1855

Letter to Eskridge Lane grieving over the death of Harriet's sister, Mary; continuing his dislike of his position and the London weather; determining to remain abroad until the nominating convention and not to interfere in the Senatorial campaign even though Glancy Jones might be a candidate; and thinking James Henry's decision to take a steamer to Europe foolish.

Folder 73 Legation of the United States, London, 18 January 1856

Letter to Harriet Lane consoling her in her grief over the death of her sister, Mary, and urging her to emerge from her "moping melancholy grief," detailing her "extravagant" promotion of his comfort and happiness; hoping she will soon be married, but will be content if she does not; and continuing his distaste for the English social season.



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Folder 74 Legation of the United States, London, 29 February 1856

Letter to Eskridge Lane expressing happiness over the amount it cost to give Harriet a place in English society in spite of Mr. Reynolds misinterpreting the amount; poking fun at James Lane for getting total control of his uncle's estate; showing relief that Mr. Dallas and entourage of women will arrive soon and that he can return home in April; and expressing great happiness over the change of attitude toward the United States, making him a "lion."

Folder 75 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 22 May 1845

Letter to Eliza Walterson sincerely regretting that he could not call on her while in Washington and calls himself her "sincere friend." With envelope addressed to Miss Eliza Walterson, Capitol Hill, Washington City.

Folder 76 Wheatland, 5 August 1856

Letter to H. B. Swarr, Dr. John M. [Fuchs], and Mr. Brighthall introducing Dr. John M. Fuchs of Philadelphia, a "talented, educated & efficient Democrat" who wants to discuss the coming election.

Folder 77 Washington, 14 April 1857

Letter to H. B. Swarr inviting him to visit him at the White House and accompanying him to church. With envelope.

Folder 78 Washington, 22 June 1857

Letter to James C. Van Dyke enclosing checks for the cost of "the carriage, harness, and whip," but doubting he will ever "sport a harness costing \$550."

Folder 79 Washington, 13 August 1857

Letter to H. B. Swarr asking for clarification on the appointment of Adam Kendig, for whom Buchanan has high regard, but whom W. Swan, Postmaster at Lancaster considers a political opponent to be removed. With envelope and intact Presidential seal.

Folder 80 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 20 December 1851

Letter to James C. Van Dyke declining to come to Philadelphia County to help organize party work because he is needed in Lancaster and York Counties; commenting on the abuse of Cameron, Frazer and others.



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Folder 80a Various postmarks, 1858-1867

Thirteen envelopes addressed to H. B. Swarr, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Two with seals. All have notes by Mr. Swarr recording the date received and from whom; one postmarked Bedford, Pennsylvania with a 3-cent stamp; one from Theo. Costello listing interest owed James Buchanan; and one from W. J. S. Stahr listing interest owed James Buchanan.

Folder 81 Washington City, 23 January 1858

Letter to Jacob Stauffer, Esq. refusing a free pass on a railroad and declining "to interfere in your behalf."

Folder 82 Washington, 12 March 1858

Letter to H. B. Swarr transmitting his approval of the merger of the two Presbyterian churches, his gratitude upon receiving a large piece of beef from friends, his hope that the Lecompton Constitution will be defeated, his appreciation to "the Democracy & my own County of Lancaster" for their support, and his surprise at the "power of endurance bestowed upon me by a kind Providence" in handling Presidential matters, important and unimportant.

Folder 83 Washington City, 30 June 1858

Letter to H. B. Swarr including a check for payment for his state and county taxes, expressing his happiness that Great Britain has abandoned the claim of visitation, his sadness that Hiester has returned to the Republican Party, and his pleasure that the Democratic Party in Congress is united, Tennessee favors abolition, and Douglas is coming back into the Party. With envelope and Presidential seal.

Folder 84 Washington, 2 July 1858

Letter from Mr. Trundle on which the interest for the first year has not been paid.

Folder 85 Soldiers Home, 16 August 1858

Letter to H. B. Swarr after visiting Bedford Springs remarking that the only old Whig of consequence to abandon the party was Hiester; noting that the appointment of Mr. Schroeder (a true Democrat popular among the Germans) as postmaster was as much Swarr's doing as his, refusing to appoint Chandler as Minister to Rome in spite of all the Catholic bishops and sending him to Naples instead, and refusing to appoint Schroeder as a register or receiver of a land office. With envelope and Presidential seal.

Folder 86 Washington, 1 December 1858

Letter to H. B. Swarr donating \$500 to the church, asking for a list of county names, noting that prospects for the Democratic Party look brighter since Stephen Douglas and Mr. Broderick (a poor devil) will be in the Senate. With envelope.



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Folder 87 Washington, 6 April 1859

Letter to H. B. Swarr acknowledging deposits from Davis Clemson and Joseph Burgess; commenting on the late arrival of a receipt of his donation to the church; and hoping that he can visit Lancaster soon.

Folder 87a Washington, 28 May 1859

Note to John W. Mickle thanking him for the "fine Delaware Shad" he sent. With envelope. (Transcription of note and envelope owned by Amy Dove, Lebanon, PA and framed with campaign material.)

Folder 88 Washington, 14 July 1859

Letter to William Carpenter dealing with business matters for Harriet Lane, commenting on the habits of her brother James' business acumen, and "lecturing" Carpenter on how to be a successful business man.

Folder 89 30 August 1859 (from envelope, because top half of first page is cut off)

Letter to George W. Bernthesel acknowledging receipt of his letter, apologizing for not writing a longer letter, and enclosing a copy an engraving of "Hon James Buchanan" by Draper, Welch & Co. With envelope and Presidential seal.

Folder 90 Washington, 19 September 1859

Letter to H. B. Swarr expressing much gratitude for the proceedings of the Lancaster County Convention, hoping in vain that his coming departure from public life would mitigate the "virulence" directed toward him, asking who "young Keenan" is, perhaps Frank Keenan, commenting on the detractors of Senator Douglas, and lamenting that he cannot come home because he has assumed the duties of Mr. Floyd, his former Secretary of War.

Folder 91 Washington, 19 September 1859

Letter to H. B. Swarr asking for a drawing of the court room in Lancaster with exact dimensions, location of bench and bar, and number of spectators who could be accommodated to help him design a new one in Baltimore, for which he is "personally responsible." With envelope.



Box 2 *Series 1, Subseries 1 Letters from James Buchanan*

Folder 92 Washington, 22 October 1859

Letter to H. B. Swarr asking him to honor Buchanan's promise to "good friend" J. H. Baer to loan "my neighbor John Brenner \$3,000 and to make sure Brenner's title is "good and clear of all encumbrances." With envelope and seal. On side of envelope front: "Recd Oct 23, 1859; answered Oct 29, 1859."

Folder 93 Washington, 31 October 1859

Letter to H. B. Swarr expressing his surprise that Messrs. Brenner and Baer have not called upon him since the papers securing the loan should be executed tomorrow and making arrangements to handle the \$3,000 in case "something goes wrong." Letter with seal. On side of envelope front: "Recd and answered Novb 1, 1859."

Folder 94 Washington, 17 November 1859

Letter to H. B. Swarr questioning the wisdom of granting a mortgage to Doebler, given only on the advice of Mr. Baer and expressing disappointment that the property comprises only five acres, worth only a loan of \$2,000 or \$2,500, some or all of which Buchanan will have to borrow.

Folder 95 Washington, 30 November 1859

Letter to G. W. Berntheisel acknowledging the return of Buchanan's draft for use of the church.

Folder 96 Washington, 8 December 1859

Letter to H. B. Swarr wondering if Joseph Buchanan can repay a loan if granted, but James Buchanan has none until April 1 and saying he is tired of loaning money that is never repaid. With envelope and seal. On front of envelope: "Recd Decb 9 answered Dec 15 1859."

Folder 97 Washington, 11 March 1860

Letter to H. B. Swarr instructing him to give Mrs. Kerfoot the indulgence she requested, that of forgiving the interest for a year and enclosing two releases for James Hopkins and wanting to know the amount due on Hopkins' mortgage, expressing his dislike for such releases, and acknowledging that Hopkins is a "good & valued friend." With envelope.

Folder 98 Washington, 23 July 1860

Letter to William Bigler notifying him that Buchanan has deposited \$1,000 to his credit with Riggs & Co., hoping that Bigler's assessment of the Haldeman mass rally will come to naught and stating there is no news in dull Washington.



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Folder 99 Washington, 18 October 1860

Letter to Harriet Lane enclosing the opinion of Mr. Stanton, asking for six large, fine, strong pocket handkerchiefs, and relating the story of the package addressed to the Prince of Wales, but after opening the package and the letter it was really meant for Pierre, a tailor.

Folder 100 Washington, 24 October 1860

Letter to Harriet Lane forwarding the advice of Mr. Stanton to wait to see how a proposed bill now in the legislature might affect the situation and requesting a box of pills (even though he takes only a few, "they disappear as fast as if Miss Hetty were here.")

Folder 101 Washington, 31 October 1860

Letter to Harriet Lane advising her to accept the opinion of Stanton, "the clearest headed & most pains taking lawyer in the country" regarding her limited responsibility and opposing her becoming a member of the Corporation.

Folder 102 [No place], 30 January 1861

Letter to H. W. Swarr declining to lend money to Messrs. Heise and Leaman and regretting the upcoming "excited" mayor's election. Letter with seal. On side of envelope: "Recd Jany 31 1861; answered Feby 12, 1861."

Folder 103 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 6 April 1861

Letter to the firm of Campbell and Lamberton instructing them to send any money they receive for him directly to him and not to Mr. Reynolds as "I am now at home and have time to attend to my own affairs."

Folder 104 [No place], 22 July 1861

Note to H. W. Swarr asking about the "result of yesterday's battle." With envelope.

Folder 105 Wheatland, 21 September 1861

Letter to unknown friend inviting him to visit Wheatland on Sunday.

Folder 106 Wheatland, 5 October 1861

Letter to Harriet Lane refusing to frank her large package of yarn because "the privilege was not given to Ex-Presidents for such purposes" and commenting on the health of Harry Magraw, the agreeableness of Robert Nevin and her seeing the letter of Mr. Glossbrenner.



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Folder 107 Wheatland, 7 October 1861

Letter to Harriet Lane sending her yarn via Mrs. Magraw, who is traveling with Robert to Philadelphia, inviting her to visit at Wheatland and mentioning that Colonel Hambright's regiment was leaving for the West, not the South. With envelope addressed to Harriet in care of Rev. E. Y. Buchanan in Philadelphia.

Folder 108 Wheatland, 5 November 1861

Letter to Harriet Lane rejoicing that she and Mrs. Roosevelt weathered a storm and arrived safely in New York; saying that Judge Black was supposed to come but might not emphasizing he was "mighty uncertain," having invited Miss Slaymaker, Miss Old and Miss Grace to dine tomorrow; and announcing that Miss Blanche and the younger Miss Johnston, invited him and Miss Hetty to a knitting party, which he will not attend. With envelope addressed to Harriet in care of Judge Roosevelt in New York.

Folder 109 8 November 1861

Letter to Harriet Lane enclosing a letter from Katie W., commenting on the "modern mode" of directing letters"; stating that Mr. Glassbrenner interviewed Judge B, who had seen her in Philadelphia, probably visiting the Macalesters; and relating that Blanche returned a shawl of Harriet. With envelope postmarked Lancaster and addressed to Harriet in care of Judge Roosevelt in New York.

Folder 110 Wheatland, 11 December 1861

Letter to Harriet Lane agreeable to her spending more time in New York; objecting to her seeing Mrs. Brown on her return because she would be "exposed to the company of a person" whose name he cannot mention "with Christian temper"; saying he will not go to Havana or Nassau; feeling sorry that he cannot tell what Harry Magraw proposes; commenting on newspaper accounts of the history of his administration; expressing happiness over hearing from Dr. Gwen, who is in prison; admonishing her not to address her letters to "Ex-President"; and enclosing two letters "from a crazy lover of yours," which he had opened. With envelope addressed to Harriet at 836 Broadway, New York.

Folder 111 Wheatland, 28 December 1861

Note to H. B. Swarr inviting him to dinner to meet Messrs. Magraw, Dawson and other friends. With envelope.

Folder 112 Lancaster, 31 December 1861

Copy of a note to A. Welch, Esq., complaining that his attorney, Mr. Swarr, has had difficulty collecting two judgments against Thudium and that Thudium wants any payment marked for "his use," which Buchanan will not do without Welch's consent.



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Folder 113 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 28 November 1862

Copy of a letter to the firm of O. Barrett & Thomas, publishers and proprietors, expressing his dismay over the unpaid loan through Governor Bigler to relieve the financial problems of the [*Harrisburg*] *Patriot and Union* and dismissing the terms of a second loan passed through Col. MacDowell.

Folder 114 4 March 1862

Letter to H. B. Swarr quoting Judge Black's opinion that publication not be done now and instructing Mr. Swarr to procure for Mr. Carpenter, who arrives tomorrow, the proper paper and to be sure the writing is in a "fair hand & the spaces between the lines far enough apart."

Folder 115 Wheatland, 25 April 1862

Letter to D. G. Eshleman, Esq. inquiring about the location of a farm he has for sale.

Folder 116 Wheatland, 2 June 1862

Letter to Harriet Lane recalling the visit of Robert Magraw and saying that the portrait of the Prince has been held up at Customs in New York. With envelope.

Folder 117 Wheatland, 8 August 1862

Letter to James L. Reynolds, Esq. asking that Reynolds investigate a discrepancy in one of two notes of Reynolds—one at Pennock, Mitchell & Co. and the other at John Scott & Co.

Folder 118 11 August 1862

Note to James L. Reynolds, Esq. refusing to accept settlement of the note in the previous letter unless "you are entirely satisfied it is my due."

Folder 119 1 September [1862]

Note to H. B. Swarr asking if he has any news from the armies since yesterday. With envelope.

Folder 120 Monday morning, 10 October [1862]

Note to H. B. Swarr asking that he cancel the carriages ordered from Mr. North because the weather "is so unpromising."

Folder 121 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 28 November 1862

Letter to Messrs. O. Barrett & Thomas C. MacDowell of the firm of O. Barrett & Company asking that they pay an old debt, especially since Thomas MacDowell, who was involved in the transaction, no longer works for the firm; the sum of \$1,000 was advanced to Governor Bigler and another \$500 advanced to Col. MacDowell.



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Folder 122 5 November 1862

Note to H. B. Swarr inquiring about the elections in New York and New Jersey.

Folder 123 Wheatland, 7 November [1862]

Letter to H. B. Swarr making his top offer of \$125 per acre for "the place," but if he has already authorized \$130 it is all right. With envelope.

Folder 124 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 1 January 1863

Letter to Messrs. O. Barrett & Thomas C. MacDowell of the firm of O. Barrett & Company expressing that he is content to wait until April 1 to be paid the \$1,000+ interest, but is hoping they will pay it earlier.

Folder 125 Wheatland, 21 February 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane telling her that Miss Hetty and he are well, Mr. Hiester and his bride are visiting Philadelphia and New York, and that Mr. Swarr and Mr. Brown attended their wedding reception along with much of local society except for the Reynolds.

Folder 126 13 February 1863

Letter to Charles Downing *MISSING*

Folder 127 Wheatland, 19 February 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane enclosing a letter from Mr. Capen, reporting that Daniel Clymer of Reading came for his cousin's wedding, and sending regards from Miss Henrietta and Jane Buchanan. With envelope.

Folder 127a Wheatland, 21 February 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane *MISSING*

Folder 128 Wheatland, 20 February 1863

Letter to Charles Downing *MISSING*

Folder 129 24 February 1863

Letter to Charles Downing *MISSING*

Folder 130 24 February 1863

Letter to Jacob Glatz *MISSING*

Folder 131 Wheatland, 4 March 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane commenting that his "vaccination proved effective, strange to say," that he has no objections to her buying a barrel of petroleum, and asking that she inform him of any checks of his "in her favor." With envelope.



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Folder 132 Wheatland, 12 March 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane giving details of Miss Lane's coming wedding and the house Dick has bought in Philadelphia, asking if she has been invited, reporting that Dr. James Lane lost nearly all of his movable property during a raid by the rebels, and that the Misses Lane and Jenkins are departing for Philadelphia today. With envelope addressed to Oxford Church, Philadelphia.

Folder 133 Wheatland, 19 March 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane recalling a visit of Mr. Baker; completing his business on the farm; visiting with Governor Porter in Lancaster; stating that he opened her letter to Miss Hetty since she had left with Mrs. Wise and her children for "the place in Chester County"; replying that he had not been invited to the wedding, but she will unless they "desire to alienate themselves from your society"; expressing happiness that Blanche looks better; commenting on her "strange inquiry" about Lt. Belger and that he is gentleman and aide to General Revere; asking her to tell Edward that he has not been informed about the Weaver wedding; and stating that he won't subscribe to Judge Upshur's essay since he has out-Calhouned Calhoun. With envelope addressed to Oxford Church, Philadelphia.

Folder 134 Wheatland, 26 March 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane returning Lily's letter and detailing Dr. Blake's noting that Mrs. Berghman expected Harriet to visit, the wedding of Harriet's Cousin Weaver including the bridesmaid Miss Sallie Contee, grand-daughter of "my old & valued Governor Kant of Maryland," and reporting that the Daily Globe had published Dr. Blake's letter denying "the appropriations for furniture." With envelope addressed in care of Frederick Brown, Esquire, Philadelphia.

Folder 135 Wheatland, 3 April 1863

Letter to H. B. Swarr sympathizing with the death of their young son and saying he will be downtown tomorrow with his carriage for the use of the Swarrs. With envelope.

Folder 136 Wheatland, 20 April 1863

Copy of a letter to Messrs. Lamberton & Lawson questioning their accounting for interest payments.

Folder 137 Lancaster, 8 May 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane apologizing for opening a letter addressed to her and asking her to find and purchase "a large umbrella of strong silk." This and the following letter in the same envelope.



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Folder 137a Wheatland, 8 May 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane expressing joy at her joining the church and asking that the engraving she proposes to have framed be given to his brother Edward since James has no appropriate place to hang it; intending to have the two boxes of champagne sent from Michael's warehouse today; stating that Miss Hetty, complaining of "violent dyspeptic symptoms," will expose herself about the gardens and the grounds; and reporting that he has thanked Mr. Carlisle, in her name, for the photograph.

Folder 138 Wheatland, 15 May 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane stating that he opened her letter from Mrs. Kennedy and read the part dealing with John Lane's estate; hoping that Mr. Riddle visits Lancaster when she is there; saying that a case has been argued in Harrisburg with no decision yet; expressing sorrow at the illness of James Henry's wife; reporting that Bob Nevin visited last night and that he had his hand on General Whipple's shoulder when he was mortally wounded and is taking the body to New Hampshire; expressing disappointment that no welcoming was planned for the 122nd Regiment; hoping the political parties may not "have a collision," and having no further information about the Lanes except that Dick's house is not yet finished. With envelope addressed in care of Frederick Brown, Esq., Philadelphia.

Folder 139 Wheatland, 22 May 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane advising her to ask Mrs. Kennedy to appoint H. B. Swarr her attorney to draw up estate papers; admitting that he opened the enclosed letter from Mr. Florey in which he wants to close a loan to her but with conditions; thinking that the influence of Parson Rosenmeller on Dr. Lane would affect adversely the estates of the family; asking that she find out from James Henry whether New York paid interest in gold or "depreciated paper"; finding pleasure in visiting his Chester County farm; and rejoicing at Mrs. Henry's recovery. With envelope addressed in care of J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., New York.

Folder 140 Wheatland, 25 May 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane advising her to send all correspondence about her cousin's, Dr. Lane's, estate to him as a precautionary manner; recalling his pleasant dining evening with the Hiesters even though she wore a "long thick cloth Frock on the hottest day of the Season"; saying that Miss Hetty suggested inviting James Henry and his wife to visit; and stating that the case of Mr. Lane's estate has not been decided.



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Folder 141 Wheatland, 6 June 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane sadly reporting that "Dick, the Canary Bird" was killed by an owl or other "varment," saying that the dinner with the Hiesters was pleasant enough and Mr. Hiester did not feel uncomfortable in "long-tailed coat" but he needs to learn more about "the rules of Society," and that Blanche Nevin is sure that Captain Franklin and Miss Sherman are truly engaged even though he "did not distinguish himself at the Battle of Chancellorville."

Folder 142 Wheatland, near Lancaster

Copy of a letter to Col. John B. Leonard calling in a debt, the money to be paid to Riggs and Company.

Folder 143 Wheatland, 18 June 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane enclosing \$100 at her request and two letters, one of which he opened to learn of James Henry and his wife, and expressing disappointment with the engraving. He learned that Governor Hutchinson wrote letters to a private secretary before he became governor, not to the Home Secretary while governor. With envelope addressed in care of Mr. Charles Macalester, Jr., Philadelphia.

Folder 144 Bedford Springs, 13 August 1863

Letter to Harriet Lane recounting his pleasure at the full house of 300 guests, hoping to get to Lancaster on Saturday unless Dr. Blake comes on the weekend, and sending his love to Annie Elisabeth Speer. With envelope to Miss Lane at Wheatland.

Folder 145 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 16 August 1863

Letter to Misses Stuart and Fisher stating that he arrived safely and that they made the dial "of his life go backwards & restore the scenes of other years," quoting a "heathen" poet on the frailty of life and saying Christianity makes the journey triumphant and that he thinks they are on the "King's high way to everlasting bliss," and asking to be remembered by his associates at the Springs.

Folder 145a Wheatland, near Lancaster, 16 August 1863

Typed copy of the above letter.

Folder 146 29 March 1864

Letter to H. B. Swarr refusing to grant a loan to M. Barr unless the mortgage is given to him.

Folder 147 Wheatland, 30 March 1864

Letter to H. B. Swarr saying that "young Dr. A. M. Barr" did not bring the mortgage for his father, but proposes to give a judgment which could serve the purpose of the mortgage.



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Folder 148 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 5 April 1864

Letter to O. Barrett, Esquire, requesting payment of the loan to Barrett and Col. MacDowell now that they have divested themselves of their interest in the [*Harrisburg*] *Patriot & Union* newspaper.

Folder 149 17 May 1864

Note to H. B. Swarr inclosing a letter to Mr. Sanderson which J. B. wishes to be held until he can meet with Swarr.

Folder 150 Wheatland, 19 May 1864

Note to H. B. Swarr reporting that he and Mr. Sanderson have "arranged all matters satisfactorily" and that they will discuss the particulars when they meet.

Folder 151 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 20 March 1864

Letter to O. Barrett threatening a lawsuit against Colonel MacDowell and Barrett unless a loan Buchanan made to them as owners of the *Patriot and Union* newspaper is repaid.

Folder 152 Wheatland, Thursday evening, 30 June 1864

Letter to Harriet R. Lane relating that some rooms have been engaged by Mr. Shannon and the latest news on Mr. Baker, his "dear Becky." Mr. Schell, Mrs. Jane Slaymaker, Clemmie, Mr. McEvoy and Miss Kate Mathiot, Dr. and Mrs. Nevin and William Carpenter. With envelope addressed in care of Mrs. J. B. Lane, Philadelphia.

Folder 153 Wheatland, 4 July 1864

Letter to Harriet R. Lane discussing an inheritance, Mr. Atlee's clients including Dr. Lane, Dick Jenkins and Colonel Fordnes; Mrs. Roosevelt's visit to Wheatland; Dr. Carpenter's party; and the Hiesters' and the Brintons' visit, as well as those of Father Keinan, Pat. McEvoy and the two Misses Dunn. With envelope addressed in care of Mrs. J. B. Lane, Philadelphia.

Folder 154 8 July 1864

Letter to Harriett Lane commenting on the quality of horses and saddles at Bedford, on the time it takes to sell her coal bonds and the lack of communication with Mr. Schell. He asks her not to purchase knives and forks at present.

Folder 155 Lancaster, 19 July 1864

Letter to H. B. Swarr leaving with him the bond of Mr. Sanderson, which should be paid, giving him directions on how to dispose of the incoming funds, and asking him to forward his letters to Bedford. With envelope.



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Folder 156 Bedford Springs, 28 July 1864

Letter to H. B. Swarr acknowledging the receipt of bundles of letters, but nothing from Mr. Sanderson with instructions of how to dispose of the money should Mr. Sanderson pay it; comments on his stay at the springs, noting that Harriet will stay on with friends; lamenting that he forgot to pay his income tax and will do so promptly. Envelope.

Folder 157a Wheatland, 3 October 1864

Letter to Mr. Zahm asking that he repair a watch that runs too fast and send him a loaner if possible.

Folder 157 Wheatland, 12 November 1864

Letter to Harriet Lane recounting the news from Wheatland including Annie's arrival; Mr. Jenkins' speech; dining at the McEvoy's; Judge Black's enquiry about Harriet's visit; Professor Falk's new bride (a widow named Charles with two children); Buchanan's visit to Mr. Baker's including other guests Mr. Brenton, Mr. Hopkins (absent with daughter in Philadelphia), and Miss Emily; Miss Dougherty's reception; Harriet's visit to Washington should include Lily and Mr. Macalester; Dr. Carpenter's treatment of Mr. Heister; Buchanan's feelings on McClellan's changes in the election; the vigor of the Democratic Party; and Miss Harriet and Miss Blanche as well as Miss Hetty's good wishes. Envelope addressed to Harriet Lane at Oxford Church P. O. Philadelphia.

Folder 158 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 19 November 1864

Letter to Riggs & Company discussing matters of his acquiring a farm and to discharge a loan.

Folder 159 Wednesday morning, 30 November 1864

Note to Mr. Swarr and Mr. Brown inviting them to join Mr. Baker in a sauerkraut dinner at 2:00 p.m.

Folder 160 Sunday morning, 4 December 1864

Letter to Harriet Lane stating that the sale of the house has been postponed, he and Annie got along very well and she is devoted to croquet, "the Belle of Bedford" has returned with glowing accounts of Bob, and that he has paid her taxes of \$31. Envelope addressed care of Miss Lane, Philadelphia.

Folder 161 Wheatland, 14 December 1864

Letter to Harriet Lane enclosing a letter from Mr. Capen, commenting on visit to Wheatland of Miss Annie, Miss Hetty's receiving a supply of tea from Mrs. Michael, offering to send a check for the cost of Miss Annie's muff, and meeting M. Reynolds at a party at Dr. Carpenter's. Envelope addressed in care of Mrs. Lane, Philadelphia.



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Folder 162 22 December 1864

Note to H. B. Swarr informing Mr. Swarr that he will not leave town if the sale of Mr. Lane's property is postponed.

Folder 163 Wheatland, 20 February 1865

Note to H. B. Swarr saying that Miss Lane will be available to swear an oath to a document should the commissioners require it.

Folder 164 Wheatland, 27 February 1865

Letter to George W. Riggs dealing with the sale of Colonel Leonard's estate and the clearing of Buchanan's account with his firm and expressing sorrow over the illness of Miss Cecilia.

Folder 165 Wheatland, 1 March 1865

Letter to H. B. Swarr concerning judgment against Franklin K. Carson and Buchanan's securing \$110 for Henry Musselman's purchase of property. [Original owned by James Buchanan Elementary School]

Folder 166 Wheatland, 6 March 1865

Letter to Harriet Lane relating family chatter including his learning of Harriet's activities through Dr. Black, Miss Hetty's bad cold, servant Thomas is leaving to work on "his own little place," receiving Adam Magraw coolly and describing him unfavorably, and wishing to be remembered to Lily and Mr. Berghmans. Envelope addressed in care of Mr. Berghmans, Belgian Legation, Washington, D.C.

Folder 167 Wheatland, 17 March 1865

Letter to Harriet Lane expressing his pleasure that she is leaving Washington soon for Baltimore to meet Mr. Johnston's family, regretting she has not seen Maria Weaver, relating that Miss Hetty is well again but getting old, Thomas is staying at the insistence of Father Keenan, Miss Annie is most agreeable, asking her opinion of Mr. Phillips, and praising Lily and Mr. Berghmans while complaining of indigestion. Envelope addressed care of Mr. Berghmans of the Belgian Legation.

Folder 168 Wheatland, 23 March 1865

Letter to Riggs & Company settling the Leonard account and not disappointed with Mr. Bowie's letter.

Folder 169 24 March 1865

Note to H. B. Swarr making arrangements for part of Harriet Lane's share of Mr. Lane's estate to pay part of her note at the Farmers Bank.



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Folder 170 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 28 March 1865

Letter to Riggs & Company giving instructions on closing the Leonard account.

Folder 171 Wheatland, 30 March 1865

Letter to Harriet Lane expressing disappointment that she “was not pleased with the people or with the prospect of living among them”; explaining the enclosed letters, especially one from D. E. Shannon recounting “slovenly & unlaywer like” handling of the coal lands matter, advising her to consult Mr. Jenkins on the matter, a letter from Mrs. Hunter about Virginia heirs, a letter from Mr. Capens relating that James Lane will sell out for \$10,000, and his arranging to pay her note at the Farmers Bank; and finally Eliza left, leaving only Mary on the domestic staff.

Folder 172 Wheatland, 3 April 1865

Letter to H. B. Swarr agreeing to close the mortgage of Mr. Shank. With envelope.

Folder 173 Wheatland, 29 April 1865

Copy of letter to David Lawson, Esq. acknowledging receipt of several letters concerning a contract on “the Lucinda property” in Clarion and questioning Mr. Lawson increasing his commission from 5 percent to 7 ½ percent unless Mr. Reynolds had approved it.

Folder 174 Wheatland, 4 September 1865

Letter to Hon. William B. Read explaining why he cannot grant the entire request for a loan, commenting on his book which the Appletons are publishing at their own risk, and inviting him to visit.

Folder 175 Wheatland, 14 October 1865

Letter to Harriet Lane lamenting not seeing the Nevin girls, but had seen their parents, also lamenting the leaving of the new maid, agreeing that Bob’s attention to her was a way to see “her fair cousin,” a union which would “gratify the pride of Annie and her father,” comparing the elaborate consecration of a new bishop to the choosing of the first apostles, wishing that Lily had dropped by before leaving for Europe, wishing that when he called upon Miss. R. she “had flown,” advising to keep secret her visit to Baltimore less the “public papers” learn of it, asking if Charles Macalester had joined the Union League, expressing happiness that Jessie has visited her father, especially of Maria’s account, and urging her to visit Willoughby Webb to sign the request of the wishes of the majority of the heirs not to sell the property below appraisal value. Envelope with seal addressed to Miss Harriet R. Lane, Oxford Church, Philadelphia.



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Folder 176 Wheatland, 16 November 1865

Note to H. B. Swarr asking him to inform Harriet Lane if the coal lands have been sold and at what price. With envelope. Not signed, but on the enveloped is written: "James Buchanan. R'ed and answered Nov 16/65."

Folder 177 Wheatland, 5 January 1866

Letter to James Buchanan Henry acknowledging receipt of three certificates of the Quick Silver Mine and awaiting the arrival of the power of attorney. With envelope addressed to 14 Wall Street, New York.

Folder 178 Wheatland, 31 January 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston expressing sorrow that she and her husband have contracted bad colds; chastising her for wishing she had a double house, advising her to "Be content with your lot" and she has "abundant reason to be so"; advising against inserting Mr. Schell's "likeness" into the locket; the domestic Ellen's illness has affected her mind and made Thomas "miserable and disconsolate"; George is leaving and "another colored man will take his place"; Buchanan will not go to New York because he feels unwell and cannot leave until "the girls" do, commenting that they are now sleighing with Octavius and Miss Griffith; willing to sell a house to Mrs. James Norris for \$15,000 but Mrs. Lane could have it for \$13,000; regretting he has not heard from the Nevins lately; gleefully announcing that Miss Annie will launch into the "Apostolic succession when Dr. Spark's book arrives"; complaining that Mr. Capen writes far too many letters and that he answers only a few of them; advising Mr. Johnston to go ahead with his own book because Buchanan is too old to be any use; and giving his love to Emily and Bessy. With envelope addressed to 79 Monument Street, Baltimore.

Folder 179 Wheatland, 7 February 1866

Note to H. B. Swarr requesting that Harriet Lane's name be stricken from the tax list since she no longer is a resident of Lancaster County. With envelope.

Folder 180 Wheatland, 9 February 1866

Letter to H. B. Swarr asking him to dine on sauerkraut with Mr. Baker along with the Misses North and Brown and perhaps Mr. Cooper and stating he has loaned W. B. Reed \$3,000, but Mr. Reed would prefer the transaction go through Mr. Swarr.



Box 3 Series 1, Subseries 1 Letters from James Buchanan

Folder 181 Wheatland, 13 February 1866

Note to H. B. Swarr concluding not to forego dining with him on Thursday even if Mrs. Johnston arrives at Wheatland that day.

Folder 182 Wheatland, 8 March 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston hoping she is having as much fun in Havana "as a good Episcopalian should"; noting that Kitty and Ellen are sick; stating that Annie and Harriet have left on "good footing"; having not seen any of the Nevins except Wilberforce; stating that the only daughter of Ohio Senator Allen dropped by with her husband, Dr. Scott; noting that good servants are hard to find and keep, but he likes Lizzie and hopes she will stay; commenting that Mrs. Norris could find no house in Lancaster she liked and has returned to Philadelphia (though he could have sold her the Lane house for \$15,000 or \$16,000); having called on Mrs. Jenkins where he met the President of the Patriot daughter, adding that Mrs. Jenkins was sorry not to have attended Harriet's wedding, but said little about Mrs. Lane, but that Mrs. Jenkins might have come if she had known that Harriet [Old] and Jane Slaymaker were there; enclosing a note (which came to him open) from Mrs. E. F. Etter, "who is a lady known to Miss Ann W. Stephens" and that at present he is "sequestered" with her. Embossed envelope addressed to Miss Harriet Lane. Envelope with seal addressed in care of Duratty, Plasson & Co, Havana, Cuba.

Folder 183 Wheatland, 24 March 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston in Cuba commenting on the slowness of mail delivery and a notice in the newspaper of their arrival there; noting that the girls left and he and Miss Hetty are "living quietly and peacefully together"; lamenting the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Brinton are leaving after having rented Hartwicke to Mrs. Norris for three years at \$1,500 per annum; saying that the Nevins are "as usual," and that Misses Blanche and Martha will not return until May; relating that his health is "as usual" but Ellen and Kitty are nearly well; and expressing happiness that Hiester Clymer has been nominated for governor. Envelope addressed to Mrs. Henry E. Johnston, Isabel Hotel, 136 Havana Street, Havana, Cuba. Postmark, stamp and wax seal.

Folder 184 Wheatland, 2 April 1866

Note to H. B. Swarr stating that he is "having a pretty sharp attack of rheumatism and hoping that interest on a note has been paid and deposited in the Farmers' Bank. With envelope.



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Folder 184a Wheatland, 5 April 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston welcoming her home from Malagas; admonishing her to return directly home to her husband and leave the glitter of public life for one of “social and domestic values”; family chatter including lack of permanent servants, but Miss Hetty copes, Peter is temporary and Lizzie is getting married; Aunt Rebecca and Mr. Van Dyke to visit; the Nevins are infrequent visitors; Mrs. Grubb threw a party without the Norrises but the Misses Lightners; Reverend William Speer to preach for a fund-raising event for Mr. Powell; and a brief visit to Governor Porter. Envelope with seal addressed to New York Hotel, New York.

Folder 185 Wheatland, 3 May 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston commenting on her new house; stating that Mrs. Schell will arrive just after the departure of Miss Snyder; lamenting the lack of good servants and wondering if the new chamber maid will stay very long; noting that the house is “topsy turvy” because of housecleaning; expecting Thomas Gordon and wife along with Mrs. Brinton’s servants to arrive on Tuesday although Miss Hetty might not like the arrangement; and promising to pass Harriet’s message to Blanche. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.

Folder 186 Wheatland, 18 May 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston expressing happiness that they are in their new home; confessing that he kept her letter from New York a secret to prevent her being perceived as a “restless gadabout”; regretting the leaving of Miss Magaw even though she left Jessie behind; stating that she will visit Miss Ramsay, daughter of the general; expressing his pleasure that the Misses Pleasonton are currently visiting; expressing pleasure that the new servants are “quite satisfactory”; noting that he will learn little of the party that the Misses Nauman gave because Misses Blanche and Patty did not attend; stating that his visit to Mrs. Lane was very gracious and that the boys are beginning to write compositions, which he has offered to correct though he suspects they will not bring them to him; noting that the Brintons leave for New York and Boston before going to Europe; giving Mr. Johnston his assessment of John P. Reed of Bedford, F. M. Kimmell of Chambersburg, and Mr. Webb; and commenting on the fee for a report on the lands to be divided among the six people involved. With envelope addressed to Park Street, Baltimore. Postmark and stamp.

Folder 187 Wheatland, 25 May 1866

Note to H. B. Swarr requesting that he return the mortgage of Mr. Baker because it has been paid.



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Folder 188 Wheatland, 28 May 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston noting that Misses Henrietta, Jane, and Lois arrived Friday and with Miss Jessie “constitute a lively & agreeable party”; reporting that Laura and Clemmie have left; Mr. and Mrs. Brinton, along with Miss Patty Nevin, dined at Wheatland before leaving for Europe; lamenting the death of his dog, Leo; explaining a financial matter; citing her local tax obligation; commenting favorably on the Nevins, and relating that George W. Franklin left his law practice to enter into the hardware business with his father-in-law. Envelope annotation: “May 28/66 Explaining bond.”

Folder 188a Wheatland, 11 June 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston commenting on the funeral of Miss Yeates and the lack of the old families in attendance, but led by the Cunninghams; commenting on Catherine’s will of a number of years ago and that her sister, Mrs. Cunningham, “bore the life of her sister with Christian resignation”; lamenting the last escapade of Thomas, who is back after quitting and getting his pocket picked of his earnings but that his wife Rosanna is an excellent cook; noting the “three young ones” give much pleasure to Miss Hetty; saying that Jessie, at the age of seventeen looks more like twenty, has good manners, an amenable disposition, “quite good looking,” leaning toward corpulence, will visit General Ramsey’s family in Washington, whose daughter is a good friend; noting that Blanche Nevin is unwell; complaining about the lack of communication from Mr. Shells, but James Henry might have some information; complimenting her on her housekeeping and asking her to cultivate the female members of the Johnston family; looking forward to another visit to “the Palace” but wants only “common fare”; and noting that Mrs. Steinman and sister visited a few days ago. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.

Folder 189 Wheatland, 18 June 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston regretting that the weather and his age prevents him from visiting her; expressing shock at the death of Robert Magraw; expressing his joy that Judge Black and wife, Judge Fisher and wife, and Horatio King have visited on the judges’ way to Wilkes-Barre where the state supreme court will hear an important railroad case; expressing happiness the young ones” and Miss Hetty are friends; expressing joy that Thomas, after a “rampage” of eight days has returned but would be happier if he had only the services of Rosana, his wife; expressing disappointment that Mrs. Lane nor her sons have visited; expressing joy that Blanche Nevin has recovered from her illness; and saying he is very glad that he and James Henry have settled their affair, though he thinks that their friend Mr. Schell could have been more help to James in his business; and expressing elation that James has done quite well except for his “Quick Silver speculation.” With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.



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Folder 190 Wheatland, 30 June 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston looking forward to her family's visit on July 4th and an answer to Mrs. Ellis' letter.

Folder 191 Wheatland, 7 July 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston returning a corrected deed; enclosing Mrs. Ellis' letter; saying that Mr. Schell has left and enjoyed the "young ones"; noting that Jessica is turning into a young lady at age seventeen; regretting that Mrs. Lane still has not visited; noting that James Buchanan spent the day; and that the Nevins "are kind & sociable as ever and that James thinks that there is a "promising condition between Harriet & the embryo Bishop."

Folder 192 Wheatland, 21 July 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston relating the news of Mr. Cooper of the *Intelligencer*; regretting that "the ever faithful I. Baker cannot go because his wife is ill, and Thomas will be leaving on Tuesday for "the Springs"; looking forward to her visit to Wheatland when he gets back; wondering about Mrs. Ellis' conduct; and the "young ones" have left for Oxford accompanied by Robert Nevin, with whom Harriet and he "have a good understanding."

Folder 193 Wheatland, 6 August 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston stating he is leaving Bedford Springs this morning because the McKibbin family had to leave and welcoming her at Wheatland at any time after tomorrow. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.

Folder 194 13 September 1866

Note to H. B. Swarr asking him to act in his behalf on the loan of Mrs. Hindman's mother, widow of John A. Messenkop the amount of \$250 with her house and lot as security.



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Folder 195 Wheatland, 2 October 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston chastising her for her "slight despondency" and offering advice to avoid it; saying that Judge Black and Mr. Shunk arrived late and sure Mr. Shunk can handle the work; expressing sorrow that business forced him to cut short his visit to her (accompanied by Becky) and forego the one to Philadelphia; noting that he has seen only Wilberforce of the Nevin family; hoping that no one including Wilberforce will vote for Geary but for his choice, Clymer; noting his visit to her sister seemed to produce an improvement in her feelings for him and happy that the boys will be sent to New Hampshire; expressing joy that she has the silk handkerchiefs and stockings; quoting from a letter from Laura Pleasonton that Mrs. Ellis was in New York "fat & well. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore. Annotation on envelope: "Oct 2/66 Just before Bby was born & before dear Uncle's visit to us. Judge Black and dear Uncle's life."

Folder 196 Wheatland, 5 October 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston telling her he will leave for Baltimore on Tuesday morning, "after voting in the election"; saying that Miss Hetty has received her commission and he will bring the article; and that Alice and Matty Nevin have inquired about her, and Blanche is in the country with the Steinmans. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore. Envelope annotated: "July 21/66 Just before going to Bedford."

Folder 197 Wheatland 27, October 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston noting that Mrs. Ellis' visit was agreeable and hoping that Mr. Johnston will meet her in Baltimore when she arrives, she and Becky got along agreeably; noting that the stockings don't quite fit; comments on seeing her sister in the Reynolds carriage; passing along the gossip from Brother Edward that Ellie Bowman confided that she would marry Pat McEvoy and Buchanan agrees; and thinking that Mr. Shunk is performing his work well. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.

Folder 198 Wheatland, 27 October 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston explaining the mystery of his stockings, slippers, and books arriving without a note because her letter was "missent"; pretending outrage that Mrs. Ellis "carried away her picture that hung in the big dining room"; noting that he was right in Harriet's inability to see the truth about the "noble captain"; commenting that he was pleased with his visit and that she "elegantly fixed" and "happily married"; looking forward with a "cheerful winter" with Rebekah [sic] and Mr. Shunk; planning to go to Philadelphia; admonishing her to tell Mrs. Ellis not to take Montgomery Blaer to the Stantons because he abuses Mr. Stanton. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.



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Folder 199 Wheatland, 10 November 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston reporting that Mr. and Mrs. Shunk are “agreeable companions,” that he has heard nothing from her sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin and daughters paid an agreeable visit; requesting the return of the pictures of Mrs. Ellis because he likes her and her likenesses; saying that the Misses Pleasontons will winter in Bethlehem, and that Blanch Nevin is ill; asserting that *The Intelligencer* will suffer without Mr. Cooper; wondering if the reported renewed friendship of Forney and Magraw will last; and offering sympathy with her fast approaching motherhood. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.

Folder 200 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 12 November 1866

Letter to Joel Munsell enclosing a check for a copy of the book *Life and Times of Red Jacket*, which he has not yet read. (*Engraving of James Buchanan from a Daguerreotype by H. B. Hall has been removed.*)

Folder 201 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 21 November 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston expressing joy that she has been delivered of a son and both doing well; offering advice of how to behave in her new experience as a mother; forwarding the love and congratulations of Miss Shunk and Miss Hetty; and hoping Mr. Johnston will write a line often. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.

Folder 202 Wheatland, 3 December 1866

Letter to Henry E. Johnston hoping that mother and child are doing well; reporting that Mr. Shunk has left on business accompanied by Becky and June and he will visit his brother Edward and Philadelphia; noting that Mrs. Franklin is preparing some articles for Mrs. Johnston; and acknowledging a second letter from Mr. Johnston. (some calculations on back)

Folder 203 Wheatland, 12 December 1866

Letter to Henry E. Johnston noting that he had a pleasant visit to brother Edward’s family and is happy that mother and son are doing well; reporting of seeing Mr. Macalester (a member of the Union League and a “violent” Republican, though he gave a dinner for Mr. Peabody along with John W. Forney in attendance, and happy that even though Macalester voted for Geary that his son voted for Clymer, and a note about Lily and Harriet; repeating the rumor that Harriet Buchanan and Bob Rogers will be married; having not seen the Nevins; begging off from visiting during the winter but hopes to come in warmer weather; asking that Harriet be informed of all the good wishes from her friends; and that Judge Cadwalder gave him a dinner with General Meade in attendance. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.



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Folder 204 Wheatland, 17 December 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston expressing joy that she and her son are doing well; asking her to purchase a Christmas gift of jewelry for Becky Shunk; commenting on the coming holidays when Harriet Buchanan's "lover" will be home from his divinity studies, but that she might find a more suitable match in Baltimore unless she is engaged; really upset at the snubbing of Mrs. Lane and even his interest in her children has "vanished in a great degree"; and saying he had an agreeable visit to brother Edward's family, Lois has regained her health, and he was not dissatisfied with the abandonment of Henrietta by Cecil.

Folder 205 Wheatland, 18 December 1866

Letter to Henry Welsh thanking him for taking care of Mrs. Jones; reporting that his Democratic friends in Philadelphia treated him with great kindness; and happily reporting that Glancy Jones will not be a candidate before the Democratic Caucus.

Folder 206 Wheatland, 25 December 1866

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston expressing happiness that she can take "little Buck" for a ride but unhappy that he could not serve as godfather and gives reasons for not being a sponsor; offering advice on child raising; reporting that "Bob" and Cecil are for the holidays; admonished the staff of *The Intelligencer* to send her only one copy, not three, mentioning the "war" between the Democratic and the Republican papers; noting that recent guests included Miss Snyder, Rebekah, Jane, but Mrs. Nevin scalded her foot, Pattee sprained an ankle, and Blanche is bright as ever; and asking, although he doesn't smoke much, for Mr. Johnston to send him a box of cigars.

Folder 207 Wheatland, 29 December 1866

Letter to Henry E. Johnston acknowledging the receipt of the box of jewelry, from which Becky selected the one she wished, and he is sending a check for \$100 along with the box of jewelry not chosen.

Folder 208 Wheatland, 19 January 186[7]

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston rejoicing that "his namesake" has been baptized; noting that Mrs. Shunk did accompany her husband to Washington as Mary Black supposed; expressing happiness that "little Frank Scroder has recovered; conjecturing on the whereabouts of Miss Snyder, probably with her sister Mrs. Elsegood; elated that Henrietta has gone to Baltimore and might find a beau; repeating the gossip from Blanche Nevin that Harriet Lane had married Octavius Norris of Baltimore; thanking her for the cigars and cheese even though he did not like them, and the stockings, which he did, praying that she will "send me no more cheese"; and hoping his new-found relationship with Mrs. Lane will continue. With envelope addressed to Mrs. Harriet E. Johnston at 120 Park Street, Baltimore.



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Folder 209 Wheatland, 22 February 1867

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston giving details of the funeral of Mary Field Jenkins, noting that only Ellen and Pattie of her daughters were present and that little Kate will live with Mrs. Fordney (her physicians were Drs. Ehler and Dr. Atlee); saying that he and Mrs. Lane are on good terms though the boys, under the influence of "Uncle Dick" do not visit; the "embryo Bishop" has not visited; noting that Mr. Capen visited but did not mention the coal leases; expressing relief that Mr. Cobb did not visit since it could leave the impression that he approved of the "rebel members" of his cabinet; saying he doesn't know which of the Misses Lehman is engaged to Mr. Hopkins; recalling the visits of Robert Tyler and Mr. Baker, liking Mr. Tyler, who will visit her in Baltimore; and saying he was not surprised at the latest political somersault of Revendy [sic] Johnston. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.

Folder 210 Wheatland, 12 March 1867

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston reporting the departure of Mrs. Shunk, of whom he thinks very highly, to visit relations in Maryland and Washington; saying that Thomas and Rosana are leaving, and he is "not sorry for it"; saying he has invited Annie to come and bring Alice; reporting the visit of Robert Nevin and that Wilberforce is still in town perhaps because of his leaving Forney's firm; hoping the baby is well and looking forward to a visit; reporting the illness of Governor Porter; saying that Mrs. Lane told him Mrs. George W. Franklin was the mother of a son; unselfishly reporting that "fair" Judith is marrying Mr. Richard Culling, though his income is not much; hoping Mr. Shull will call; and saying that Miss Hetty received her letter. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.

Folder 211 Wheatland, 21 March 1867

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston regretting he cannot come for a visit because of his health and Miss Hetty's sprained ankle, family chatter including the losing of Thomas and Rosana, illness in Edward's family, Mr. Shunk's good taste, Becky's marriage, Harriet's child, Governor Porter, his illness, and Mrs. Lane. With envelope.

Folder 212 Wheatland, 28 March 1867

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston hoping for a visit from her family, family chatter including his improved health, Miss Hetty's indisposition, servant changes—Thomas Costello being replaced by Charles Smith and Thomas's and Rosana's leaving, Edward's visit for funeral of "poor Cecil Nevin," Annie and Alice, Mrs. Lane and family, Nevin family, the Shunks, and Henry Magraw. With envelope.

Folder 213 Wheatland, 31 March 1868

Letter to S. B. Swarr instructing him to handle a business matter of Miss Hetty and W. H. A. Myers. With envelope.



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Folder 214 Wheatland, 16 April 1867

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston discussing plans for the summer for her family and him; saying that at 76 years of age, he preferred to stay home; expressing happiness that he and Mrs. Lane are on good terms, but the boys are too old for him to control; looking forward to the visit of Mr. Schell on his birthday; lamenting the fact that he has “neither waiting nor cook” but that Lizzie is a tolerable cook; admitting that Peter’s participation in a “Negro riot at the door of the Negro church and is eluding the police”; reporting that Dr. Carpenter was not hurt very much but is hoping to become Collector of Internal Revenue; saying that Miss Hetty is better and will “be on a crutch” soon; saying that the Swarrs reported that Emily Baker will not be married until fall and that Mr. Baker, usually very talkative, has said nothing on the subject but has added A. Griffith as a partner; reporting that Captain Magaw has a good command now; reporting sadly that Willie has the consumption and his sisters are nursing him; and saw Mrs. Forney at Mr. Porter’s funeral and that the Nevins had visited her. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.

Folder 215 Wheatland, 10 May 1867

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston answering her inquiries about Mr. Christian B. Herr since someone in Baltimore has an interest in him, giving him high praise; regretting to tell her Willie “doubtless” has consumption and that since Annie cannot come, he might write Maria Weaver; reporting that he has visited the Lanes but the boys have not visited him; happily saying that Mrs. Lane hosted “a dinner of gentlemen” for Mrs. Schull he sponsored but that Mrs. Lane will not marry McEvoy; gladly saying that Miss Hetty is up and about on crutches, that Lizzie is a good cook and Mary a tolerable waiter; wishing her a happy birthday and admonishes her not to follow the examples of Mrs. R. and Mrs. U.; and saying the Nevins always ask about her. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.

Folder 216 Sunday, 19 May 1867

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston expressing happiness at the family’s impending visit but questions the wisdom of exposing baby to the weather; admitting the most extreme pain which has all but incapacitated him; adding to the already shortages of help, he now has only one horse; welcoming the visit of Annie Buchanan; Mrs. Lane and Blanche Nevin have been most attentive; and lamenting that both “Oxford patients” are better but that Willie might not recover. With envelope addressed to 120 Park Street, Baltimore.

Folder 217 Wheatland, 26 June [1867]

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston containing family chatter including mention of Bedford Springs, Harriet's child, nephew William, does not need a new razor, Annie and Alice, Miss Hetty on crutches, Dr. Carpenter getting married to Mrs. Laura Miller, Mrs. Frazer and Mrs. Lane.



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Folder 218 Wheatland, 30 July 1867

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston mentioning “the little Doctor’s wedding” and its gossip, Bedford Springs, William Buchanan’s visit, possible Cape May visit, Robert J. Nevin, Mr. Coffin, Mr. Jenkins visited Miss Annie to play croquet, General Lee’s college, Dr. Nevin’s baccalaureate address, Becky Black, the Shroders, Bedford Springs, Blanche Nevin, Annie and William.

Folder 219 No place, no date in heading [5 September 1867]

Note to H. B. Swarr asking that he ascertain the terms on which Alderman Wiley’s case has been compromised.

Folder 220 Wheatland, 9 September 1867

Letter to Dr. John B. Blake commenting on his serious illness and asking that he pay the amount he promised “our old chambermaid” he would pay on her return passage to England.

Folder 221 Wheatland, 9 October 1867

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston expressing happiness at her visit, family chatter including visit of Miss Eliza, Harriet Parker, Barbara Zook, Mary “Charlies wife,” servant problems, “the simple Irishman” James Smith, foot bath, visit to Father Keenan turned humorous, Mr. Reed, Mr. Baker, barrel of whiskey from Lebanon County, Mrs. Lane and John, Nelly Potter, Mr. Cummings, Judge Hayes, and James [Shuset].

Folder 222 Wheatland, 29 October 1867

Letter to Henry E. Johnston mentioning his “painful sting” and family chatter including visit of Aunt Annie, Mother Nevin, the Misses Pleasonton, the coal lands, Mr. and Mrs. Keiser (formerly Norris), and Mr. Hirst. With envelope.

Folder 223 Wheatland, 5 November 1867

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston reviewing the inheritance of Wheatland and family chatter including his healing from a spider bite, servant James, Ann Eliza, Robert Lane, return of Maryland Code, Misses Pleasonton and Miss Hetty. With envelope.

Folder 224 Wheatland, 13 November 1867

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston enclosing a letter from Ann Kettera for Mary Snyder and family chatter including the return of the Maryland Code, Mrs. Lane, the Misses Pleasonton, Miss Hetty and Mother Nevin.



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Folder 225 Wheatland, 25 January 1868

Letter to Henry E. Johnston expressing great joy that Harriet and child are now well, family chatter concerning Henrietta and Lois, Mr. Powell's funeral, Mrs. Lane and John, Eskridge Lane, Blanche Nevin, gossip about the engagement of Mr. North and "Minnie" Franklin, Robert Nevin in Rome, Mr. Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the return of Thomas and Rosana.

Folder 226 Wheatland, 10 February 1868

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston expressing satisfaction that the baby is well and she is recovering from a cold; family chatter including the selection of a minister, probably R. Mr. Jones from New York; Lois, Henrietta Jane, Dr. Carpenter, Maria Weaver, Polly Nevin, Mrs. Lane, the Fordneys, William Reynolds, Pat McEvoy, James Duffy, Samuel Reynolds and Dr. Carpenter; William Reynolds and Mrs. Lane; Miss Hetty; Mr. Johnston on financial matters; and his health. With envelope.

Folder 227 Wheatland, 4 March 1868

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston saying how happy he is that mother and son are well, family chatter including Miss Hetty's return from Baltimore, Henrietta and Maria, servants Thomas and Rosana doing quite well, Dr. and Mrs. Carpenter, and a long comment on the impending impeachment trial of President Johnson.

Folder 228 Wheatland, 26 March 1868

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston regretting that Maria Weaver's father forbids her visiting Harriet because he was not invited to her wedding, happy that the "little boy" is better, Miss Hetty and Henrietta like Maria, family chatter including the illness of Mr. Hager, Mr. Reed's infrequent visits, Rosana and Thomas could improve and the coming of spring heralded by the songs of birds.

Folder 229 27 March 1868

Note to H. B. Swarr asking that the judgment of \$4,480 against John Michaels be revived; his widow, Elizabeth, is the executrix. With envelope with Swarr's notation on the side.

Folder 230 2 April 1868

Letter to Harriet Lane Johnston defending Maria Weaver from Harriet's harsh remarks, family chatter including the departure of Uncle Edward, reporting on Ann Eliza's health failing, William's improving health, Mrs. Lane's party and announcing that Sallie Kennedy is to marry General Bidwell of California. With envelope.

Folder 231 4 April 1868

Letter to H. B. Swarr asking him to send someone to the *Express* office to lodge a complaint against the "most malicious but absurd" libel against Buchanan.



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Folder 232 24 April 1868

Letter to H. E. Johnston accepting congratulations on his seventy-seventh birthday but feeling that his life is about to end, family chatter including the recovery of Harriet L. Johnston, Blanche Nevin has returned home, Henrietta will return home soon, Henrietta's visit to the Nevins, Robert Nevin interviewed the King of Greece, and the coming end of the Johnson "dynasty" and that of Wade to begin with "no deluge." With envelope.

Folder 233 Sunday, February 9

Letter to Harriet Lane expressing sorrow that his cold keeps him at home, leaving the Beale's early, unhappy that Harriet has learned to waltz, and asking her to visit General Foote and the Catrons. With envelope addressed in care of Mr. Pleasonton.

Folder 234 Thursday morning, [1862]

Letter to H. B. Swarr asking for a copy of the paper containing General Scott's reply to his answer.

Folder 235 Wednesday, [No date]

Note to H. B. Swarr saying he will be bringing Mr. Baker to Mr. Swarr's dinner tomorrow.

Folder 236 [London, July 1855]

Letter to Eskridge Lane concerning shipment of Judge Patton's materials, a letter addressed to H. H. Redfield, and the steamer *Sir Robert Peel's* expected arrival in New York.

Folder 237 [Wheatland, June 1862]

Last page of letter to Harriet Lane wondering what happened to the portrait of the prince and family chatter about Blanche Nevin.

Folder 238 Lancaster, 19 August 1834

Letter to J. L. Edwards recommending William Barclay of Colerain Township, a veteran of the Revolutionary War, and mentioning the deposition of Elisabeth Lisle in Barclay's favor. Addressed to J. L. Edwards, Esquire, Commissioner of Pensions, Washington City. Letter is its own envelope with remains of a red seal. *Gift of John and Suzanne Campbell, 2007.*

Folder 239 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 31 March 1851

Letter to W. W. H. Davis confessing not to have read a pamphlet of Mr. Carey but will read it now that he knows the author. *Gift of John and Suzanne Campbell, 2007.*



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Folder 240 31 January 1846

Letter to Mr. Thomasson expressing regrets that his request for two friends from Kentucky were not invited to his party because the note was mislaid. Written on the side of the letter in a different hand: "The young gentlemen were John T. Gray Esquire & Mr. Rob't Ewing; they received tickets and attended, it was a brilliant party –"
Purchased from John and Suzanne Campbell, 2007.

Folder 241 No date, no place

Note to Mrs. de Lehmann explaining how members are chosen for an unspecified committee of Congress (20 from the Senate, 20 from the House and 45 from the citizens generally)

Folder 242 Lancaster, July 11

Envelope addressed to Hon. Howell Cobb, Washington City. With seal. ("Buchanan" written in a later hand)

Folder 243 Various locations, 1832-1867 (The originals of the following 32 letters and one poem are owned by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.)

Letter 1 Washington, 12 October 1847

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry, Georgetown College, making an appointment for his nephew at his dentist, Dr. Gunnell and stating that he will not use his former dentist, Mr. Humphreys; Mr. Bartle or Buchanan will accompany him.

Letter 2 Wheatland, 17 August 1849

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. [Henry] noting that many inquired of him at Bedford Springs; wishing him to get his teeth properly attended to; hoping that he will be able to enter the sophomore class at Princeton; concluding with family gossip including the visit of Mrs. Greenhow, her three daughters, and a nurse along with Harriet and Eskridge Lane; and finally hoping to see him "should you answer my reasonable expectations; otherwise your presence will afford me no pleasure." Sent to Bolmar's, at Bolmar's, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Letter 3 Wheatland, 7 March 1850

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry reporting that he is happy that Mr. Macken sent him the "Dictionnaire Universal"; asking that he bring the dog Mr. Bolmar promised; family gossip including Buchanan's visit to Miss Dow, "your Sweetheart in Washington," but she won't wait long for a proposal; the Pleasantons spoke highly of him; and Clem regrets not writing. Sent to Bolmar's, West Chester, Pennsylvania.



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Letter 4 Clarendon Hotel, London, 15 September 1853 (Fragment)

Letter from James Buchanan probably to James B. Henry imploring him to apply diligence and application to his studies; describing the dull London scene since most of the “fashionables” are out of town, mentioning the large number of Americans passing through the Legation because of passports, Col. Sickles, Mr. Welsh and Mr. Lawrence make this the best Legation of all, and his New York servant is excellent; having to house at present vexes him; will visit the Ladies Wellesley and Stafford in a palace built by Cardinal Wolsey; Mr. Peabody “the great & rich American Banker” hosted a “magnificent” dinner at the Garter Hotel, along with about forty Americans; is appreciative of Mr. Ingersoll and his niece, Miss Willcox; and finally wants to be remembered to “Miss Lily and her father, Mr. & Mrs. Plitt, Mr. & Mrs. Van Dyke & Miss Mary & Louise, Mr. & Mrs. Tyler, Mr. & Mrs. McKibbin” and especially to young Mr. McKibbin for the cigars and his kindest regards to Mr. and Mrs. Cadwalader, Pierce Butler, Col. Marin, Mr. Wescott and ...[Rest of letter cut off]

Letter 5 U.S. Legation, London, 2 February 1855

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry expressing happiness that Henry has recovered his health at Wheatland and hopes to return in October; praises Henry’s uncle and aunt for their positive influence on him; thanks him for the local information and remember him kindly to “the late Miss Theodora, now Mrs. I know not what”; liked Coke upon Littleton but didn’t care for the Lord, who was also the Lord Chancellor, but likes the present one; does not think the debaters in Parliament are superior of those of the U.S.; cautions him to postpone a trip to Europe until his education is finished; urges him to invest his “surplus” instead of spending it; Harriet is visiting friends in Lancashire and really enjoying her friendships; reporting that his health is “as usual,” he asks to be remembered to “Mr Cadwalader, Mr. & Mrs. Plitt & all other friends.” Sent in care of Henry & Sharff, 14 Wall St., New York.

Letter 6 Legation of the United States, London, 2 March 1855

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry expressing his happiness of Henry’s health and his deep interest in his welfare; urges him to stay in Pennsylvania to set up his practice; and to defer any decisions concerning his resettling until Buchanan returns in October. Sent to 84 West 48 Street, New York.

Letter 7 Legation of the United States, London, 27 July 1855

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry hoping to be home in time for Henry’s admission to the bar and his return from Europe; saying that the news of the war is received by every steamer, and while he hates “the season,” Harriet thrives on it; imploring him to always tell the truth, even to avoid “white lies” and fibs; hoping his tenure will end on September 30, comparing the English unfavorably to Americans; and asking to be remembered to Mr. and Mrs. Plitt and to Mr. Cadwalader; Harriet sends her love. [Signature cut out]



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Folder 243 (cont.)

Letter 8 U.S. Legation, Paris, 24 March 1856

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry noting that in Paris he is visiting Judge Mason and then to the Hague to visit Mr. Belmont, then to Brussels, back to Paris, and then embark on The Arago at Havre on April 9; saying that Mr. Dallas will present him appropriately, and Mr. Thomas Baring will advance him £100 if needed; Mr. Moran will stay with Mr. Dallas for only a month longer; the Pennsylvania State Convention treated his friends well; and that Mr. Mason and family will receive Henry when he reaches Paris.

Letter 9 Wheatland, 13 June 1862

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry stating that the portrait of the prince arrived and is not standing in the large dining room; sends a few letters for Harriet; Brother Edward left this morning, is happy that Henry's business is increasing and hopes he has "sufficient energy & industry to keep up with it"; and sends love to his wife and the two Harriets. In a Post Script, Miss Hetty sends her regards and hopes to visit soon. Sent to 14 Wall Street, New York, N. Y.

Letter 10 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 23 August 1863

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry expressing his profound regrets on the loss of Henry's wife, putting all hope in the Christian faith; spent a fortnight at Bedford, being the oldest man there and was treated very kindly; Annie Buchanan and her sister Lois just completed their visit; and sends kind regards to Mr. Nicholson and his family.

Letter 11 Wheatland, 1 March 1864

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry reporting that he had been downstairs for a fortnight suffering from "painful and acute rheumatism in the legs but hopes to be in the office tomorrow"; the time for cutting coupons is near, including some for Harriet and Miss Hetty; Harriet is ill and Harriet Buchanan is still visiting; the New York Democrats have "put their foot in it" being led by Dean Richmond and August Belmont, etc., who broke up the party in Charleston. Sent to 14 Wall Street, New York.

Letter 12 Wheatland, 19 March [1861]

Letter to James B. Henry from Miss Hetty Parker saying that she has sent by express a number of family items; Buchanan and Harriet are very well, but James Lane has lost his "little Daughter Patty" from scarlet fever; Buchanan and Mr. Lane have reconciled; Mr. Bair rented his farm, his mother is ill at her daughter's, Mrs. Beisman; Mrs. Fahnestock is visiting; and asked to be remembered to his wife and son Buchanan, as well as Mr. Shell. Sent to 14 Wall Street, New York.



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Folder 243 (cont.)

Letter 13 Wheatland, 31 May 1864

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry anticipating his upcoming visit but asking that he dissuade Mr. Schell since Buchanan wants to discuss "domestic matters"; asks that he bring the bond of George Sanderson; asks if the California legislature has recognized Quick Silver Mining Company; and Harriet and Miss Hetty send their love. Sent to 14 Wall Street, New York.

Letter 14 Wheatland, 6 March 1865

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry praising Henry for doing everything right but thinks he has too much stock in Quick Silver; requests a number bonds, mortgages, and coupons; Harriet left for Washington; read with deep sorrow Lincoln's second inaugural address; asks to be remembered to Mr. Schell and Judge Roosevelt; and Miss Annie and Miss Hetty send their love, the latter suffering from a very bad cold.

Letter 15 Wheatland, 24 January 1866

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry saying he is ready to send the drafts; asking that he tell Mrs. Johnston he has letters from Mr. Herbert Saunders and Mr. Cellon congratulating her on her marriage; and that he has not written because he is not sure she has returned to New York. Sent to 14 Wall Street, New York.

Letter 16 Wheatland, 24 August 1866

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry expressing anxiousness over a deed for some property in Maryland because of "Bowie and his prevarications" and Mrs. Leonard's abuse of him; wanting to make sure he has clear title; met Frederick S. Poole of Poolesville, who knows the property in question; and Mrs. Johnston and Becky Shunk (formerly Black) are visiting.

Letter 17 Wheatland, 13 September 1866

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry expressing happiness that the property in Maryland is being handled but does not wish to dispossess the Leonards; encloses a check for expenses and fee; Harriet is still visiting but Mrs. Johnston left yesterday and seems very happily pregnant; his health is as usual; thinks the defection of Mr. Johnston from his party will not add much to the strength of the Democrats; Harriet and Miss Hetty send love; asks to be remembered to the Judge and Mr. Schell. Sent to 240 Broadway, New York.



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Folder 243 (cont.)

Letter 18 Wheatland, 5 February 1867

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry reporting that Mrs. Leonard had died, leaving only one child, and that he will not evict Mr. Leonard at the moment, partly because there is no one else to live on the property since Mr. Riggs cannot; mentions several other coupons coming due; is sorry Henry lost the Tyler will case and wishes Henry had argued the case before the Court of Appeals himself; Mr. Shunk's health is not good and wants to connect himself with a daily newspaper in Philadelphia; he has a charming person; Buchanan's rheumatism is troublesome; and Miss Hetty wants to be kindly remembered. Sent to 240 Broadway, New York.

Letter 19 Wheatland, 10 June 1867

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry hoping for a visit soon to consume his "excellent claret & can furnish you as much of this medicine as your heart can desire"; more coupons are due; Annie and Alice Buchanan are visiting; and Miss Hetty is still on the crutch.

Letter 20 Wheatland, 25 July 1867

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry regretting that he can't travel much except for a few days at Cape May, accompanied by Mr. Baker; William Buchanan, suffering from consumption, is visiting and being nursed by Miss Annie; Harriet will spend two months at Wheatland after visiting Bedford Springs; was happy that Henry visited; more coupons due; worries about his relationship with Chemical Bank; and would like to see Henry's son. Sent to 33 Wall Street, New York.

Letter 21 Wheatland, near Lancaster, 16 September 1867

Letter from James Buchanan to James B. Henry acknowledging the receipt of the gin but Benton's book and the knife sharpener have not come; Mr. Shunk has misplaced papers vital to Buchanan's needs, he will have Mr. Reed handle the matter; Mr. Johnston just left for Baltimore and Mrs. Johnston and the baby are well; Buchanan's health is not very good, but while the medicine is not totally effective he has faith he will recover; welcomes Mr. Schell any time; and encloses a check for the gin, etc.

Letter 22 Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 13 August 1861

Power of Attorney granted to Messrs. William and John O'Brien of the City of New York to transfer a certificate in Virginia.



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Folder 243 (cont.)

Letter 23 Washington, 11 December 1837

Letter from James Buchanan to Rev. Robert Henry acknowledging a check from Dr. Speer and hopes the remaining interest will be forthcoming; living in comfortable quarters with agreeable companions but thinks the upcoming session of Congress will be disagreeable; though the Democrats lost New York this election, they will do better next time; the political climate looks better in the South; James Lane seems to be in good health; Edward and family are also well; encloses an advertisement for a patent medicine for Elizabeth with precautions; sends his love to Elizabeth and implores her to exercise for her health. Sent to Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Letter 24 Washington, 12 March 1838

Letter from James Buchanan to Rev. Robert Henry expressing happiness that the Dr. Speer matter is now closed and sends his love to Harriet. Sent to Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Letter 25 St. Petersburg, Russia, 3 July 1833

Letter from James Buchanan to Elizabeth Buchanan [his mother] hoping to return home after touring parts of Europe, reaching the U.S. early in December; describes his visit to Moscow and was impressed; visited the Shrine of St. Sierge the Tutelary; his health is good, but cannot get used to almost twenty-four hours of light; will give a dinner for all respectable Americans in St. Petersburg; he likes the only resident American merchant in St. Petersburg, Mr. Ropes; met Mr. Swan, a missionary to the "Pagans of Siberia"; received newspapers from New York, but no letters; learned of Edward's marriage second hand, but not from Edward; sends love to Harriett and Elisabeth and Mr. Henry. Sent care of the Rev. Mr. Henry, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Letter 26 No place, no date

Poem by Elizabeth Buchanan [Buchanan's mother] praising the rural, poor life over that of the city and the rich.

Letter 27 St. Petersburg, 3/15 August 1832

Letter from James Buchanan to Harriett B. Henry expressing his happiness that she is married and his feelings over her not being married; sharing his thoughts on St. Petersburg and Russia, emphasizing the "profanation of the Lord's day particularly in the afternoon"; his "domestic arrangements" are comfortable; comments on his staff, Mr. Clay, the Secretary of Legation and Mr. Barry, and the American Consul, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Munroe, aid-de-camp of the Emperor; would like to hear from "poor George" and how he is preparing for death; describes the climate, the effect on his health and the cholera epidemic in Canada; sends regards to Mr. Henry and Elisabeth and "any members of our family whom you may see." Sent care of the Rev. Mr. Henry, Greensburg, Westmoreland County Pennsylvania.

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Folder 243 (cont.)

Letter 28 St. Petersburg, 14/20 January, or 26th N. S. 1833

Letter from James Buchanan to Harriett B. Henry grateful to have received her letter describing her marriage but disappointed that her letter took so long to reach him; has more leisure since the treaty and has made acquaintances among the populace; the horrors of the Russian winters are highly exaggerated even with the very short days; describes "the strangest spectacle I have ever witnessed": a ball to which 20,000 people were invited; five hundred guests, including Buchanan, ate in an apartment reminiscent of an *Arabian Nights* setting; describes the uncomfortable situation of the Queen of Georgia since her country is now a province of Russia; has asked General Jackson to allow him to return home, perhaps in November; deeply hurt over the death of George; enjoys the company of Munroe, of a good family in Washington; cautions her not to fall into the trap of many clergyman's wives, that of setting themselves up as leaders among the women; wishes to be remembered kindly to their mother, Elisabeth, and Mr. Henry, as well as any other "persons in your family." Sent care of the Rev. Mr. Henry, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Letter 29 Lancaster, 4 November 1837

Letter from James Buchanan to Harriett B. Henry expressing condolences upon the death of her husband and saying Mr. Henry's last two letters just arrived and would account for Buchanan's absence at her time of great need; offers advice on how to cope and invites her to live with him; plans to join her as soon as possible; Jane is still here and invites Harriett to spend the winter with her. Sent to Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Letter 30 [Lancaster], 2 April 1839 [Fragment]

Letter from James Buchanan to Harriett B. Henry saying that since he has not practiced law since returning from Russia but giving some advice on how property of the deceased might be disposed of including the money Mr. Davis has in his administrator's account. Sent to Mercersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

Letter 31 Lancaster, 26 October 1839

Letter from James Buchanan to Harriett B. Henry expressing happiness that her health has improved through a letter from Dr. Speer; offers advice of "fixing" Elisabeth for the winter and praising her good conduct; and asks to be remembered to Mr. Lane and the family.



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Folder 243 (cont.)

Letter 32 Lancaster, 11 November 1839

Letter from James Buchanan to Harriett B. Henry expressing pleasure that through a letter from Elizabeth he found out that Harriett's health had greatly improved and admonishes her to fight depression and not to fear death; will visit her before going to Washington if she wishes; will handle the necessary papers to arrange of the disposition of her property; is puzzled over Elisabeth's thanking him for money he never sent; asks to be remembered to Elisabeth, the little girls, Mr. Lane Sr.; and Miss Hetty sends her love to Harriett and Elisabeth; short list of questions follow. Sent to Mercersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

Letter 33 May

Letter from James Buchanan to Harriett B. Henry enclosing a check for \$100 for the use of Harriett and Elisabeth; encloses a letter from Mr. McLaughlin, with the money removed for safe keeping; James instructed him to keep any money enclosed in a letter from him; she will be in Philadelphia visiting Edward and Buchanan will go also. Sent to Mrs. Israel's No. 91, S. 3d. Street, Philadelphia.

Letter 34 September

Letter from James Buchanan to Harriett B. Henry saying that Miss Hetty will write soon; will come to see her if she stays unwell; sends regards to the little girls and Mr. Lane; wonders if she is taking counterfeit Beckwith pills because Mrs. Slaymaker was cured with the genuine ones. Sent to Mercersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. (fragment only)

Folder 244a Lancaster, 9 October 1834

Letter to Thomas Kittera, Esq., regretting that Kittera did not recommend his servant to Buchanan for employment and asking to be remembered to Kittera's mother and sister, as well as "to my intended." *Gift of Agnes Selin Schoch, Silas H. Schoch, and Marion S. Schoch, 1941.*

Folder 244b Lancaster 28 March 1835

Letter to Thomas Kittera, Esq., informing him of his letter to Governor Wolf (copy enclosed) recommending him for the position of President of the District Court of Philadelphia and that he regrets the conflict between the governor and W. Muhlenberg; he thought of writing to W. Buchler but decided to "go to the fountainhead." *Gift of Agnes Selin Schoch, Silas H. Schoch, and Marion S. Schoch, 1941.*



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Folder 244c Lancaster, 25 September 1837

Letter to Thomas Kittera, Esq., saying that he is recommending to the Secretary of War to extend the furlough of Kittera's nephew based on the certificate of Dr. McClellan; lamenting that he could not find Mr. Poinsett in his office, that Mr. C. will probably require a certificate of an army surgeon, and that the affair is "about up to Gen. Macomb's standard of intellect," Lt. Conrad will know himself; commenting of a less than stellar performance of Mr. Clay advocating the chartering of Bank of the United States as a sovereign entity as a "panacea for all our existing evils"; and finally wishing to be remembered to his family "not forgetting that portion of it in which I feel a particular interest." *Gift of Agnes Selin Schoch, Silas H. Schoch, and Marion S. Schoch, 1941.*

Folder 244d Washington, 13 January 1839

Letter to Thomas Kittera, Esq., filled with family gossip including the illness of Aunt Lane and that James Lane was in Mercersburg; asking that Kittera set a date for visiting him and asking to be remembered to his family and "my orphan niece." *Gift of Agnes Selin Schoch, Silas H. Schoch, and Marion S. Schoch, 1941.*

Folder 244e Lancaster, 30 October 1840

Letter to Anne Kittera arranging a visit to the Kittera home while he is in Philadelphia attending Dr. Gardette, and wishing to be remembered to her family and to Mr. Van Dyke. *Gift of Agnes Selin Schoch, Silas H. Schoch, and Marion S. Schoch, 1941.*

Folder 244f Lancaster, 25 March 1843

Letter to Ann Kittera accepting her invitation to a wedding but staying only a short time, and asking to be remembered to Elisabeth and Mr. Van Dyke as well as to Ann and "my portion of the world's goods." *Gift of Agnes Selin Schoch, Silas H. Schoch, and Marion S. Schoch, 1941.*

Folder 244g Wheatland, near Lancaster, 9 December 1851

Letter to Colonel Henry C. Eyer, asking him to provide a favorable comment on Buchanan's seeking the nomination for President; it is needed because of the divisions within the state, especially wishing to know the situation in Union County. *Gift of Agnes Selin Schoch, Silas H. Schoch, and Marion S. Schoch, 1941.*

Folder 245 Wheatland 6 May 1862

Note to Mrs. Michael regretting not being able to see her today but will see her tomorrow.



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Folder 1 [1820]

Letter from Colebrooke ferociously attacking Buchanan for his “assailing” Governor Findlay and implying that there might be a family feud in the background. In an envelope of the Royal Insurance Co. of Liverpool, England, Henry N. Howell, Agent, Lancaster, Pa. On front of envelope: “letter of ‘Colebrook’ to ‘Buchanan’ refers to campaign fight of July 1820.” On back of envelope: “Major Charles M. Howell, Chief Marshall of Puncia.”

Folder 2 London, 30 November 1832

Letter from Barring Brother Co., London, granting Buchanan permission from the State Department to draw funds of \$9,000 salary plus expenses of the Legation.

Folder 3 4 May 1836

Letter from L. Edwards to the Honorable Secretary of the Navy recommending Samuel Edwards for an appointment in the Navy. Includes Buchanan’s concurrence with the recommendation.

Folder 4 Washington, 14 July 1841

Letter from Francis Scott Key enclosing some notes to be returned and hopes to argue some points with him some day.

Folder 5 2 February 1851

Letter from Jefferson Davis enclosing an extract of a report.

Folder 6 Philadelphia, 25 March 1853

Letter from Richard Norris mentioning Buchanan’s differing politics with Mr. Rives; Norris’s acquaintance with Mr. Ingersoll in London; his visit to Europe on business and pleasure; is marrying shortly a daughter of Cole Lynch of South Carolina, Miss Lynch having met Buchanan with her cousin, Mrs. Fisher, at Saratoga; and hoping to visit socially upon their return. On back of letter: “March 25.53. Richard Norris; March 29. Answered.”

Folder 7 Three letters from the Duchess of Somerset to Buchanan

Letter 1 [London], Park Lane, 6 March 1854

Letter from the Duchess of Somerset expressing hope that he has received the books and note from the duke and hoping that his “indisposition” has improved. Embossed gold seal.

Letter 2 P. L., London, Friday 1854

Letter from the Duchess of Somerset inviting him to tea the next day at 9 o’clock. Embossed seal.



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Folder 7 (cont.)

Letter 3 13 Eccleston Sq.

Letter from the Duchess of Somerset regretting upsetting Buchanan and inviting Miss Lane and him to a party at the Crystal Palace on July 2.

Folder 8 Hornsby Castle, 5 March 1856

Letter from the Duchess of Leeds hoping he will pay a visit with the Duke, herself, and her sister, the Duchess of Stafford.

Folder 9 Philadelphia, 7 December 1856

Letter from William Rice introducing Robert A. Parrish, Esq.

Folder 10 Lancaster, 16 March 1857

Letter from unknown recommending Mr. B. F. Baer, Esq., for an appointment as a clerk in "one of the departments in Washington." (bottom of page is cut off)

Folder 11 Lancaster, 29 June 1857

Letter from George M. Steinman asking that Buchanan appoint Dr. Foltz to a position as recommended by Captain Glendy of the U.S. Navy.

Folder 12 Lambeth Palace, 19 July 1857

Letter asking that a young relation of his, Miss Isabella Bird, be granted an audience with the U.S. President.

Folder 13 General Land Office, 8 September 1857

Letter from Commissioner Thomas A. Hendricks holding up Military Bounty Land Warrant No 77.7 to be awarded to Henry C. Fink because of a suspicion of fraud.

Folder 14 General Land Office, 1 October 1857

Letter from Commissioner Thomas A. Hendricks announcing that fraud was proven and Henry C. Fink was issued a duplicate warrant.

Folder 15 Wadesboro, North Carolina, 1 December 1857

Letter from G. F. H. Crockett enclosing several copies of his address on language and hoping that Buchanan will distribute them to "learned gentlemen" who might comment on it.

Folder 16 Wheeling, 10 April 1858

Letter from Charles W. Russell, a relative of Buchanan, detailing the history of Buchanan's father in Ireland and the United States. Envelope addressed to the President; written on the right side: "April 10, '58. Charles W. Russell concerning my father's family."



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Folder 17 Clarion, Pa., 1 June 1859

Letter from Campbell & Lamberton, Clarion, Pa., updating the situation on the sale of some of the Lucinda land sold by Nathan Evans secured by judgment bonds signed by Lewis Mahle with five annual repayments to Buchanan and Samuel Reynolds; other contracts for the furnace lands now held by the company; money will be placed in a Pittsburgh bank; a copy of a note by Buchanan agreeing to the suggestions appears on the back of the letter.

Folder 18 Hornby Castle, [England], 20 July 1860

Letter from Elizabeth Stafford asking for a letter of introduction for the Marquis of Chandos upon his coming visit to the United States; believing he will be glad to “lay down the burden” of the Presidency; and relating in detail the death of the Duke of Somerset, her brother-in-law, and his preparation for death.

Folder 19 3 October 1860

Letter from Marquis of Chandos hoping to visit Buchanan while he and his wife are in Washington.

Folder 20 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, 31 December 1860

Letter from John LePage enclosing a poem about the author’s visit to the grave of George Washington and a poem about the Prince of Wales; and requesting an autograph of Buchanan to accompany a poem about the current President.

Folder 21 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, 12 January 1861

Letter from A. G. Catlin enclosing an item [from John Le Page] “for the purposes within mentioned” from a British subject.

Folder 22 Clearfield, Pa., 11 April 1861

Letter from William Bigler commenting on their friendship; regretting that he and his wife were unable to visit him at Wheatland; will treat the money owed Buchanan as his own until it can be transferred; and predicting that Lincoln will lead the country into an unnecessary civil war because he presented a “programme of adjustment” to the Congress.

Folder 23 Carlisle, Pa., 10 August 1861

Letter from W. M. Beetem, cashier for The Carlisle Deposit Bank, informing him that his actions against Thudium and Glass are premature and he should discuss the matter with Mr. Etter.



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Folder 24 Rockville, Maryland, 19 August 1861

Letter from Viers Bowie regretting accepting Colonel Leonard's offer of trusteeship of his land because of the unstable situation in the sale of land during the Civil War and that the Leonards owned slaves, many of whom were being "corrupted" by Northern soldiers and the fear that if the Southerners come north to Washington, the area will become a battlefield; he concludes that he will do his duty no matter how distasteful; Leonard had intimated that Buchanan would promote him so that he would have money to pay the claim.

Folder 25a Washington, D.C., 18 December 1860

Letter from Riggs & Co. showing that the Leonards now owe Buchanan \$4320.10.

Folder 25b Washington, D.C., 30 September 1861

Letter from Riggs & Co. acknowledging receiving a check in favor of Dr. Blake and enclosing a statement of the Leonard debt. (The statement is not included unless it is the statement in the previous letter.)

Folder 25c Washington, D.C., 14 October 1862

Letter from Riggs & Co. regretting that the company cannot convert his Virginia stock into bonds without going to Richmond, and giving the latest in the attempt to sell the farm the Leonards are currently living on.

Folder 25d Washington, D.C., 17 December 1862

Letter from Riggs & Co. saying that Mr. Bowie concludes that the farm the Leonards are currently living on cannot be sold unless the owner is willing to take a major loss.

Folder 25e Washington, D.C., 22 June 1863

Letter from Riggs & Co. informing Buchanan that Col. Leonard has been imprisoned for three months in the Old Capitol and charged with disloyalty, but might be released soon, and detailing their instructions to Mr. Bowie concerning delivery of a letter from Buchanan to the colonel.

Folder 25f Washington, D.C., 28 June 1863

Letter from Riggs & Co. saying that Buchanan's letter was delivered to Col. Leonard as he arrived home from Washington, and repeating Mr. Bowie's contention that the land could not be sold at present.

Folder 26 Washington, D.C., 4 October 1861

Letter from Riggs & Co. concerning the transfer of funds to guarantee the Leonard note.



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Folder 27 Clarion, 30 October 1861

Letter from James Campbell enclosing a check for the Lucinda lands and announcing his retirement and election to a local judgeship, and his successor Col. C. L. Lamberton (elected to state senate and will have a partner, D. Lawson).

Folder 28 No place [probably included in a letter], November 1861

Statement from Campbell & Lamberton with a summary of his account from 6 September 1858 to 12 August 1861. On the back of the statement is an account of James Buchanan v. Lewis Mahle in Common Pleas Court, May term 1858 with an account of amount owed to Buchanan; only the first two payments were made in full.



Box 4 *Series 1, Subseries 2 Letters to James Buchanan*

Folder 29a Clarion, 7 November 1861

Note from Campbell & Lamberton offering to send Buchanan the statement he requested; one was made but apparently lost in the mail.

Folder 29b Clarion, 29 August 1862

Note from Lamberton & Lawson enclosing a check on his judgment against Mahle.

Folder 29c Clarion, 20 December 1862

Note from Lamberton & Lawson enclosing check to Buchanan and S. M. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 29d Clarion, 18 March 1863

Note from Lamberton & Lawson enclosing a check and noting that Mr. Reynolds received a deed to the Dietz tract sold to L. Herman some time ago but so far hasn't executed it.

Folder 29e Clarion, 25 September 1866

Note from Lamberton & Lawson summarizing the county, state, road and school tax paid to date.

Folder 29f Clarion, 30 March 1867

Note from Lamberton & Lawson enclosing a check for land sold to Francis Denslinger. S. M. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 29g Clarion, 22 April 1867

Note from Lamberton & Lawson enclosing a check for land sold to F. Denslinger. S. M. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 29h Clarion, 18 February 1867

Note from Lamberton & Lawson enclosing a check and noting that Mr. Reynolds had two deeds to have executed.

Folder 29i Clarion 31 December 1867

Note from Lamberton & Lawson enclosing a check from funds received from Jacob Risinger and Gebart Snyder. S. M. Reynolds received a similar check.



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Folder 30 Washington, 28 April 1862

Letter from George W. Riggs promising to expedite settlement of the Leonard matter and hopes to see Buchanan soon.

Folder 31 Mercersburg, 28 May 1862

Letter from J. O. Carson relating the sale of wheat and corn at good prices, projecting the best time to sell the farm, and commenting on old age and death.

Folder 32 Clearfield, Pa., 6 December 1862

Letter from William Bigler apologizing for not taking care of the matter of O. Banett & Co., enclosing the note from the company and the notice of the protest of the note; regrets retiring from politics and extremely critical of the present state of the country and the government and justifying Buchanan's policies before the war.

Folder 33 Mercersburg, 8 November 1862

Letter from James O. Carson asking Buchanan if his wheat should be sold; Buchanan replied to sell immediately.

Folder 34 Harrisburg, 26 December 1862

Letter from Barrett & MacDowell apologizing for the delay in answering Buchanan's letter because of the indisposition of Col. MacDowell and the bankruptcy of the firm; they will try to pay the debt owed to Buchanan at a later date.

Folder 35 Mercersburg, 5 February 1863

Letter from J. O. Carson detailing the selling of Buchanan's wheat, corn and oats.

Folder 36 Clarion, 13 February 1863

Note from Lamberton & Lawson enclosing a check for the settlement against Mahle.

Folder 37 Lancaster, 3 April 1863

Letter from S. M. Reynolds enclosing a deed to Dietz for the Lucinda land and urging Buchanan to press his agent for the collection of amount owed from delinquent tenants. Buchanan executes the deed and complies with the recommendation.

Folder 38 Clarion, 14 April 1863

Letter from Lamberton & Lawson enclosing check from the judgment of Lewis Mahle. Mr. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 39 Clarion, 23 April 1863

Letter from Lamberton & Lawson explaining error in previous letter.



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Folder 40 Clarion, 23 May 1863

Letter from Lamberton & Lawson enclosing a check from funds received from Henry Strigenberger, Rev. A. Scopety, John Lutz, Lewis Mahle, Jacob Lilligh, Vanderline Shell and Benedick Launder. S. M. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 41 Clarion, 16 June 1863

Letter from Lamberton & Lawson enclosing a check for funds from John Denslinger, Clemence Osteroid and Joseph Wiltshire. S. M. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 42 Clarion, 2 December 1863

Letter from Lamberton & Lawson enclosing check for funds from John Denslinger, Peter Weist, Henry Strigenberger (formerly William Swabb), Peter Bower, Carly & Osteried, Shillinger, Lutz, & Bower, Jacob Clinger, and Laurance Shout. S. M. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 43 Clarion, 28 December 1863

Letter from Dr. John B. Blake urging Mr. Riggs to force a sale of the farm on which the Leonards currently live over Mr. Bowie's objections; lambasts the "despotic" Lincoln administration for its latest "document"; thinks that friends of McClellan are foolish to put his name forward for the Presidency unless he has the backing of the Democratic Party and other conservative groups; and that James Henry has just argued a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Folder 44 London, 30 January 1864

Letter from Baring Brothers Company enclosing the current amount of his account, carried forward to new account.

Folder 45 London, 30 January 1867

Letter from Baring Brothers Company enclosing the current amount of his account, carried forward to new account.

Folder 46 Nanjemoy, [Maryland], 22 March 1864

Letter from Mrs. Samuel Magaw asking for an extension on her loan.

Folder 47 Harrisburg, 9 April 1864

Letter from O. Barrett detailing the dire straits life has placed him which has caused him to be delinquent on repaying his loan.

Folder 48 New York, 21 April 1864

Letter from William and John O'Brien confirming the purchase of 50 shares of New York Central Railroad Company.



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Folder 49 Washington, 21 May 1864

Letter from Riggs & Company enclosing a copy of a letter from W. Viers Bowie relative to the sale of the Leonard property and promising quick action upon further communication with Mr. Bowie.

Folder 50a Clarion, 6 April 1864

Letter from David Lawson enclosing a check for funds from Jacob Risinger, C. Rankin, John O'Brien, Benedict Launder, John Denslinger, Martin Weist, Lutz, Shillinger, & Bower, Vanderline Schell, Sebastian Wiltshire, Clemens Osteroth, and Ostroth & Corley. S. M. J. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 50b Clarion, 11 June 1864

Letter from David Lawson enclosing a check for funds from Peter Weist, H. Streighenberger (formerly William Swabb), Peter Bower, Lawrence Shoup, Martin Weist, A. Schoptz, John Denslinger, Lewis Mahle, Sebastian Lowinger, A. W. Streighenbarger, Jos. Wiltshire, Shilinger, Lutz, & Bower, and Jacob Klinger. S. M. J. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 50c Clarion, 29 November 1864

Letter from David Lawson enclosing a check for funds from S. Lowinger, M. Weist, Jo. Gremen, S. Verderider, Peter Bower, Casper Shafer, F. Wilman, A. W. Streighenbarger, Joseph Wilshire, Jacob Klinger, Henry Sutter, V. Schell, Clem. Osteroth, and S. Wilshire. S. M. J. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 50d Clarion, 12 January 1865

Letter from David Lawson replying to a letter from Buchanan asking which lands he wants to sell, mentioning that with only one possible exception none of his and S. M. J. Reynolds' lands is oil bearing.

Folder 50e Clarion, 13 January 1865

Letter from David Lawson saying that about 900 acres of Buchanan's and Reynolds' lands remain unsold.

Folder 50f Clarion, 7 April 1865

Letter from David Lawson enclosing a check for funds from Peter Bower, C. Osteroth, S. Neidereider, H. Streighenbarger, Lutz, Shellinger, & Bower, S. Wiltshire, A. Skopetz, L. Shoup, and A. W. Streighenbarger. S. M. J. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 50g Clarion, 22 April 1865

Letter from David Lawson expressing that he has had trouble cashing a check he sent and will rectify the situation. He will also send a statement of the Mahle judgment.



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Folder 50h Clarion, 24 April 1865

Letter from David Lawson enclosing a statement of the Mahle judgment and again offering to rectify the situation of the bad check.

Folder 50i Clarion, 30 April 1866

Letter from David Lawson enclosing a check from funds of V. Schell, W. Wiltshire, H. Streighenbarger, and G. Snyder. S. M. J. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 51a Philadelphia, 24 January 1864

Note from S. M. Reynolds enclosing a deed to Sebastian Wiltshire for his signature.

Folder 51b Washington, 5 August 1864

Note from S. M. Reynolds enclosing three deeds for Clarion County lands from Lamberton & Lawson for his signature.

Folder 52 Lancaster, 6 October 1864

Letter from George M. Steinman asking for Buchanan's support and vote in his election for Congress and promising to use his influence to end the war and restore the country as it was.

Folder 53a Washington, 2 March 1865

Letter from George W. Riggs concerning Mr. Bowie and his inaction on the sale of the Leonard property, and complimenting Harriet Lane.

Folder 53b Washington, 24 March 1865

Letter from George W. Riggs complying with Buchanan's request for the amount in his account.

Folder 53c Washington, 30 March 1865

Letter from George W. Riggs reporting that the accounts between Buchanan and the company are now closed.

Folder 53d Washington, 15 June 1865

Letter from George W. Riggs enclosing a letter from Mr. Bowie explaining the latter's reason for the delay getting the confirmation of the court to sell the Leonard property.

Folder 55 Clarion, Pa., 21 April 1865

Letter from David Lawson enclosing a check for payments of Osteried & Corley and Clem Osteried. S. M. Reynolds received a similar check.



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Folder 56a Washington, 1 April 1864

Letter from George W. Riggs reporting that Mr. Bowie explains that he cannot sell the Leonard property because of the requirement that the notice be printed in the local newspaper, which is out of business.

Folder 56b Washington, 11 May 1864

Letter from George W. Riggs saying that the Leonard property has finally been advertised and will be auctioned in about 10 days; Riggs asks instructions on how to bid on the property (to protect it).

Folder 56c Washington, 22 June 1864

Letter from George W. Riggs advising that no advanced funds are necessary to Mr. Bowie until after July 1 and that Mr. Bowie is sure that the court will act at its next session.

Folder 56d Washington, 4 November 1864

Letter from George W. Riggs stating that Buchanan's letter to Mr. C. R. has been delivered safely and that Bowie has no further news about the Leonard property.

Folder 56e Washington, 12 November 1864

Letter from George W. Riggs informing that no court sessions were held during July and August, that satisfaction of the sale of the land will be held at the next session and advising on how to handle the transaction.

Folder 56f Washington, 22 March 1865

Letter from George W. Riggs saying that the news from Mr. Bowie concerning further delays in the disposal of the Leonard property.

Folder 56g Washington, 8 May 1865

Letter from George W. Riggs seemingly very happy that Mr. Bowie is confident that the satisfaction of the Leonard property will be handled at the May session of the court.

Folder 57 Washington City, 9 May 1865

Letter from Dr. John B. Blake to Buchanan writing of his illness, the discontinuance of the *National Intelligencer*, and giving directions for reaching Poolesville via train and public conveyance.

Folder 58 War Department, USA, Washington, 13 May 1865

Letter from S. M. Reynolds enclosing six deeds to the Lucinda lands to be forwarded to David Lawson in Clarion.



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Folder 59 War Department, USA, Washington, 5 June 1865

Letter from S. M. Reynolds agreeing with the amount of commission David Lawson charged for selling real estate.

Folder 60 Clarion, 5 June 1865

Letter from David Lawson enclosing funds from Martin Wiest, Vanderline Schell, Sebastian Verdereider, and F. Wilman. S. M. Reynolds received a similar check.

Folder 61 Philadelphia, 7 February 1866

Letter from William B. Reed arranging a mortgage and setting the interest dates as well as stating that he has agreed with Mr. O'Connor to defend Mr. Davis with the knowledge of the Attorney General.

Folder 62 Nanjamoy, Maryland, 16 June 1866

Letter from Margaret Henrietta Mead Magaw requesting a loan of \$600 to complete work on her wharf. Buchanan sent check.

Folder 63 Nanjamoy, Maryland, 16 June 1866

Letter from Margaret Henrietta Mead Magaw acknowledging receipt of the check of \$600 and enclosing a promissory note for \$600; also enclosed was a note signed by her husband to pay the note of his wife.

Folder 64 Lancaster, 2 July 1866

Letter from W. W. Brown informing Buchanan that he has purchased a lot on Orange Street and that the deed will be executed upon receipt of the purchase price.

Folder 65 Philadelphia, 18 August 1866

Letter from P. F. Kelly & Company requesting instructions from Buchanan on the purchase of bonds from Philadelphia & Erie Railroad.

Folder 66 Philadelphia, 21 August 1866

Letter from P. F. Kelly & Company acknowledging receipt of instructions but regretting not being able to purchase the bonds.

Folder 67 New York, 5 February 1867

Letter from George G. Williams of Chemical National Bank enclosing a statement of account.

Folder 68 New York, 1 August 1867

Letter from George G. Williams of Chemical National Bank listing recent purchases.



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Folder 69 Washington, 26 August [1867]

Letter from Mary Wall, a maid at the White House during Buchanan's Presidency, thanking him in advance for helping pay her passage back to England and expressing happiness at the marriage of Harriet Lane and Miss Hetty Parker.

Folder 70 No place, no date

Note to President of recommendation for Mr. Cyrus S. Haldeman of Pennsylvania for appointment as a register of public lands in Kansas.

Folder 71 London, 6 February 1868

Letter from Baring Brothers showing Buchanan's account balance as of the end of the year.

Folder 72 No place, no date

Note written in very fancy, but illegible, hand.

