

## **James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 3 Papers of James Buchanan Henry, Series 1 Correspondence**

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Biographical and Historical Note:

James Buchanan Henry, also known as Buck, was born on March 1, 1833. Just like his cousin, Harriet, Buck lost both of his parents and was taken in as James Buchanan's ward in 1840. During his early years, he attended several boarding schools and eventually graduated from the College of New Jersey. Though his interests remained with the arts, Buck went on to read law under an attorney named John Cadwalader. When James Buchanan assumed the presidency, he called for Buck to join him as his private secretary, a position known today as the Chief of Staff. While Buck worked at Washington, he found himself in frequent conflict with his Uncle. This conflict came to a head in 1858 when Buck proposed to his sweetheart, Mary Nicholson. Upset that Buck hadn't consulted him on the proposal, James Buchanan disapproved of the match. Buck left his position as private secretary and went on to marry Miss Nicholson. The couple would have two children, one of whom would survive into adulthood.

Soon after the birth of their second child, Mary Nicholson died of consumption, leaving Buck a widower. Later on, he married Louisa Anderson, and the two had six sons. After fourteen years of marriage, Louisa died. Buck would marry for a third time much later in his life to a woman named Margaret Grote Elliman. Buck was 71 and Margaret was 24. The two had no children and enjoyed 11 years of marriage before Buck died on February 17, 1915. [<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/about-wheatland/>, accessed 10/24/2019]

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**Box 1    Part 3, Series 1, Subseries 1**

**Folder 1**    Washington, D.C.,    12 February 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to H. B. Swarr enclosing copies of the President's Kansas message to be distributed to prominent Democrats, with more to follow, wishing that Col. Stambaugh know that James Buchanan Henry sent them, and emphasizing the importance of the material as the county convention is upon them.

**Folder 2**    Washington, D.C.,    18 May 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson detailing his experience on the Russian super ship named for Grand Duke Constantine and hoping their last walk together was not too tiring for her. Envelope with stamp and postmark of Jersey City addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, c/o Major Hagner USA, Frankford Arsenal, Bridesburg, Philadelphia.

**Folder 3**    Washington, D.C.,    20 June 1858

Note from J. B. Henry to H. B. Swarr asking on behalf of the President if he knows "anything of the Parties mentioned in the enclosed communication from the Navy Department." Communication not with note.

**Folder 4**    Washington, D.C.,    25 June 1858

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

**Folder 5**    Washington, D.C.,    26 June 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson worrying that she is not fully truthful with him concerning her health, according to Leila; enclosing a telegram from Fam. Pleasants expressing his enthusiasm about the performance of a new boat, *La Sovrana*, which he hopes will be in Annapolis soon, an event with which Scharff agrees; and misses her so much he can hardly contain himself. Envelope with postmark, stamp, and intact gold-speckled red wax seal addressed to Miss Mary Nicholson, Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 6**    Washington, D.C.,    7 July 1858

Note from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson reporting that the President has reviewed the gentlemanly- and gallant-looking 600-700 strong 7th New York Regiment, arriving by steamer to accompany the remains of former President James Monroe to Richmond and that they will leave on an excursion on Tuesday morning early. Envelope with postmark, stamp, and floral emboss addressed to Miss M. H. Nicholson Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.



**Folder 7** Washington, D.C., Soldiers' Home, 11 July 1858

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

**Folder 8** Washington, D.C., 21 July 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing gratitude for a five-day interlude in his less than happy position as personal secretary to the President and is "disconsolate" after Mr. Scharff's leaving on the *Harriet Lane*; provides intimate details of a conversation with Mr. Scharff about their opening a law office together in New York after his upcoming marriage and that all four will be happy together living in adjoining houses in a pleasant little town near Manhattan; renders an account of his entire life including the death of his parents, his college experiences, his passing the bar in Philadelphia and setting up a thriving office there before being called by the President to be his personal secretary, a post he hopes to vacate as soon as possible to return to law practice; and his relative freedom while James Buchanan and Harriet Lane go to Bedford for a retreat, leaving him free to visit Mary on the weekends. Envelope with most of the postmark removed with the stamps and addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland; also a blank invitation card of the President's.

**Folder 9** Washington, D.C., 22 July 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing regret that her latest letter was temporarily lost in the mail but it arrived safely; looking forward to September 1859; and his enjoying a joke at Mr. Scharff's expense. Envelope with postmark removed along with stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 10** Washington, D.C., Tuesday [3 August 1858]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson informing her that he arrived from his visit with her in good time, but that he hasn't felt well since returning; recalls his pleasant walk with her; announcing that the President will return to Washington at the end of the week; talked with Captain Ingraham about his daughters will return today in the company of Major Hagner; relating that Mr. Scharff's fiancée is ill; and the expected cable from Queen Victoria proclaiming the opening of the transatlantic cable has not yet arrived. Envelope with postmark partially obscured addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 11** Washington, D.C., 18 August 1858



Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson saying he is back at work as usual; apparently Miss Cass will marry Mr. Van Limburg; Mr. Scharff's fiancée is reluctant to set a date for their marriage; he will be going "to exercise & recruit" in the Lake George area to be able to face the "winter's labor & dissipation" but will visit her on his way north but if he cannot stop on his way, he will miss seeing the Ingraham sisters. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 12** Caldwell, Lake George, NY, 25 August 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson relating his lengthy trip from Annapolis to Baltimore (where he would have visited her dear Margie if he had had a letter of introduction, to Philadelphia, to Newark (where Mr. Scharff joined him and had a pleasant chat and a bite to eat in New York) to New York (where he met Barton Key and Mr. Banks), by boat up the river to Albany and disembarking at Saratoga Moreau to finish the trip by carriage; recalls the many people that have come and gone since he started visiting Lake George and wishes she could be there with him; instead of going to Bolton via public transportation, Mr. Davids will take him on his yacht. Envelope with stamp removed and engraving of the Lake House, Caldwell, Lake George, NY, on back addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care of Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 13** Bolton, Lake George, NY, 28 August 1858

Letter No. 2 from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson looking forward to receiving her letters; recounting his taking the steamer instead of the yacht because of the weather; meeting old college and other friends; taking an excursion to Lake Saranac and Lake Champlain; feeling much stronger physically in the fresh air; blaming the laziness of the postmaster at Caldwell for not putting her letter to him on the steamer; signing the letter the less formal James Buchanan Henry. Envelope from Bolton, NY August 28 with stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 14** Bolton, Lake George, NY, [1 September 1858]

Letter No. 3 from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson happy to have received her last letter and praising her sweetness and beauty while modestly acknowledging his faults; lamenting the fact that he never had a sister (she died at age 2) brought on by the visit of the Ingrahams; the atmosphere of Lake George must be felt in person, and implores her to use the pronoun "our" instead of "your" when referring to the place; that his steamboat would be right at home here; and lamenting that none of his own family has written. Envelope from Bolton, NY September 1 with stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 15** Bolton, Lake George, NY, 1 September 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson commenting on the "fairy" setting around him; after taking a nap he and his friend jumped into the water to simulate falling from a capsized boat and later that day his sail boat capsized, giving him a second dunking with a resulting cold and sore throat; comments on the artists' colony and the Thieriot family of New Jersey; Mr. Brewster and Dr. Porter are getting along very well; compares unfavorably the British celebration to the success of the transatlantic cable to





the one held in New York; pleads for more letters from her. Envelope from Bolton, NY September 1 with stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland. In another hand: October 1st, My treasure.

**Folder 16** Bolton, Lake George, NY, 6 September 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson describing the difficulty in traveling from Bolton to Caldwell to retrieve her letter from the post office, and the resulting horrific time with a sailboat and a rowboat; describes in flowery detail the sunset; plans to start home in about a week; warns her of the dangers of horseback riding but “does not object”; did not see Mr. Schraff’s fiancée because she went to Chicago; promises not to commit an unnamed faux pas again; asks to be remembered to her mother and Miss Margie. Envelope from Bolton, NY September 6 with stamp removed addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 17** Bolton, Lake George, NY, 8 September 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson commenting that he likes the wind blowing from the south because it first blew over Annapolis; hopes he will see her in a little over a week; Mr. Schraff’s fiancée’s being in Chicago because of poor health has postponed their wedding; feels revitalized and tanned on face and hands; misses Mr. Brewster since his return to New Jersey; launches a lengthy discussion on how important religion will be in their married life and how much he dislikes the life in Washington; asks to be remembered to her mother and family. Envelope from Bolton, NY September 6 with stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 18** Bolton, Lake George, NY, 10 September 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson regretting that he must limit his correspondence because of a shortage of paper in Bolton; recalls her wearing a lily of the Nile in her hair and calls her “My own sweet lily of the Severn”; vows to walk to Caldwell to get her next letter if it is not on the steamboat; wishes for a less formal signature. Envelope from Bolton, NY September 10 with stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 19** Bolton, Lake George, NY, 12 September 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson wondering why her last letter had a sad ring to it; does not want to return to the “hateful climate of Washington”; is happy that her sister Emily is coming to Lake George as part of her wedding trip but is sad he will not be there show her its beauty; the family Thieriot is prepared to love her when they meet her; gives his travel itinerary, stopping in New York to see Mr. Scharff and attend to business, stopping to see Edward Young Buchanan, whose family nursed him back to health when he was sick, and finally arriving in Annapolis for the weekend; tried to paint her a picture of Lake George, but has not painted recently. Envelope from Bolton, NY September 10 with stamp partially removed addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 20** Washington, D.C., 27 September 1858



Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing surprise and delight at receiving her "extra" letter which he received a day late because the President and his party were still in the country and he is happy that her mother guards her well; reports that talking to her mother was gratifying especially since Mary's grandmother was feeling better; the president of the Austrian ministry would like to present an autographed letter to the President in person; met her Uncle Peter and his wife this morning; has not seen Dan or the girls but will soon; will move back to the city very soon; his friend Schraff appears to have shaken the blues over a love affair; hopes she will be well enough to visit him soon. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss M. H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 21** Washington, D.C., 19 October 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson hoping she is well and recalling with joy their last walk along the bay as the "broad streak" of the moon appeared; the motor for his yacht *Savana* will arrive and Ben will install it so that he and Mary can go sailing; Bob Magraw is coming for the weekend; is looking forward to seeing her again; Miss Lane is christening the "new sloop of war" *Lancaster* at the request of Commander Stewart; Baron Sacker and the aide-de-camp to Grand Duke Constantine, Baron Bori, will be visiting Annapolis soon; and offers to send her a bouquet if she decides to go to a ball. Envelope with stamp removed and postmark addressed to Miss M. H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 22** Washington, D.C., 22 October 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson trying to get over a "large dinner"; looking forward to next week when he hopes to bring his yacht to Annapolis for a sail to Baltimore and back if he gets the weekend off and the weather is fine; the President granted a short reprieve to Barret, who should have been hanged today; wonders of Miss Emily's sore throat is better; hopes she will be able to accompany Miss Ella to Washington so that he and she can see each other every night and would be her first visit to the capital since their engagement; Mr. Magraw came from Baltimore to have dinner with him and hopes Magraw and a "sparkling young widow" will soon make a match; has received an invitation to General Henderson's daughter's wedding, the groom, Mr. du Pont, is a good friend of his.

**Folder 23** Washington, D.C., 25 October 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing his great joy that in four days she will be in Washington; spent some time with Captain Ingraham and Miss Leila, who told him of the impending visit of Mary and her mother that, alas, will end all too soon; the town is dull even with the coming of the opera, in which he has little interest; hopes the ball she is attending is delightful; and will send her some lilies of the valley by express. Envelope with stamp removed and postmark addressed to Miss M. H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 24** Washington, D.C., 15 November 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing deep concern that his boat has been damaged or lost and feels guilt that three lives might be lost because





they worked for him; first snow of the season is falling; accompanied Miss Emily Ingraham home from Dr. Ryner's church; and her father is ill after returning from his northern tour. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss M. H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 25** Washington, D.C., 10 November 1858

Note on back of James Buchanan Henry's calling card to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing regrets that he cannot see her today but will definitely see her tomorrow. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 26** Washington, D.C., 30 November 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expecting to hear in her next letter than her mother and the rest of the family are well; will send her a book of sermons he found enlightening; encloses a "funny" telegram from Mr. Scharff expressing concern that their boat and James Buchanan Henry were lost in a storm, based on a newspaper article; played a game of chess with Mr. Appleton and was beaten but hopes she will learn the game so that they can have "lovers" games with long times between moves; and has seen nothing of her grandmother's family since his last letter. Envelope with stamp removed and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 27** Washington, D.C., [2 October] 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson saying he has been too busy to write or to see her mother; Miss Emily has returned to Annapolis; had hoped that the President would no return to the city so soon, but since the weather has cooled, perhaps she can visit; pities her mother with her dental problems; mentions the comet appearing over the bay; Miss Macalester has gone; Miss Ida Seimres is marrying a "strong Catholic"; the Van Limburgs have taken a house on 7th Street; will see her mother soon and hopes to resume more frequent writing. 2 envelopes with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 28** Washington, D.C., 6 December 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson relating the current business of getting the President's message and Cabinet reports to Congress; delighted that he will visit her in a week; will go to a party at the Ingrahams and Mr. Magraw is staying with him; hopes to attend another concert; Mr. Scharff has not written; and James Buchanan Henry has been too busy to visit her father. Envelope with stamp removed and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 29** Washington, D.C., 17 December 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson commenting on the warm weather; the Napiers have been recalled to The Hague; all the young ladies are chasing Lord Lyons, a bachelor; the "gaity" season has begun, with many dinners; Mr. Scharff's



brother and his bride (they were engaged three years!) are sightseeing; Mrs. Craig asked about her; asks about her "little hospital patients" thanks Miss Emily for her postscript to Mary's last letter. Envelope with stamp removed and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 30** Washington, D.C., 18 December 1858

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson apologizing for feeling so bad because of the long state dinners he must attend and hopes they will end soon; saw Mr. & Mrs. Scharff and took them to the Capitol; writes in such a condition only to let her know that he is thinking of her. Envelope with stamp removed and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 31** Washington, D.C., [1858]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson saying he is back to normal and at work again; hopes the season will start soon because it will be his last in Washington; will cherish the fever blister he got while visiting her; James Buchanan returned from Wheatland with Bob Magraw, who will remain for a few days; saw the two Macalasters; saw Captain Ingraham for a few minutes; and looks for her next welcome letter. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 32** Washington, D.C., [17 August 1858]

Note from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson regretting that he could not meet her at the station but he had to attend a state dinner and will drop by later. Envelope with no postmark and no stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson at Dr. Hagner, Washington.

**Folder 33** [Washington, D.C., 6 June 1858 or 1859]

Note from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson commenting on the nice morning and saying he has sent a copy of *Last of the Mohicans* along with a "little floral message"; that he accompanied Miss Bright to church; and that he will see her later that day. Envelope with seal addressed to Miss Nicholson. June 6 written in pencil on face of envelope.

**Folder 34** [Washington, D.C., 1858 or 1859]

Note from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson stating that he has to go with the President and the Cabinet to the Capitol for signing of a number of bills and he has to announce them as fast as they are signed; therefore he will not be able to go with her unless the bills move faster than he thinks; and that her father is better. Envelope with no postmark and no stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson at Dr. Hagner, Washington.

**Folder 35** Washington, D.C., No date

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson saying delayed going to Captain Ingraham's to await her letter, but it did not come; the delay in the mails resulting an



missed an event at Miss McKim's; he is happy that she is surrounded by friends; offering advice in getting over a "little affair" which will disappear if they love each other; Mr. Scharff was married at noon and James Buchanan Henry is very happy for his dear friend; will go to the farewell reception of the Napiers and later to a ball given by Mrs. Brown; sends regards to Miss Margie and apologizes for not receiving her invitation on time; and Dr. Dau brought Miss to Baltimore. Envelope with no stamp and no postmark addressed to Miss Nicholson, Care of John L. McKim, Esq., Baltimore.

**Folder 36** Washington, D.C., Wednesday 19th [1858]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson reporting that her father says her health is very much improved; at a very pleasant party at Com. Wilkes he noticed that her Uncle Dan flirting with the Misses Scott, and wonders if she or Miss Kennedy, Miss McKim, or Miss [Lieta] will be her aunt; saw a friend from the Lake George days and wishes to go back; has not written or heard from Mr. Scharff, who will be married on Thursday and should be by on Saturday; will miss the wedding he might have to go to Philadelphia and New York to be admitted to the Supreme Court; asks for Miss McKim's address. Envelope with stamp removed, postmark, and seal addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 37** No place, no date

Note from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson saying that he is mailing a letter to her mother by first mail and asks her to remind her mother that a year will "intervene, a long to me." Envelope with no stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Nicholson.

**Folder 38** No place, no date

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson complaining that after many weeks of fine weather, it is raining hard on the day of his and Mr. Scharff's excursion on his yacht; will leave for a sail on the Savana and hopes to stop in Annapolis at least by Saturday evening; hope to take her and her family on a "little trip"; Mr. Scharff sends his best. Envelope with stamp removed and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 39** 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, Wednesday

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson understanding why she will not write letters on Sunday; will accompany Harriet Lane from New York to Philadelphia and return to same day to be at work; could not see her Uncle Peter; was part of an agreeable party arranged by Harriet Lane on the U.S. Revenue cutter H. Lane to West Point; Miss Mason, on the trip, says she is not engaged to Mr. Wright; an old friend Lieut. Saxton to accompany him back to New York; hopes she is having a great visit with Misses Mary and Margie; Mr. Stoeckl brought "the Malachites" jewelry to him; and asks her to visit West Point with him, if she is well enough; business is slow just now. Envelope with stamp removed and New-York postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 40** Washington, D.C., 11 January 1859



Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson acknowledging her mother's letter and hopes Mary is better now; saw her father in the Senate and enjoyed the ride from Annapolis but avoided the cold station; went skating on the canal and asks if she has ever learned; had to attend an unpleasant reception; has not seen the Ingrahams or Dr. Dan, nor as he written Mr. Scharff; sends regards to her mother and Miss Em. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 41** Washington, D.C., 13 January 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson recounting the President's disapproval of James Buchanan Henry's engagement to Mary because James Buchanan Henry did not consult him first; James Buchanan Henry has come to terms with it, but apparently Mary has heard rumors; James Buchanan Henry is confident that James Buchanan has forgotten since they are on good terms once more. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 42** Washington, D.C., Friday, 14 January 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing happiness that he did not get a letter from her because she must be better; took Miss Lane and Mrs. Craig to Mrs. [Thomson's] party and Florence Bayard inquired about her; did not attend a party at Secretary Thompson's because the ladies did not attend; will go by Dr. Dan's to find out about her health; he has heard nothing from the Ingrahams; and implores her to take care of herself. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 43** Washington, D.C., 15 January 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson saying he will not answer her letter for a few days while he ponders her decision even though he disagrees with her; glad she is better; and sends a bouquet via her father. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 44** Washington, D.C., 21 January 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson worrying because he had not received a letter; neither have liked his letters lately; is provoked now because he is unable to visit her on the weekend because he must escort Mrs. Craig to a party planned by Count Sartiges; rants because he is not his own master; Miss Nina [Nord's or Woods] married Mr. Boyce at 7:00 a.m. and are going to Havana; Miss Mary Bright's engagement to Mr. Lawrason Riggs, a widower and brother of George Riggs of Riggs & Co., is a good one; heard Piccolomini sing, liked her personality but had an ordinary voice; and is looking forward to meeting her friends. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care of John L. McKim, Esq. Baltimore.

**Folder 45** Washington, D.C., 25 January 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson begging for longer letters to sustain him; hopes to visit Baltimore with Mr. Scharff, his wedding looming near; Miss Bright will be married in a small ceremony with 150 guests; teasing her by asking if she is flirting with Mr. Randolph and he will send Mr. Magraw to spy upon her; did not go to Com.



Wilkes "tea fight"; mentions Miss Emily, the Ingrahams, and the parties of Mrs. Grim and Lady Napier; will get her a ticket to the Great Ball if she wishes; solicits her mother's news in the next letter. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care of John L. McKim, Esq. Baltimore.

**Folder 46a** Washington, D.C., 28 January 1859

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

**Folder 46b** Washington, D.C., 3 January 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson apologizing for not having written on the 1st but he was busy preparing and attending the Diplomatic and Public reception with all the military men in uniform; Napoleon looked especially sharp; at midnight the "great unwashed" were allowed in; after 2 a.m. Mrs. Craig and he visited about 12 people and he drank too much; Captain Ingraham was at Sartige's party even though he can't stand mourning, but the girls looked good in black; Miss Emily will visit the girl's soon and MHN's mother will visit Washington soon; Dr. Dan had not been in Annapolis lately, leading James Buchanan Henry to surmise that all was well in the Nicholson family; has agreed to be Mr. Scharff's groomsman and implores him to save his money; thinks her cousin Phil Vorhees is very accommodating and won't "trespass" on his goodness often; wishes to know what she did on New Year's Day and thanks her for "returning" Mr. Scharff to him.

**Folder 47** Washington, D.C., 4 February 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson looking for her next letter; hopes she enjoyed her last party; Piccolomini is singing, but he is not going to hear her; visited her sister Emily but she was out; the Ingrahams told him to Mary and Miss Margie were coming to town for a few days; list all the parties he hates to attend including Miss Saunders' ball; General Cass's dinner; the Douglas's ball; Mrs. Riggs' & Mrs. Merricks' ball; and a reception at the President's; still has a cold; infers she is the reason for his appreciating life more; Dr. Dan is flitting about on the social circuit; hopes Dr. Dan will find a "sweet little aunt" at Belvidere; the Scharffs are enjoying married life; Bob Magraw returned to Baltimore; the Cobbs and others on the Rev. Cutter's expeditions dropped in on the Scharffs; and James Buchanan Henry will take to Scharffs to a reception and a large State dinner. Envelope with postmark and removed stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, care John S. McKim, Esq, Baltimore.

**Folder 48** Washington, D.C., 5 February 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson apologizing for the short note; his cold is still with him; visited her sister Emily and she might go to the Douglas's Party; will be at a large dinner tonight and hope to talk to the Scharffs since his office and his wife keep him busy; hopes to open an office in Newark and will stay with the Scharffs in





New York; eagerly awaits her Philadelphia letter; the Scharffs attending the Douglas and the Senator Seward Parties; and says he tries to not be too envious at their happiness. Envelope with postmark and removed stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, care John S. McKim, Esq, Baltimore

**Folder 49** Washington, D.C., 16 March 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson hoping that in the absence of some demand by the President, he will see her tomorrow. Envelope addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson.

**Folder 50** Philadelphia, Friday [25 March 1859]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson saying he is preparing to leave Philadelphia and wonders what his life would be like had he never left the city, but the two years in Washington has given him standing in the world; hobnobbing with his friend Sam Pleasant (with him he is staying), Judge Cadwalader, and his Uncle Edward; her mother is much better since leaving Annapolis. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 51** Lancaster, Pa., 31 March 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson detailing his travels from Philadelphia, to Harrisburg, and then to Lancaster and possibly New York unless detained by orders of the President; feels closer to her since he knows that the waters of the Susquehanna flowing by him now will soon enter the Chesapeake Bay and then flow by her in Annapolis; jokes about writing long letters; found her mother in good spirits after seeing her in Philadelphia; is writing from the home of James B. Lane (Harriet Lane's brother) in Lancaster where all are kind, but he doesn't like Lancaster and longs to be in New York; has plans to see both her mother and her soon; needs to be in New York on 4 March to be admitted to the bar. Envelope with stamp, postmark, and damaged seal addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 52** Lancaster, Pa., 1 April 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson complaining that he is still stuck in this "one-horse" town, held there by the President's request that he collect a number of interest due in the city and county because many are reluctant to pay their bills; he may be required to hire a horse and buggy and collection money like a country lawyer; must satisfy "Uncle"; hopes she felt consoled by her father's news and expects to find her mother is good spirits when he visits her in Philadelphia; is sad because one of his best friends lost his job because of the economy.

**Folder 53** Philadelphia, 2 April 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson saying he left Lancaster this morning and arrived in Philadelphia in time for breakfast and to transact some business for the President and himself; her mother is improving but was disturbed at the inference that his lack of writing meant he didn't love Mary as much as he ought; will be in New York today; asks if the Napiers are happy that the Curaçao had arrived and that Lord Lyons





likes Madeira to much; and asks who is chasing “that German baron.” Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 54** 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, 1 June 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing sadness at the death of the young Mrs. Murray; thinks being at the deathbed of one of God’s holy ones would be purifying and elevating; glad that she and her mother arrived home safely after a pleasant journey to Baltimore; pretends jealousy over Mr. Taylor, but he will like him because she does; is amused at Aunt Louisa’s offer for Uncle Alex and her to accompany them on their honeymoon; only one month before their wedding and a year after their engagement; will send his “likeness” as soon as possible. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 54a** 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, 3 June 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson saying that he and Mr. Schell will be dining at Judge Roosevelt’s; enjoyed the fancy regatta but regrets the troublesome yacht that was just delivered; vows to give up sailing forever because of it; will send a gold locket he has bought for her and will write tomorrow on the anniversary of their engagement. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 55** Jersey City, Sunday 5 June 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing elation on the first anniversary of their engagement under the blessing of God; and sent a locket with his picture. Envelope with postmark and removed stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson Care Cool. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 56** 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, 10 June 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson trying to quiet her anxiety over the many rumors flying about the date of their wedding; Mrs. Bright could be the culprit, but certainly not Harriet Lane; comments on Miss Margie’s supposed blushing; would welcome Mr. Taylor; and assumes her mother’s health is good since Mary made no mention of it in her last letter. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 57** 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, 13 June 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson apologizing profusely for his last letter after she reported that Harriet Lane had told Mrs. Bright the date and Mrs. Bright spread the news; he promises to write Mrs. Bright and straighten everything out; was happy she was not in any danger on the *Rainbow* and recalls her calm reaction when her father fell off James Buchanan Henry’s boat. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 58** 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, 15 June 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson apologizing again for his comments about Mrs. Bright and has apologized to her and hopes she will spread no more rumors;



regrets their long separation and hopes to see her soon; asks after the McKims; is thinking of having Lieutenant Saxton as his groomsman and must have Bob Magraw and General Ward at the wedding; Mr. Scharff is much happier after marriage than before and James Buchanan Henry looks forward to the same fate; mentions the Misses McKim, Miss Emily, and Dr. Raines, who has just been granted the ferry lines in Rio, which should result in a tidy fortune for him. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 59** 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, 17 June 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing happiness that both he and she have improved their health; has asked Uncle Edward to perform the ceremony probably in August since she preferred her uncle Mr. Nelson but wished not to embarrass her regular Pastor Mr. Davenport; must write "that letter" to James Buchanan to attend the wedding since his brother will be officiating; also wrote Harriet Lane, who denies telling Mrs. Bright about the wedding plans and promises only to say that the wedding will be sometime in the autumn; will ask Uncle Edward when he passes through New York after taking his son to West Point if he will be available either the first or second week of August. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 60** 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, 23 June 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing anticipation towards upcoming nuptials; has not seen her for a long time; Uncle Edward has not replied about performing the ceremony; Scharff gives permission; met with Bob Magraw and talked about old times in Washington. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 61** 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, Tuesday, 5 July 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing his elation that the wedding is almost here and he can call her "wife"; is concerned with the wedding details such as his garment and the invitations; hopes that she will vanquish "our enemy," her illness soon; wrote the President a "very dutiful but strong" letter but has not heard his reply; his business is improving; had a very cold July 4; approves her keeping Miss Emily out of "the plot" and disapproves of a priest acting "in that way." Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 62** 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, 22 July 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson explaining he has been advised to live in Manhattan instead of Staten Island to live among and solicit business from New Yorkers but that will make living there much more expensive and asks her if she can manage a household on \$100 a month, excluding rent; the Scharffs get by with considerably less; after a few years his improving income should require less restraint. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 63** 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, 1 August 1859



Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson exited that the time is near and much for both to do; he is completing negotiations for their house; he can hardly wait; will arrive in Annapolis on Friday so as to stay out of the way; very sorry that “the girls’ find fault with Mr. Magraw, but he is a good friend of James Buchanan Henry and will be at the wedding; hopes they will not slight him; thinks she will like the house; Mr. Cope will be the first groomsman and is pleased that Miss Emily will stand with Mr. Magraw; not too upset by Dr. Gleichen’s behavior; asks her to send invitations to Dr. and Mrs. Yates, John Yates, Esq, Charles Yates, and Mr. and Mrs. Dunham, all of Meadville, Crawford County, Pa., his cousins. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 64** Washington, D.C., Friday [6 August 1858] (from back of envelope)  
Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson trying to make arrangements to visit her; is excited about the success of the laying of the trans-Atlantic cable; will check to see if her Aunt Louisa is visiting Dan. Envelope with postmark, stamp, and wax seal almost intact addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 65** Washington, D.C., 4 January 1859  
Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson commenting on the “small card” he sent ahead of this letter; expresses his utter happiness when thinking of her; Congress reconvened with the Senate moving into its new hall; the capital gets water for the first time via aqueduct; has a rare night off; goes to Judge Campbell’s Party while Harriet, Mrs. Craig, and Miss Magraw go to a concert; waxes romantic about a photograph of her; will be in Mr. Scharff’s wedding; comments on her father and mother; and expects a long letter in return and hopes to see her Saturday. Envelope with postmark, stamp, and wax seal almost intact addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 66** Washington, D.C., 20 January 1859  
Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson trying to avoid addressing strongly his independence of Uncle and will leave his current position as scheduled; missed her letter and will check at the post office; Mrs. Judge Roosevelt is visiting and Mrs. Craig is charming as ever. Envelope addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 67** [1859]  
Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson imploring her not to request him to write less often and not to do so herself; refers to her as his guardian spirit since he was orphaned at an early age and reared by relatives; talked with Leila as they strolled on the White House Grounds and talked about her; jokingly implores her not to jump into the Severn after hearing of the engagement of Dr. Harrison; his boat the *Savana* will be launched soon and he looks forward to sailing with her. Envelope with postmark, stamp, and wax seal intact addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland. Date from postmark.

**Folder 68** Washington, D.C., [1859]



Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson relating the contents of a letter from Mr. Scharff and hopes others can join him in Baltimore; has not seen Miss Emily yet. Envelope addressed to Miss Nicholson, Care John L. McKim, Esq., Baltimore. Date from postmark.

**Folder 69a** Washington, D.C., Friday, January 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson saying he will not write much but will “save up” things to talk about when he sees her tomorrow; attended another horrid dinner, but tonight is quiet; he will not be going to Florida for the wedding of Mr. Scharff since they will come directly to Washington after their wedding; complains the mud in Washington while there is the snow in Annapolis and elsewhere; he and her father will travel together. Envelope addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 69b** Washington, D.C., 6 January 1859

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson bemoaning his having to attend dull and very late parties, including that of Mrs. Thompson’s, where the room was so hot a man fainted; her uncle Dan was flirting with Miss Kennedy; has tickets to a fancy affair; saw her father and Mr. Voorhees; teased Miss Felton about West Point, but Miss Marian Ramsey was belle of the evening; and hopes to see her on Saturday.

**Folder 70** Washington, D.C., [1859]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson expressing dismay that she is sick from her mother’s last letter; she was well enough to add a postscript to the letter; did not enjoy the rather large reception while thinking of her; required to take the “ladies” to a to Governor Floyd’s reception and other one tomorrow though he is not happy in “this sort of miserable sort of life I am compelled by his position to lead”; assures her that she will make a speedy recovery as a result of her mothers’ nursing. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland. Date from postmark.

**Folder 71** Washington, D.C., [1859]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson recounting his quick thinking when receiving from the coachman a bouquet meant for her but having to give it to Miss Givins; Dr. Dan will take Miss Grace of Baltimore and perhaps meet Miss Scott; the Ingrahams indicate that Miss Emily will return this week; expects to be admitted to the bar in a week or two in Philadelphia and New York; and appreciates Uncle Alex’s treatment of Mr. McSill. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 72** 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, Friday, [13 January 1860]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson enclosing a check to cover her fare to Philadelphia and expressed to her a mink cape as her Christmas present, obtained at a bargain; it was meant to keep her warm on her upcoming trip. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. B. Henry, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 73** Oxford, Pa., Sunday night [15 June]



Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson detailing his delay in getting there; got Dody shoes, and tried to visit Cousin Lodi, Fanny Smith, and Fanny Randall; saw Miss Carver and saw her portrait painted by Indigiani; mentions cousins Alice and Anne, Mr. Crawford, and Mrs. Robinette and nieces; goes from Lancaster and Greensburg before returning to Annapolis; and sends best wishes to her parents. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan, care of Dr. Wm. C. Anderson, Stapleton. Both letter and envelope heavily water damaged with parts missing.

**Folder 74** Annapolis, Maryland, [1 November after 1872]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson commenting on her aunt's letter stating that both mother and child are doing well; sent a letter to a friend enclosing a photograph; the German of Parker was successful and Jessie stayed until late; visited Miss McKenzie and likes her very much; shot a rabbit and partridge; sending her a paper from Orvis in Jacksonville who published part of James Buchanan Henry's letter; and the economy is so poor that he will not fill any orders but hopes next year will be better. Envelope with postmark addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Care Dr. W. C. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York. Both letter and envelope heavily water damaged rendering parts unreadable.

**Folder 74a** Annapolis, Maryland, [after 1 November 1872]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson discussing his trying to close down the business; had a letter from Mr. Parker; was sorry to hear of Dody's music but happy that he is having a good time; the Murray Chestons visited; spoke to Commander Schley; asked Bridgett to let Elizabeth, Dody's old nurse, know that he was in New York; weather is warm and dry; and Commander Parker and wife are visiting.

**Folder 75** Annapolis, Maryland, [after 1872]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson looking forward to the birth of their son and hoping the event will draw them closer; mentions Mr. Parker, the Hermans, Mr. Gershing, Mr. Gettings, Captains Breese, Custus, and Greer, and Morgan; sprucing of the old Packing House; mentions that his sight is not too bad. Letter heavily water damaged rendering parts unreadable.

**Folder 76** Annapolis, Maryland, 2 July [after 1877]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson describing a stroll around the area of Lake George where he is staying, including widow Wing's brownstone house they had admired, prices in the general store for Aunt Sidney's amusement, details of Lake House, where he is lodged; Dody is with him and taking lessons in French and addition; catalogs a number of guests he knows; misses his wife and children; and comments of the greenness of Gull Island. Envelope addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, care Dr. Anderson, Stapleton, Richmond Co. Both heavily damaged by water with parts missing.

**Folder 77** Oxford, [after 1876]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson hoping his yacht will be up to speed when he takes her out; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, Alice, and Harriet will accompany him to the





regatta. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry care Dr. W. C. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York. Badly water damaged.

**Folder 78** Philadelphia, [1876]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson saying he enjoyed the ride over the new road; the Cassatts moved to the country, and Cousin Alice was in Oxford; visited an old lady, [Mrs.] Platt, who was changed as much as Miss Hetty; will visit Cousin Alice; is well and misses his family. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, care, Dr. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York. Both envelope and letter badly water damaged with bits missing along edge.

**Folder 79** Philadelphia, [1876]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson stating that he misses his family; attended the Centennial Exhibition; sorry that Mr. Cassatt is spending too much money and that his family will suffer; Delia's liver is all right; Alice is a terrible wreck but claims to be well now; likes Alice's and Jessie's husbands; will visit Uncle Edward over the weekend; seems to compare the Centennial Exhibition unfavorably with the shops on Broadway; did not bother to see Presidents Hayes and Grant; did not see Mrs. Stokes; and sends his best to Aunt Sidney. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, care Dr. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York. Both letter and envelope moderately water damaged with some pieces missing.

**Folder 80** Annapolis, Maryland, 8 July 1873

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson agreeing with her that they should be separated less often but circumstances might decide otherwise; Mr. Parker hasn't written about his business trip but should when he reaches his home in Guelph, Canada; if he feels well he will embark on a two- to three-week vacation to Lake George, visiting Uncle Edward on the way; he will bring some of his goods to Staten Island to be shipped to Australia; asks about Henry Thieriot; likes matrimony; wonders if Mrs. Muney or Mrs. Meade will be at Lake George; implores her to exert her authority on Dody in a way to gain his everlasting respect; went to a Party on a cool piazza and a moonlight row on the bay; mentions Mrs. Southgate and Mrs. Magruder. Envelope postmark with stamp removed addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, care Dr. Wm. C. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York. Light staining on letter and envelope.

**Folder 81** Brooks House, Brattleboro, Vermont, Sunday, [3 August] 1873

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson expressing disappointment that her health keeps her from accompanying him on their summer trip, but will continue on his present trip going from Lake George by train to Boston, then by ship to Portland and visit Mt. Desert; mentions the heat in Brattleboro and dislikes the town; misses her very much. On hotel stationery. Envelope [yellow] hotel address with postmark and stamp removed.

**Folder 82** Falmouth Hotel, Portland, Maine Tuesday [12 August] 1873





Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson giving particulars on his cruise from Boston to Portland; misses the family very much and would enjoy the trip much more if the family were there; will write to Mr. Parker. On hotel stationery. No envelope.

**Folder 83** Annapolis, Maryland, 6 November 1873

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson expressing sorrow that she is so weak after giving birth but he is looking for a nurse; weather cold and snowy; will try to find rooms for a getaway; is very pleased with the election in Maryland since Democrats made a clean sweep; comments on the Panic of 1873 in New York and elsewhere, both Parkers having great losses and he is shipping but a few fresh oysters now. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, care Dr. W. C. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York. Both letter and envelope heavily water stained.

**Folder 84** Annapolis, Maryland, 11 November 1873

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson saying that he received her two last letters and glad that she and the child are well and flourishing; thinks he might have a touch of malaria and is taking medication; Mrs. Magruder is in bed with no broken bones; admonishes her get strong soon; Mr. and Mrs. Ray (newly weds) have taken possession of their house; will be in NC for a while. Envelope with postmark and stamp removed addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, care Dr. W. C. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York.

**Folder 85** Oxford, 31 May 1874

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson observing that Mr. Magruder is reluctant to complete a deal on furniture; Mr. Parker writes that the Williams Co. cannot pay its dividend and James Buchanan Henry hopes to sell out soon; the yacht will have steam and he will head to New York and Staten Island soon; David is home from school and Alice is ailing but the child is keeping Louisa busy. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, care Dr. W. C. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York, with moderate water damage.

**Folder 86** Annapolis, Maryland, Tuesday, [25 September 1874]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson stating that his Packing business is so bad he will sell when he has a chance; Jessie visited the Parkers, where Miss Fanny Donaldson and Miss Parker were guests; E. W. Parker accompanied James Buchanan Henry to see Mrs. Southgate; is glad that Miss Susie is visiting her; Mr. Parker has not settled on a house in Annapolis; Mrs. Parker is in London; looking forward to seeing her in ten days; likes Mrs. Sidney's coffee. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, care Dr. W. C. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York.

**Folder 87** Annapolis, Maryland, Saturday [8 November 1874]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson expressing sorrow that she is sick and hopes she can produce enough milk for the their son; thinks he will look like her when a little older; upset that he has to leave for Currituck a day before the amateur theatrical in which "Mr. Randall & Mr. McIlvain & possibly Randy Hagner" will take part; Miss Susie wrote a nice letter and will with others spend a few days; frustrated that a nurse for the



baby is so hard to find, his preferring an Annapolis woman to a Staten Island woman because the latter might get "house sick"; Miss Daly might be able to help; happy that she has heard from Cousin Annie, Harriet, and Alice; fears the economic conditions will get worse and the poor will suffer greatly; his business partner, Mr. Parker, is very gloomy about the future; ends on a melancholy note. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, care Dr. W. C. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York. Date from postmark.

**Folder 88** Annapolis, Maryland, Thursday [29 October 1874]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson giving his itinerary to Annapolis; wants to hear more from the new baby; her picture pleases every and will sent one to Dody; there were Parties for those attached to the Academy and a separate one for the town ladies; Miss Mason married Lieut. Lessing; Johnny Randall and his brother-in-law will accompany him to Currituck. Badly water damaged. Envelope with postmark and stamp detached, badly water damaged, addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, care Dr. W. C. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York. Date from postmark.

**Folder 88a** Annapolis, Maryland, Wednesday, [4 November 1874]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson expressing gratitude for her aunt's letter giving some details of hers and the baby's health; laments that the poor financial climate has stopped sales of anything from his business; lost his stud again; recounts a little of the social events of the season including events held at the Southgates' and Randalls'; Dody is not applying himself very much. Date from postmark.

**Folder 88b** Annapolis, Maryland, Monday, [9 November 1874]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson saying that "the party" is delaying their trip to Currituck for a week because of events in Annapolis; visited Mrs. Magruder and describes her accident; might find a Black nurse for the baby; wants to see his family; gives regards to Miss Magruder; and asks about her bank account. Center of pages badly water-stained. Envelope with postmark and stamp removed, left side badly water damaged, addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, care Dr. W. C. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York. Date from postmark.

**Folder 89** Hamilton Hotel, Bermuda, 6 February 1875

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson describing his departure from Staten Island to the Battery of Manhattan to board a ship to Bermuda; describes in detail the rough voyage through the Gulf Stream; describes his first view of the island and then a lengthy description of the horticulture and other aspects of the island; among his acquaintances along the way were Frank, who saw him off; a German gentleman who almost missed the boat; Mr. Murphy; the Gulerbridges; Mr. O and his uncle Harvey, Ellie, Miss Lollie O, Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. Bullafus and Miss Lotte and Mrs. Beille; and Aunt Sidney. Some fading throughout. Envelope with address of Hamilton Hotel, Jno W. Dodge & Harnett, Bermuda back flap detached, no stamp, with Hamilton postmark addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York.



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### **Folder 90**   Hamilton Hotel, Bermuda, 9 February 1875

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson saying that he is sending this letter via the Brig Excelsior but thinks he might not reach her; jokes about being born a century earlier; extols the hotel and its food as well as its ability to restore people to health in spite of the disagreeable climate; guests at the hotel have had no news from the outside world in 12 days; is tired of Bermuda and will try to go to Jamaica or Havanna; and long-staying guests have their families with them. Some fading throughout. Envelope with address of Hamilton Hotel, Jno W. Dodge & Harnett, Bermuda, no stamp, and New York postmark addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York.

### **Folder 91**   Hamilton Hotel, Hamilton, Bermuda, 12 February 1875

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson reporting that he has two ships can carry his letters to her; comments on his improved health, his walking, and the climate; likes the beauty of the islands but wishes to see some in the West Indies, such as Jamaica or Cuba; will have to write a draft for more money; wonders about the health of Esther [Purenett ]; looks forward to hers and Dody's letters after a month of silence; wishes well to her father, [Allen] and Maud; and hopes to be home by 1 April at the latest. Envelope with address of Hamilton Hotel, Jno W. Dodge & Harnett, Bermuda, no stamp, and New York postmark addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York.

### **Folder 92**   Hamilton Hotel, Hamilton, Bermuda, 12 February 1875

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson sending her this one as a backup of the previous one via another ship; likes the islands and his rowing, even with the sudden showers and little sunshine; a German from Philadelphia is his best companion; the hotel hosts such luminaries as the Surgeon General of the 20th Regiment and a colonial secretary; Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield had his name added to the books of the Bermuda Yacht Club; really likes the walks because of the views of the sea and the vegetation; and still wants to visit other islands. Envelope with address of Hamilton Hotel, Jno W. Dodge & Harnett, Bermuda, no stamp, 6 cents and New York postmark addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York.

### **Folder 93**   Hamilton Hotel, Hamilton, Bermuda, 25 February 1875

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson lamenting his boredom, with the only excitement being the arrival of a steamer; his longing for a letter from her, even though the boat with the letter had trouble docking; replies to news from her letter including news of Dody, little Esther's passing, her father Will Buchanan's and Bib Christy' grief; wants her to handle some financial affairs; wanted to go to other islands but the weather is too hot; made the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith of Watertown; hopes Mr. Gray is called to the church; Lollie Outerbridge reports that Mr. Cartwright is interim Pastor; mentions Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield and Terrie Roosevelt, the Murphys, Mr. Perrsett, Mr. Ball, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Magruder; the climate is warm and damp with little variation in temperature and many cloudy days; describes the island with its many



plants, the results of a series of soundings showing that Bermuda is a coral island; is enamored by the variation of colors in the sea and of the scenery in general; hasn't bathed in the harbor because of his rheumatism; sends greetings to her father, Aunt Sidney, Willie, Frank, his son, Miss Outerbridge; hopes to be home very soon. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Care of W. C. Anderson Stapleton, Staten Island, New York no stamp, New York postmark; Per Steamship Carrissa in upper left corner.

**Folder 94** Newburgh, New York, Thursday 8 July [1875]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson detailing troubles with his yacht and his proposed visits to Mr. Gray and Mr. Prusett; Bob seems to be growing up. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Care Dr. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island NY, stamp removed, Newburgh, NY, postmark.

**Folder 95** Newport, Rhode Island, Saturday [24 July 1875]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson mentioning the heat on his yacht and the departure of Col. Thompson and his loneliness; asks her to see if Mr. Pursett will come; hopes to see her in a few days. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Staten Island NY, stamp removed, Newport, RI postmark; water-stained and faded, some mold damage.

**Folder 96** Newport, Rhode Island, Tuesday, 28 [July 1875]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson mentioning his happiness that Dick delivered her letter and for the information Charlie obtained from Mrs. Townsend; Mrs. Magruder will send Dody by train from New York to Newark; hopes to be home soon; friendships hard to make in Newport because everyone lives in cottages; thinks Col. Thompson might be ill; had a great sail to Providence and might go to Block Island next; Mr. Schmidt sent Mr. Winan of Baltimore to look at the yacht but seems uninterested in buying it; Cousin Will Buchanan is too ill to come; and only one beautiful woman in Newport. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York, stamp and postmark; water stained and faded, some mold damage.

**Folder 97** 14 Wall St., [New York], NY, 28 July 1875

Letter from J. B. Henry to [Emilie] replying to her disturbing account of Dody's stay with her and hoping he will turn into a "worthy and happy man"; hopes such visits will draw the family together; will take the family to Lake George; includes the final payment for Dody's expenses.

**Folder 98** Oxford, Friday, 6 August [1875]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson talking about being with his yacht all day; that Uncle Edward is well; Aunt is visiting the Lodis; Cousin Alice seems about the same; they wish he had brought her and the baby; Dody comes tomorrow for the weekend; has trouble keeping awake when company arrives; has not heard from Mr. Parker or Mr. Magruder; hopes Frank will tell James Davis that he would like to attend his wedding; and the birds are singing even as the morning mists hang on the fields. Envelope disintegrating with postmark and loose stamp addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan



Henry care of Dr. W. C. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, NY; both letter and envelope show water stains and some disintegration.

**Folder 99** University Hotel, Princeton, New Jersey, Friday, [18 March 1877]  
Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson describing the hotel in which he and Dody are residents for a week apparently seeking treatment for a serious disease of Dody's; Dody meets an old classmate who offers to show him around; embarrassed for having to keep Dody away from children on the train; reflects on "the great cycle of time"; misses her and their two children. Water damage through the middle of the letter. Only back flap and a few other fragments of envelope remain.

**Folder 100** University Hotel, Princeton, New Jersey, Thursday [22 March 1877]  
Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson detailing his plans to come home; thinks Dody is doing well; and asks her father if he should be quarantined for a few days. Envelope with printed return address of hotel, math on the back, postmark and loose stamp addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, care Dr. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York. Both water stained.

**Folder 101** University Hotel, Princeton, New Jersey Monday 19 [March] 1877  
Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson hoping to come home tomorrow; Dody seems to be improving; weather is bitterly cold; Dody met a student from his school; heard Dr. [McCash] deliver a sermon; met Sam Rideout, a theological student from Australia and saw Mr. and Mrs. Allen, whose son is at the seminary; both like the food. Envelope return address of hotel, postmark, stamp removed; both water-stained with some loss of text.

**Folder 102** Bolton, NY, 4 July 1877  
Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson describing very good weather but the piles have him unable to do much; describes some hotels and houses in the area; Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Minnie, and the youngest sister arrived last night; hopes she and the baby are well; Dody has academic lessons but he has blotches on his face, speaks hoarsely, and is fat; laments that he had been a handsome child.

**Folder 103** Bolton, NY, [July 1877]  
Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson asking after her health and reporting that his is very good; mentions the Thierlots and sermon of Caldwell but Bishop is better; describes several places for the family to stay if Louisa is well enough to travel, will await her decision; hopes the yacht for a friend is being shipped; asks for pictures of the children and describes the beauty of the night. With envelope. Both water-stained with some loss of text.

**Folder 104** Bolton, NY, 15 July 1877  
Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Richmond County, New York, postmark and loose stamp. Both badly water stained with some mold with one half page missing and text missing in extant parts; so badly damaged as to be virtually unreadable.





**Folder 105** Annapolis, Maryland, Wednesday, [19 November 1877]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson announcing that he arrive on the train with Mr. and Mrs. Southgate and Mrs. Harrison; not feeling very well; Mr. and Mrs. Magruder are well; Dr. [Rideout] called this morning; and has seen Parker and the building of his new house. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York postmarked with stamp removed. Both water-stained.

**Folder 106** 1877

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson. Badly water damaged with missing text, virtually unreadable. Envelope in a number of pieces with only a small Part of the address and postmark readable.

**Folder 107** Watch Hill, Thursday morning, 9 July [1879]

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson reporting that the two children, Syd and Rob, are well but Ellen declines to take Rob to her meals; arrived in Watch Hill and settled in Watch Hill House with everything fine except the price; leaving for Newport and hopes to have the entire family together soon; and includes meal times. Envelope with printed return address, postmark, one attached stamp and one loose stamp addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Richmond Co., New York.

**Folder 108** Watch Hill, 7 July 1879

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson lamenting her absence and looks forward to her and the other children's arrival; is sad over the passing of Miss Carrie and her leaving of young children; asks Frank and her to clear up some office matters; had no preacher at church and has made arrangements for laundry; and gives regards to Aunt Sidney, the children, the Doctor, and Frank. Envelope with printed return address, addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, rest of address faded. Both letter and envelope badly water stained rendering much of text illegible.

**Folder 109** Watch Hill, Westerly, Rhode Island, 10 July 1879

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson lamenting the fact that Dody had been dismissed from St. Stephen's School and begins to doubt if Dody will contribute much to society; looks forward to her joining him, two of the children and Ellen the nanny soon; Ellen misses her child; is unhappy about having to provide board for Schell and plans to dismiss him and seek a local man; sends love to the family and includes of copy of President Garrett's letter dismissing Dody from school. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Richmond Co., New York. With loose stamp and postmark. Some water stains.

**Folder 110** Newport Harbor, 24 July 1879

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson detailing his harrowing experience during a sudden storm with Colonel Thompson and Dick; Col. Thompson had a bad case of sunburn and left to see a doctor in New York; and Mr. Lowell's yacht is anchored near his. Envelope with postmark and two loose stamps addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan,





Care Dr. Anderson, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York. Letter badly water-stained with most text extremely faded; envelope had slight staining.

**Folder 111** Watch Hill, 2 August 1879

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson expressing his sadness of the sudden illness of her father; comments on the illness of someone else; had Jamie for meals and he was good; Ellen's baby has whooping cough, but not to worry; and will come home if needed. Envelope with postmark and loose stamp addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Richmond Co., New York. Some water damage and missing text on both letter and envelope.

**Folder 112** Watch Hill, 4 August 1879

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson telling her that her latest letter had not arrived and that he was greatly concerned about her father's illness; Robbie was a good boy sitting by his side and eating in the regular dining room; awaiting her instructions as to whether she and the children will return; Dody might go to college; sailing and weather are good; Cousin Annie is going to Atlantic City; Dr. King feels better; Aunt Sidney has been affected by Dr. Anderson's illness; Frank might not go to the Navy; Dr. Vanderpoel will have to deal with any yellow fever outbreak and Dr. [Eradeaton] is on vacation. Envelope with postmark and missing stamp addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Richmond Do, New York. Light water damage.

**Folder 113** Watch Hill, 5 August 1879

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson [Summary] After usual greetings, says he has telegraphed her that they will be home on Thursday because of scarlet fever in the area; asks her to arrange for children's care on a farm and is greatly concerned about the issue; is caring well for James and Ellen since Lulie has gone home; hoping that she can come back soon. Enclosed telegraph from Louis R. [Lege] that his baby has died of scarlet fever. Envelope in five pieces with postmark and three loose stamps [two from other envelopes]. Both have extensive water damage and much is illegible.

**Folder 114** New Bedford, Massachusetts, 20 August 1879

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson providing a menu to show that they are eating well; recounting his encounter with a major storm on the sea between Martha's Vineyard and Newport, Rhode Island, fearing for the lives of Ives, Shirley, and himself; they miraculously landed on a sandy beach and avoided the rocks; rescued, he made arrangements to reclaim the yacht; enjoyed the celebration at the yacht harbor with fireworks, his was the smallest yacht ; cites a number of yellow fever cases of Dr. [Leery] and Frank; hopes they are all right; gives love to her father, aunt, brother, and the children. Envelope has letterhead of Parker House, New Bedford addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Richmond Co, New York. With postmark and loose stamp. Both water damaged and letter has missing text.

**Folder 115** New Bedford, Massachusetts, 21 August 1879

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson saying that the yacht is being refitted but unsure when or if it will return; lengthy discussion of financial matters; Dody is with Mr.



[Shirley] in Tarpaulin Cove. 2 leaves unfolded. Envelope has letterhead of Parker House, New Bedford addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Richmond Co, New York. With postmark and stamp. Both are water damaged and letter has missing text.

**Folder 116** New Bedford, Massachusetts, 23 August 1879

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson discussing an article of Colonel Thompson to appear in the Gazette; money matters need a rest because of the expense of the yacht; is upset with his bad luck; Frank should know that the contract JHB prepared is with her father but that Mr. Kentgen knows its content and Mr. Rerens has a copy; hopes to take a trip with her in the autumn; advises the family to show understanding and compassion to Aunt Sydney in her weakened mental state. Envelope has letterhead of Parker House, New Bedford addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Richmond Co., New York with postmark and two stamps, one loose. Both water damaged and letter has missing text.

**Folder 117** Watch Hill, 8 September 1879

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson expressing satisfaction that things are going well at home; gives an account of his excursions of the last few days; comments on the unusually warm weather; visited a colonel to see Mrs. Wright, an old friend, but met only her three daughters and her husband; hoped to see Miss Dora but was disappointed; the Braytons, Bingham, and Ruevals left and not many people left; Randy could not come; hopes Frank is improving in health and business; some of Ives's relatives [ \_\_\_\_ ] visited the yacht; Captain Clark and granddaughter dropped by and she liked the picture of Jamie; hopes to be reunited soon; apparently Colonel Thompson's article was not published. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Richmond Co., New York with three postmarks and loose stamp. Letter water stained with some lost text; envelope water stained in three pieces.

**Folder 118** Steamship Saythia, 1200 miles from New York, 7 August 1881

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson remembering fondly the family's seeing him off; describes several of the passengers including ex-priest Grazi, Rev. Mr. Murray, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Osborne and mentions Frank Buchanan, his traveling companion; describes his sightings along the North American coast, the extreme heat aboard; the careful crew watching for icebergs; misses his family greatly; gets cold at the Great Banks; is not impressed with the passengers, especially the women and their "sea chairs"; outlines travel plans in Scotland; mentions great fog; and asks how Roger is doing. Envelope with two 2-pence stamps and no postmark addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Garden City, Long Island, New York, U. S. Both letter and envelope badly water stained with some loss of text.

**Folder 119** Grand Hotel, Paris, [France], 19 August 1881

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson detailing his disapproval of the English weather and decides to forgo Scotland and head to a better climate in France and Switzerland; vividly describes the weather along the English coast to Liverpool, the drive from Liverpool to Southampton, crossing the channel to Jersey and then to Brittany, the



drive from St. Malo to Paris, the new and old of Paris; and hopes to see Mr. Scharff in Geneva. Envelope with postmarks and stamp removed addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Garden City, Long Island, New York, USA. Letter badly water-stained with text missing; envelope water stained.

**Folder 120** Geneva, [Switzerland], 25 August 1881

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson describing the scene out of his hotel window; recounts his days in Paris including his illness; has seen none of his acquaintances; has bought Louisa a watch similar to his own and himself opera glasses; and mentions Mr. Scharff. Badly water-stained with missing parts. Envelope in several water-stained pieces with return address of A. F. Mathone, Geneve and postmarks of Geneva and New York, no stamp.

**Folder 121** Hotel Victoria, Interlaken, [Switzerland], 4 September 1881

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson expressing concern that she might have to face her father, now suffering from mental illness alone and will try to get home in time; describes the weather and possible future plans if he cannot book passage home earlier; heard a sermon in a Scots church; comments on the European view of President Garfield's assassination; and lists the gifts he is bringing back. Heavy water stains on second sheet with some loss of text. Envelope in several pieces with address missing, postmarks and stamp.

**Folder 122** Munich, Bavaria, 11 September 1881

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson reiterating his concern about her father's imminent arrival and his disappointment of not being able to be there to help; gives the remainder of his itinerary; vows never to travel again until she is by his side; dislikes Richard Wagner's music; instructs her to pay Dody's medical school bills; summaries his travel expenses and that of the family; comments on the falling stock market; will ask Mrs. Robson if Belle can come to them; hopes to see Frank in Nice; and speculates on berths for her father and Miss I to get them home sooner. Some staining and bits missing. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J Buchanan Henry, Garden City, Long Island, New York, America stained with some loss, postmark with stamp cut out.

**Folder 123** Hotel Great Bretagna via Torino, Milan, 21 September 1881

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson acknowledging receipt of her letters and one from Frank; outlines his plans for completing of his tour; comments on his health and plans to take the children on an outing; compares travel on the Danube to that of the Rhine; enjoys the company of a young, well-educated Polish gentlemen who accompanied him on a tour or Vienna, Trieste, and Venice; describes the lavishness of the Gondoliers' Regatta; comments on receiving her latest letters and on the death of Garfield and the accession of Arthur; and would like to pay Belle's expenses so that she might visit. A little staining on parts of the letter with slight loss of text. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Garden City, Long Island New York America postmark and partial stamp, second stamp of Hotel Grande Bretanga in two large pieces with heavy water damage and note in a later hand: Letters from Mr. Henry during his trip to Europe 1881.



**Folder 124** Paris, [France], 29 September 1881

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson expressing his shock of the change in weather from the south of France to the north; relates his time with Frank in Marsailles; recalls his conversation with Mrs. Post of Baltimore in Vienna; wrote to Belle and her mother; tells of his plans in London and will sail next week from Liverpool, either on a fast ship or a slow one; discusses his health and hopes a regular routine at home will help; saw an exposition and hopes to visit Mr. and Mrs. Blake and Anne McAndrew but not Mrs. Minton because his clothes are too shabby. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Garden City, (Long Island) New York, America, damaged with postmarks but stamp missing.

**Folder 125** Lake George, NY, 8 July 1882

Postcard from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson containing gossip about the place, mailing of letters, retrieving newspapers from Watch Hill, and the health of her father. Addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Stapleton, Richmond County, New York with postmark and printed stamp. Back of card badly faded and water damaged.

**Folder 126** Lake George, NY, 20 July 1882

Postcard from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson relating Will's maiden voyage of rowing and sailing and hopes to secure an item from Lily Price today. Addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Garden City, Long Island, NY with postmark and printed stamp.

**Folder 127** Lake George, NY, 23 July 1882

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson wondering why his mail has not reached her; Will and he went to church in Bolton and spoke to Jack Thumb; thinks Mr. Thumb is a miserable person and would like to be his share in the house there; Will is a very good child even if he spilled blueberry pie on his pants; likes the hotel, the food (except the beef), the owner, owner, and the guests, but not the mosquitoes; mentions Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler for Staten Island; dislikes the development around the lake; questions the slow delivery of mail; inquires about the household at home; recommends a "Bermuda colored man" to Miss Bleeker; inquires about Miss Taylor; and encloses a letter from Millie to Jamie. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Garden City, Long Island, New York with postmark but stamp missing.

**Folder 128** Lake George, NY, 27 July 1882

Postcard from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson saying he and Will plan to meet some friends on the island; both are well and Will is a great "little companion"; Mrs. Meade is on Big Nose but he hasn't seen her; asks her to send two postcards on the same day in the morning and in the evening to see which one arrives first; asks for the letter giving his times to Smithgate. Addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Garden City, Long Island, NY with postmark and printed stamp.

**Folder 129** Lake George, NY, 28 July 1882



Postcard from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson telling of his slight case of diarrhea with Pain keeping him indoors; and he has heard from Regie. Addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Garden City, Long Island, NY with postmark and printed stamp.

**Folder 130** Lake George, NY, 31 July 1882

Postcard from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson asking her to get tickets for Ives to visit Lake George and how to retrieve them from the company; and to distribute the Sunday School Papers to Kelsey, Hatfield, Will, Mrs. Poole, Sarah Allen, and [Drove]. Addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Garden City, Long Island, NY with postmark and printed stamp.

**Folder 131** Lake George, NY, 2 August 1882

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson responding to the news of the sick baby and is sorry for the robin's [bird] death; recounts his and Arthur and his daily rows and Will is building up his strength; comments on the dry weather; sends checks for Joe's expenses; hopes she will get the necessary tickets for Ives's visit and gives alternatives if she cannot; asks that the gun be left at home since hunting season is over; and gives his itinerary for returning home by sea. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Garden City, Long Island, NY. With postmark but stamp removed.

**Folder 132** 43 Broad Street, New York, NY, 14 August 1883

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson explaining the worsening condition of the stock market, but is somewhat optimistic; slept in the dining room of the Albany boat because a state room was not available; is sending a box of peaches home; will leave for Sag Harbor this afternoon; and asks that Ives have the *Louise* in prime order. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Marion House, Hill New PO, Lake George, Warren Co, NY. Letter slightly water damaged with no loss of text; envelope water stained with postmark, loss of stamp.

**Folder 133** Congress Hall, Saratoga Springs, NY, 19 August 1883

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson accounting for his movements; recounts the sudden death of Mr. Gray's young wife, the former Miss Gunther, at the Pequot Hotel; dislikes the "horsey" people at the Congress Hotel; strolled the area after church sampling the waters at several hotels; has had no news from home; gives directions for being picked up by Joe and mentions Miss Taylor. Hotel letterhead, some discoloration and small loss of text. Envelope with hotel imprint addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Marion House, Hill view PO, Lake George, New York, some staining with postmark and stamp detached.

**Folder 134** Lake House, 4 July 1884

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson detailing how to handle the problem of her late father's buggy which she and he loaned to Dr. Eggleston without Frank's (her brother and executor) knowledge; his new boat will be launched today; and mentions the children's homework. Hotel letterhead. Envelope with image of hotel, postmark and stamp removed addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Garden City, Queens Co., New York.





**Folder 135** Saratoga Springs, NY, 22 July 1884

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson updating the status of his “fever” including a visit to Dentist Dr. Ritch, whose diagnosis is bewildering; hopes to be home soon; sent a telegram as requested; his fate is in the hands of God and the doctors. Envelope with letterhead addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Hague PO, Warren County, New York with postmark and detached stamp.

**Folder 136** Saratoga Springs, NY, 23 July 1884

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson asking her to forward an enclosed letter of Ives to Mrs. Magruder; reports that he is better but still weak; is having Horace Barber to have his small boat sent for her use; hopes to be there early next week; got her first card the same day she sent it. Envelope with letterhead, postmark less two stamps addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Hillside House, Hague, Warren Co, New York.

**Folder 137** Saratoga Springs, NY, 24 July 1884

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson regretting to tell her that he is beginning to experience the recurrence of an old malady; but they will work through it together as they have before; wishes to be taken to Clifton Park and Dr. King if he gets no better; met Mr. Rhind on his walk; Mr. Purnett wrote; sends love to Miss Irving and the children. Envelope with letterhead, postmark less two stamps addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Hillside House, Hague, Warren Co, New York.

**Folder 138** Saratoga Springs, NY, 25 July 1884

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson agreeing that she should stay with the children unless he really needs her; plans to come to her on Monday; recalls other similar “attacks”; resolves to exercise more; tried to find the Rhinds’ cottage; has no appetite; is sending pictures to Will and Jamie; is taking too much medicine and three types of baths; compares this institute to the one at Clifton; and wants a better bed when he comes home to her. Envelope with letterhead, postmark less two stamps addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Hillside House, Hague, Warren Co, New York.

**Folder 139** Albany, NY, 29 December 1884

Letter from J. B. Henry to Louisa Anderson relating his stay with Mr. and Mrs. Phelps and their children, his tour of Albany, meeting with President-elect Cleveland and Mr. Andrews, Superintendent of Public Buildings; will look up Mr. and Mrs. de Sayells; and gives his schedule back to New York and/or Garden City. Envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry, Garden City, Queens Co., New York; postmarks with stamp removed. Extra envelope found within this folder with no letter attached, believed to have been an enclosure with original letter from Albany.

**Folder 140** Annapolis, Maryland, 2 December 1896

Letter from J. B. Henry to William Anderson giving in great detail the status and appearances of Willy, Jamie, Rob, Reggie, Sydney, Frank, and Dody; hopes he is well and happy; has written to Belle; saw Frank, Lena and his nieces in Washington; and





mentions that Reggie's face is much like his mother's. Envelope addressed to Mr. William E. Anderson, Bridgetown, Annapolis Co, Nova Scotia; postmarks and stamp.

**Folder 141** 253 McDougal St., 8 June 1889

Letter from J. B. Henry to William Anderson giving general details of the boys' final examinations at school and their preparations for going to Lake George; received an invitation to Virginia Douglas' wedding; has bought a house in Brooklyn to be occupied in the fall; hopes to find a suitable person to run it; received a letter from Frank in Bombay; mistaken about the 6 acres and water rights sold for \$5000; Mr. Owens wrote William about a property purchase; his stocks have done poorly of late; Mrs. Thomas is visiting but still has health issues; Belle and family are well; Mrs. R. will receive no more money from her husband's estate and will be in dire financial states; Miss Irving and the little boys are well; Dody is doing better and earning a salary; the family will visit the grave of Loulie; had a very wet and disastrous spring; visited with the Pleasant family and Miss Titus, and sees the Richardsons quite often. Envelope addressed to Mr. William E. Anderson, Bridgetown, Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia with postmark and stamp.

**Folder 142** Annapolis, Maryland, 24 February 1893

Letter from J. B. Henry to Signora Eleonora Duse Madawa in Italian in another hand apparently hand delivered. Letter folded twice with Signora Eleonora Duse written on last fold.

**Folder 143** 195 Broadway, New York, 28 February 1906

Telegram from J. B. Henry to Robert E. Henry offering heartiest congratulations on the most welcome news.

**Folder 144** 255 St. Anthony St, Mobile, Alabama, 13 April 1908

Letter from J. B. Henry to W. U. Hensel thanking him for the monograph and letter and defends President Buchanan's reputation and good works from the attacks of the Republican Party and is certain that his uncle's fifty years of public service will be recognized. Addressee from folder label.

**Folder 145** Various places, dates

Eight postcards from J. B. Henry, , addressed to Mrs. James Buchanan Henry from Albany, Glens Falls, and Ticonderoga, New York. Extremely water damaged and in pieces. None legible.

**Folder 146** Washington, D.C., No date

Envelope addressed to John S. McKim Esq, Baltimore, Maryland.

**Folder 147** Bolton, NY, 1873

Letter from J. B. Henry to Lousia Anderson detailing his arduous journey New York to Caldwell and gives the current weather.



## **Box 2    Part 3, Series 1, Subseries 2**

### **Folder 1**    West Chester, Pa., 3 April 1850

Letter from Mr. Baker to J. B. Henry hoping he arrived home safely; most of remaining part of the page faded; tries to shoot a bird with a faulty gun; thinks Eskridge Lane's face has the smoothness of a baby's backside; and describes his new suit of clothes. Envelope with, postmark with no franking; remains of a seal addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry: care of Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Pennsylvania.

### **Folder 2**    West Chester, Pa. 4 April 1850

Letter from Prospero Vallarino in Chilean Spanish to J. B. Henry dispensing typical gossip and fun of young men. Translation from Google not reliable. Letter serves as envelope addressed to Mr. James B Henry, care Hon James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Penn.

### **Folder 3**    Hat [West Chester], Pa., 5 April 1850

Letter from Roland Kinzer to J. B. Henry complaining about having to use a goose quill, asking if he had fulfilled the request he made at Bolly's; Iddings popped into a hotel in Parkesburg as the two were on their way west; this letter is much shorter than the 12 pages of Greek James Buchanan Henry read; the result of the letter looks like one of Budd's.

### **Folder 4**    Hat [West Chester], Pa., 23 April 1850

Letter from Roland Kinzer to J. B. Henry apologizing for not writing because of an accident resulting in a broken arm; comments on James Buchanan Henry letting a Washington belle slip through his fingers; describes James Buchanan Henry's Julia as a beauty; offers advice on how to treat women; mentions James Buchanan Henry's love of dancing; Enck has written several letters; won't visit James Buchanan Henry because he is afraid of meeting one of his "sweethearts."

### **Folder 5**    West Chester, Pa., 25 April 1850

Letter from Prospero Vallarino in Chilean Spanish to J. B. Henry dispensing typical gossip and fun of young men. [Translation from Google not reliable.] Letter serves as envelope addressed to Mr. James B Henry, care Hon James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Penn.

### **Folder 6**    West Chester, Pa., 3 May 1850

Letter from Prospero Vallarino in Spanish to J. B. Henry dispensing typical gossip and fun of young men. [Translation from Google not reliable.] Letter serves as envelope addressed to Mr. James B Henry, care Hon James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Penn.

### **Folder 7**    West Chester, Pa., 11 May 1850

Letter from Manuel S. Loroco in Chilean Spanish to J. B. Henry saying that he had to return home to Valparaiso, Chile. [Translation from Google not reliable.] Letter serves as envelope addressed to Mr. James B Henry, care Hon James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Penn.



**Folder 8** West Chester, Pa., 11 May 1850

Letter from Prospero Vallarino in Chilean Spanish to J. B. Henry dispensing typical gossip and fun of young men. [Translation from Google not reliable.] Letter serves as envelope addressed to Mr. James B Henry, care Hon James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Penn.

**Folder 9** West Chester, Pa., 16 May 1850

Letter from Prospero Vallarino in Chilean Spanish to J. B. Henry chatting mostly about [their teachers] Mr. Kich, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Mackan. Letter serves as envelope addressed to Mr. James B Henry, care Hon James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Penn.

**Folder 10** West Point, NY, 13 May [1850]

Letter from Augustus Pleasonton to J. B. Henry complaining about his roommate and about the general conditions at school. Envelope addressed to Mr. James B. Henry, Lancaster, Pennsylvania postmark no franking, and red wax seal on back.

**Folder 11** West Chester, Pa., 25 May 1850

Letter from Prospero Vallarino in Chilean Spanish to J. B. Henry saying that Suruco has gone home and comments on Mr. Bolmar and Mr. Moses. Letter serves as envelope addressed to Mr. James B Henry, care Hon James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Penn.

**Folder 12** Bolly's Prison (West Chester, Pa.), 5 June 1850

Letter from Roland Kinzer to J. B. Henry complaining about courses at school; his week in Philadelphia; among the teachers mentioned are Mr. Davis, Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Mackan, Mr. Mailly, Mr. Gould; a number of students have not returned, especially Duckett. Envelope with no franking but with postmark and remains of a wax seal addressed to Mr. James B Henry, care of Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Pa.

**Folder 13** Philadelphia, 6 June 1850

Letter from H. W. Budd to J. B. Henry giving his plans for the summer.

**Folder 14** West Chester, Pa., 25 May 1850

Letter from M. B. Moses to J. B. Henry in Spanish giving an account of the activities at school including those of John Budd, Mr. Bolmar, Carlos Warrick, and Mr. Davis and Miss Polk.

**Folder 15** West Chester, Pa., 15 June 1850

Letter from Roland Kinzer to J. B. Henry lecturing on delay in writing letters; envious of his ability to attract women; loves the movements of Miss Albertine; hates ballroom dancing; says the new term at Mr. Bollmar's school is off to a good start; Mr. Bollmar has not insulted J. B. Henry yet; calls M. B. Moses greedy for getting so many letters and answering them promptly; likes his church and its organ music; Miss Caldwell sits in the choir loft but Sally will not; the French teacher knows how to speak to the boys; Budd is an original and according to Budd takes great care of his beaver hat; [Deaffy] still is dumb and foolish; wants all the gossip about the ladies of Washington; Vallarino



is in New York with his parents until the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; Mr. Fergus' brother, the organist, died by suicide; the boys were given permission to go bathing but no would because of the heavy mud and many leeches; relates an "Irish" joke; and the Latin teacher entered the music room and made sounds of a trumpet with his mouth. Envelope with postmark and no franking or stamp and remains of seal on back addressed to Mr. James B Henry, care of Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Penna.

**Folder 16** West Chester, Pa., 15 June 1850

Letter in French from S. G. Smith to J. B. Henry giving an account of a fire in West Chester; the activities of faculty members Mr. Keech, Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Davis, Mr. Mailly; his prospects of entering University of Pennsylvania; the activities of classmates Willing, Budd, Maceuen, and Moses; and a note about Dr. Pancoast and Mr. Bolmar. Envelope with postmark but no franking addressed to Mr. James B. Henry, care of the Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Lancaster Co.

**Folder 17** New York, 16 June 1850

Letter in Chilean Spanish from P. Vallarino to J. B. Henry stating that he was happy to receive his letter and that some of his family were also in New York. [Translation from Google not reliable.] Envelope addressed to Mr. James B. Henry, Care Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster City Penna.

**Folder 18** West Point, New York, 24 June 1850

Letter from Augustus Pleasonton complaining once more about life at the institution and prefers horseback riding.

**Folder 19** West Chester, Pa., 29 June 1850

Letter in French from S. G. Smith to J. B. Henry relating the latest news from school included items about Mr. Mackan, Mr. Davis, Mr. Bolmar, Mr. John Orrick, Mr. Vidal, and Mrs. Shoemaker. Google translation not reliable. Folded into envelope addressed Mr. James B. Henry, Care of the Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Lancaster, Co, Pa. with postmark, no stamp, and residue of wax seal.

**Folder 20** Chester, 19 July 1850

Letter from F. E. Kerlin to J. B. Henry recounting some of the loves of James Buchanan Henry's life, and compares him to a thorn torn from a beautiful rose; Harry has gone to California and Kerlin hopes to follow him. Envelope addressed to Mr. James B. Henry, Care of Hon James Buchanan, Lancaster, Penna. postmark, no stamp.

**Folder 21** West Point, New York, 26 July [1850]

Letter from Augustus Pleasonton to J. B. Henry complaining of his life at school and listing many of the offenses he has committed; wishes to be home in Philadelphia so that he could go horse-back riding. Envelope addressed to Mr. J. B. Henry, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Postmark, no stamp.

**Folder 22** West Chester, Pa., 27 July 1850



Letter in Chilean Spanish from Prospero Vallarino to J. B. Henry relating the latest news. Envelope addressed to Mr. James B. Henry, Care of Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Pa.

**Folder 23** Philadelphia, 3 August 1850

Letter from Steve Duval to J. B. Henry lamenting his fate of not being able to go back to school and congratulating J. B. Henry on his success; wants to retire from the world; and Mr. Mackan has gone to France. Envelope addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry care of Hon. James Buchanan Lancaster, Pa.

**Folder 24** West Chester, Pa., 10 August 1850

Letter in Chilean Spanish from N. Sorvico to J. B. Henry explaining his thoughts. folded into envelope with postmark and wax seal addressed to Mr. James B. Henry, Lancaster, Pa. [Google translation not reliable.]

**Folder 25** West Chester, Pa., 10 August 1850

Letter in Chilean Spanish from Prospero Vallarino to J. B. Henry telling of the end of the session and his visit to Philadelphia and New York; mentions the activities of Mr. Bolmar, Mr. Souco, Mr. Kiche, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Bleck, Mr. Tickman, and Mr. Vellett. [Google translation not reliable.] Envelope with postmark and imprint of wax seal addressed to Mr. James B. Henry, Care of Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster, City, Pa.

**Folder 26** West Chester, Pa., 10 August 1850

Letter from Roland Kinzer to J. B. Henry detailing the strange case of Mr. Mackan and the disappearance of his Latin teacher; is sorry James Buchanan Henry was unable to go up in Mr. Wise's balloon it refused to rise; Loroco will answer James Buchanan Henry's letter soon; and praises the speech of Mr. Clay made just before the defeat of the Compromise measure, the defeat he blames on "the meeting of extreme opinions. Folded into envelope with postmark and remains of a wax seal addressed to Mr. James B. Henry, Care of Hon. J. Buchanan, Lancaster City, Penna. Paper is discolored and has a small piece missing where the seal was removed.

**Folder 27** West Chester, Pa., 30 August 1850

Letter from Ambrose Thompson to J. B. Henry relating jokes about Mr. Bollmar; dislikes his Latin teacher; some Quaker girls visited; Panama kept in detention. Envelope with postmark and number 5 stamped in right-hand corner addressed to James Buchanan Henry, Care Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Pa.

**Folder 28** West Chester, Pa., 31 August [1850]

Letter from Luther Moses to J. B. Henry saying he will write the letter in English; Mr. Bolmar says this was his last session and he will be leaving soon; had a letter from [Fasley] asking him to visit; gave [Deafy] James Buchanan's direction; and John Lindon was expelled from St. Paul's College for not keeping himself and his clothes clean. Folded into an envelope with postmark and number 5 stamped in right-hand corner addressed to Mr. James B Henry, care of Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Pa.





**Folder 28a** Science Grove, Pennsylvania 3 August [1850]

Letter from M. B. Moses in Spanish to J. B. Henry accounting for his actions and mentioning several people from the school and college; he plans to enter the University of South Carolina as a sophomore. Folded as envelope addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry, care of Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Pa. postmark with broken seal. Year from context.

**Folder 28b** West Chester, Pa., 3 June [1850]

Letter from Myers B. Moses to J. B. Henry saying he is learning the guitar; Goose came by; teachers Davis and MacRow have left; as have classmates Kinzer, Kinzer, Robinson, Ross, Wills, and Chestnut. Folded as envelope addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry, care of Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Pa. postmark with broken seal. Year from context.

**Folder 29** West Chester, Pa., 21 September 1850

Letter from Roland Kinzer to J. B. Henry citing excuses for not writing; mentioning a "certain angel" in Lititz; comments on blushing and coquettes; comment on long clauses and short letters; noting that "we larger boys" formed a debating society, and encloses a copy of its rules and regulations, Kinzer is president. Envelope with postmark and number 5 stamped in right-hand corner addressed to Mr. James B. Henry, Care of Hon. James Buchanan, Lancaster City, Penna.

**Folder 30** [Lancaster, July]

Letter from Virginia Pleasonton to J. B. Henry thanking him for trying to recover a package she left behind and inviting him to visit them when he can. Envelope addressed to Mr. James Henry, Princeton College, New Jersey.

**Folder 31** Philadelphia 30 September 1852

Letter from Virginia Pleasonton to J. B. Henry thanking him for the autographs, especially of James Buchanan; congratulates on his prospects of success; Aunt Clemmie is still in Washington; Uncle Alfred is now stationed in Philadelphia; many people in Washington are in mourning for their sins; thinks Harriet has not arranged her plans yet; [Gussic] is visiting from West Point; heard Mme. Alboni in concert but she has no animation; sending a new song called "Spanish Melody" along with a few autographs. Red wax seal removed.



### **Box 3    Part 3, Series 1, Subseries 2**

**Folder 32** [No place] 24 December [no year]

Note from Virginia Pleasonton to J. B. Henry expressing regret that she was out when he called and enclosing a "little trifle." Envelope with no postmark or postage but with red wax seal on back addressed to Mr. J. B. Henry, Care of James Buchanan, Esq., Wheatland near Lancaster, Penna.

**Folder 33** [Geneva 6 February 1856] from envelope

Letter from H. V. Malan to J. B. Henry expressing concern over a lost package and suggesting a remedy and hopes to see him soon. Envelope with postmark and red wax seal addressed to "Monsieur" J. Buchanan Henry, 20 Via San Claudio, Rome.

**Folder 34** [No place] 7 November 1856

Letter from John Nidile to J. B. Henry asking how to locate a letter of Thomas Jefferson's about the Louisiana Purchase. Water damaged.

**Folder 35** British Legation, Washington 18 October 1857

Letter from Odo Russell to J. B. Henry apologizing for not visiting because of illness. Edged in black. Envelope edged in black addressed to Buchanan Henry, Esq., no postage but marked private in right-hand corner; remains of seal on back flap.

**Folder 36** [Annapolis, 15 August 1858 from postmark]

Letter from Edith Nicholson to J. B. Henry asking that Mary's arrival in New York for shopping for the new house be delayed until 1 October and that he buy anything necessary in the meantime; Mary's health is not good at the moment and she needs to rest; she cites the illness of Mrs. Barnwall's illness as an example; encloses an article from the Clipper unfriendly to James Buchanan; and Eliza Voorhees is presently talking to Emily. J. Buchanan Henry written on back. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., Bolton, Lake George, Warren County, New York.

**Folder 37** Annapolis, 14 January 1859

Letter from Mary Hagner Nicholson to J. B. Henry citing reasons for not marrying until James Buchanan gives his consent; James Buchanan thinks James Buchanan Henry should remain his secretary for the whole term; she is willing to wait and is sure that Mr. Scharff, which whom James Buchanan Henry is to set up a law practice will understand; Ella has received a letter from Miss Bright giving a false account of the plans of Mary and James Buchanan Henry. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., Washington, D. C.

**Folder 38** Annapolis, [22 April 1859 from postmark]

Letter from Mary Hagner Nicholson to J. B. Henry asking that she needs his strength to help them go on a holiday; she is feeling better. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, 142 Broadway, New York.



**Folder 39** Bolton, NY, [24 September 1860]

Letter from Mary Hagner Nicholson to J. B. Henry describing the disturbing condition of the baby [Buchanan Henry, 1860-1862] and the difficulty she has with dealing with it; Mrs. Thieriot has been very helpful; attended sacred music concerts of Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Ladam, and Mr. Kensell; Henry and Therese have come; plans to come home by train via Ticonderoga and he will meet her at Troy Station; praises the staff at the hotel. Envelope with stamp in lower right-hand corner, remains of a wax seal on back, and place and date in another hand addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., 14 Wall St., New York. Date from note on envelope.

**Folder 40** [Saratoga Springs, New York, 17 June] [1862]

Letter from Mary Hagner Nicholson to J. B. Henry with note from Edith Nicholson detailing her serious stomach problems; is afraid that the Rebels will reach Lancaster and he would be called by Uncle; Dody is doing well; Edith details her concerns about the local physician and wants Dr. Van Buren, who is at the same hotel, to treat Mary. Envelope with postmark, no stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., 14 & 16 Wall Street, New York. Place and date from postmark.

**Folder 41** 30 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, New York 15 September 1863

Letter from Dr. A. Clark to J. B. Henry enclosing a receipt for Payment of his and Dr. Anderson's professional services to Mary Nicholson Henry in Staten Island; he expresses his regret at the loss of "a person of so many virtues" and found it difficult to believe that one could regress so much from the time he saw her in Saratoga. Envelope with postmark and paid stamp with stamp missing addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., 14 Wall St., City.

**Folder 42** Stapleton, Staten Island, New York, 11 August 1872

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry agreeing to marry him. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., Care Rev. Mr. Roland, Episcopal Church Rectory, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

**Folder 43** Garden City, NY, 22 August 1881

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry hoping that his trip to Europe is going well; discusses a financial matter involving John Ross, Cousin William, her father, and Cameron & Co; Robby has been quite sick but is better; Joe likes his doctors at the hospital; finally hired a chambermaid; the wet nurse doesn't like the children; the waitress didn't show up; mentions the Tennenbergs, the Greenfields, Kreakis, and the President; and Mrs. Proudfoot writes about Louisa's father and his mental problems. Envelope with postmark addressed to James Buchanan, Esq. The Messr. Lombard & Oder & Co, Geneva, Switzerland struck through redirected to Milan. Extremely water damaged with Parts missing.

**Folder 44** [Europe] 22 August [1881]

Letter from Marie M. Scharff to J. B. Henry welcoming him to her home; praises America and fears they will never see it again; comments on her "old" appearance; and



her mother has been dead for some time and the death of Ben, her youngest brother, recently has devastated Charlotte and her. Edged in black.

**Folder 45** Glens Falls, NY 28 October 1884

Letter from T. S. Coolidge to J. B. Henry describing an undeveloped site on Lake George across from Bolton for development as a hotel. Envelope addressed Mr. J. B. Henry, P. O. Box 72, Garden City, Queens Co., NY with printed return address, postmark and corner of stamp.

**Folder 46** Glens Falls, NY 12 November 1884

Letter from T. S. Coolidge to J. B. Henry citing rising prices on Lake George property and offering a compromise on the price for the property in question. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to J. B. Henry, Esq, Garden City, Long Island, NY P. O. Box #72.

**Folder 47** Glens Falls, NY, 15 December 1884

Letter from T. S. Coolidge to J. B. Henry clarifying the part his brothers-in-law played in the transfer of land which James Buchanan Henry bought. Envelope with printed return address, postmark and stamp addressed to J. B. Henry Esq, Box 72 Garden City, Long Island, NY

**Folder 48** Glens Falls, NY, 22 December 1884

Letter from T. S. Coolidge to J. B. Henry welcoming his proposed visit; Mr. Goodman will have all the Papers and Mr. Brown the outlines for the "long strip of shore" he might buy. Envelope with printed return address mostly wanting, postmark, and stamp, addressed to J. B. Henry Esq, Box 72 Garden City, Long Island, NY.

**Folder 49** Glens Falls, NY, 23 January 1885

Letter from T. S. Coolidge to J. B. Henry explaining his progress in trying to determine who owns the land, perhaps owned by Richard D. Davis, John Patten, and Judge Barber; letter from R. J. Brown enclosed giving old Judge Pratt as the source of the above information. Envelope with printed return address, postmark and stamp addressed to J. B. Henry Esq, Box 72 Garden City, Long Island, NY.

**Folder 50** Glens Falls, NY 4 February 1885

Letter from T. S. Coolidge to J. B. Henry with latest details on the preparation of the deed, working with Mr. Fowler, Mr. Woodman, and Mr. Brown; and offers to make adjustments the shore line if desired. Includes sketch of the proposed lot. Envelope including three postmarks but no stamp with printed letterhead addressed to J. B. Henry, Esq, 72 Garden City, Queens Co, NY.

**Folder 51** Warrensburg, NY 4 February 1885

Letter from E. S. Crandall, county treasurer, to J. B. Henry saying that the owner of the property he is considering has no previous discernible owner before L. C. P. Seelye bought it at a tax sale.



**Folder 52** Bolton-on-Lake-George, NY, 22 January 1885

Letter from R. J. Brown to J. B. Henry providing survey results of the Tongue Mtn. Tract. Enclosed in Folder 53 below.

**Folder 53** Glens Falls, NY 21 February 1885

Letter from T. S. Coolidge to J. B. Henry enclosing the results of a survey made by R. J. Brown and noting that all elements including the parts played by Mr. Goodman giving James Buchanan Henry clear title to the lot but right of way and docking privileges will be decided later by a separate deed and further additions to the lot can be made; the mortgage bond is also complete. This letter originally enclosed the letter in Folder 52 above.

**Folder 54** Glens Falls, NY 3 March 1885

Letter from T. S. Coolidge to J. B. Henry discussing the difference between a quitclaim and a warrantee, the latter preferred by James Buchanan Henry; offers some suggestions on how to settle the matter. Envelope with printed letterhead with three postmarks most of stamp wanting addressed by J. B. Henry, Esq, Box 72 Garden City, Queens Co, NY.

**Folder 55** Glen Falls, NY 6 March 1885

Letter from T. S. Coolidge to J. B. Henry agreeing to redo the deed process from quitclaim to warrantee as soon as Mr. Goodman returns from Pennsylvania and/or he and Mr. Fowler return from New Orleans. Envelope with printed letterhead with three postmarks and stamp addressed by J. B. Henry, Esq, Box 72 Garden City, Queens Co, NY.

**Folder 56** Glens Falls, NY 7 March 1885

Letter from T. S. Coolidge to J. B. Henry reporting that the warrantee deeds are complete, title search will be brought up to date, and hopes to close matters soon. Envelope with printed letterhead with three postmarks and stamp addressed by J. B. Henry, Esq., Box 72 Garden City, Queens Co, NY.

**Folder 57** Glens Falls, NY 16 March 1885

Letter from T. S. Coolidge to J. B. Henry saying he has received the bond and mortgage as well as check as first Payment on the mortgage; will send receipt when Mr. Fowler returns home; and will file map when he gets another copy from Mr. Brown. Envelope with printed letterhead with three postmarks and stamp addressed by J. B. Henry, Esq., Box 72 Garden City, Queens Co, NY.

**Folder 58** Glens Falls, NY 28 June 1885

Letter from T. S. Coolidge saying that he has mailed the map and enclosing a letter from Brown; offers two ways the property line can be drawn to give advantage to James Buchanan Henry for right-of-way and dock privileges; county clerk as mailed a later search and finds that Judge Hiram Barber allowed the tract to be sold to Lemuel C. P. Seelye, a brother-in-law of the judge's; and will get a quit-rent from Mr. Barber.





**Folder 59** New Brighton, NY, Friday 23 January 1891

Letter from unknown author to J. B. Henry. Unreadable because of water, and mold damage and missing sections; Page 2 wanting. Envelope in several pieces with postmark and missing stamp addressed to Buchanan Henry, Esq., 777 Carroll St., Brooklyn, [Long] Island, [NY]

**Folder 60** St. Luke's Rectory, Altoona, Pa., 5 May 1891

Letter from Arthur Sheldon Woodle congratulating J. B. Henry upon his son's confirmation and predicts he will do very well in the future. Envelope with postmarks and stamp removed addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, No. 777 Carroll St., Brooklyn, NY. Both have some water damage.

**Folder 61** 206 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn, NY 8 July 1891

Letter from David S. Brody to J. B. Henry acknowledging receipt of the book James Buchanan Henry compiled and hopes his son has received his letter from the department. Envelope with postmarks and stamp removed addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq. ~~777 Carroll St. Rising~~ [ ] [ ] Rising House, Lake George, Warren Co., NY. Both have extensive water damage.

**Folder 62** 1707 NY Ave, Washington, D.C. 26 June 1891

Letter from Frank Anderson to J. B. Henry attempting to dislodge Jamie's application to a [military academy] now stuck in the Secretary's [Alexander Ramsey] office by seeking help from Judge Hagner, president Cochrane, and Colonel Partridge, president of a railroad company. Some water damage and tear on fold.

**Folder 63** 1707 New York Ave, Washington, D. C. 2 July 1891

Letter from Frank Anderson to J. B. Henry providing an update on Jamie's appointment application. No one in the Secretary's office offers much information, but General Medford's letter might help, although Anderson is not very hopeful at this point. Some water damage on margins; Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to J. B. Henry, 777 Carroll St., Brooklyn, NY some water damage.

**Folder 64** Santa Cruz, CA 26 July 1891

Letter from Catharine Cooper to J. B. Henry thanking him for sending her a letter of James Buchanan instead of just a signature. Envelope with postmarks and stamp removed addressed to James Buchanan Henry, Esq., 777 Carroll St, Brooklyn, New York, forwarded to Rising House, Hague on Lake George, NY; both have moderate to severe water damage.

**Folder 65** New York Ave, Washington, D.C. 14 August 1891

Letter from Frank Anderson to J. B. Henry advising to have Jamie keep his application to the Naval Academy on file in case someone, probably Bridgman, drops out; if so, Anderson will urge the Secretary to appoint Jamie; is concerned with the way Mr. Kapff has ignored both of them and recommends having a lawyer clear up the matter instead of turning matters over to slow-acting Mr. Greenfield; his baby is better; and Aunt Paulina died with only about a dozen attending the funeral because Mr. [Oothout] put no



notice in the paper. Envelope has postmarks with stamp removed addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., Rising House, Hague-on-Lake George, Warren Co., New York.

**Folder 66** Zoar Cottage, New Brighton, NY 26 August 1891

Letter from H. R. Irving to J. B. Henry acknowledge receipt of letter and checks, bringing James Buchanan Henry's account up to date; looking forward to having [Frank] Jr., and his youngest nephew Pierre join him in his work; is happy Reg is doing so well; children Bertie and Johnny are visiting; will go to the McCulloh's for dinner; would like Louie's set of furniture if James Buchanan Henry sells or rents his house unfurnished; asks for a letter of [Shilly] be forwarded; thinks an idea of James Buchanan Henry using steam is a good one; hopes Jamie gets into Annapolis; Reg sent him a letter and Frank sent one to Syd. Envelope addressed to Buchanan Henry, Esq., Rising House, Hague-on-Lake-George, Warren Co, NY letter considerably water damaged with tears and loss of text.

**Folder 67** Wall Shops, Wall, Greensburg, Pa., 23 September 1896

Letter from son Will to J. B. Henry recounting his conversation with the secretary of the cemetery company where James Buchanan Henry's father and sister are buried informing him that no more interments will be made in the old cemetery and that the tombstones of his father and sister are "their condition is any worse than any of the others"; wonders if Reg has joined the Catholic Church; that Rob has returned to barracks after camp; and will send a picture of his camp a little later. Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Maryland Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland; note in later hand: Willy [ \_\_\_ ] father and sisters graves at Newburgh, Pa.

**Folder 68** 41-43 Wall Street, New York 10 October 1896

Letter from Joseph W. Howe to J. B. Henry informing him that the Kapff real-estate matter is moving forward and should be settled soon; and that James Buchanan Henry will owe on the school and village taxes. Printed letterhead.

**Folder 69** Annapolis, MD 1 June 1897

Letter from E. C. Gaute to J. B. Henry saying that Mr. Randall has accepted the assignment of judgment which will benefit the Magruders; asks to meet him either at James Buchanan Henry's rooms or his home later.

**Folder 70** Union Station, Pittsburgh [27 June 1897]

Letter from Will Henry to J. B. Henry reporting that he is temporarily in Pittsburgh running large department; misses the rural aspects of Greensburg and hates the heat and dirt of the city; is sorry about Rob's hard luck; Reg sent him news from Lake George, which he would like to be there later when the family goes on its launch, but will be working; at least he will go camping at Conneaut Lake with his regiment. Envelope with postmarks and imprint of a stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Maryland Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland; in another hand: Willy on is removal with regrets from Greensburg to Pittsburgh. Date from postmark.

**Folder 71** 2113 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 25 September 1897



Letter from Charles A. Hoyt to J. B. Henry discussing, in moving terms, the situation of Alice and Joseph in New York, living without money or employment and proposing that they move to Annapolis to be near his father because their situation is desperate; Joseph appears unable to work. Envelope with postmarks and stamp lost in opening addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 72** Chestnut St., Philadelphia 29 September 1897

Letter from C. A. Hoyt to J. B. Henry relating the difficulties of Alice and Joseph's trying to live in New York with inadequate income and begs James Buchanan Henry to welcome them for the winter so as to reduce their living expenses. Badly water damaged with some loss of text.

**Folder 73** 12 W. Cedar St., Boston, Massachusetts 16 November 1897

Letter from Mary Coufier Proudfit to J. B. Henry expressing regret for the delay in answering his letter and relating her travels between Boston and New Castle, DE; is enjoying her stay with Aleck and friends and hopes James Buchanan Henry has a pleasant winter. Stationery edged in black. Envelope with postmarks and removed stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 74** U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokohama, Japan, 16 January 1899

Letter from F. Anderson to J. B. Henry noting the irregularity of mail delivery and thanking him for handling a difficult real estate transaction; Lena and the children are well and had a nice Christmas; Capt. Coffin is improved; Lieutenant Hobson's fame as not gone to his head; Capt. Glass speaks highly of Hobson; speaks of Reggie, Joe, Rob, and Sid; and envies James Buchanan Henry's trip to Europe. Envelope with six postmarks and stamp removed, some water damage addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esp., Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland, United States of America, forwarded to Palm Beach, Florida.

**Folder 75** Villa Matilda, 18 July 1889

Letter from [F. Trien'o] to J. B. Henry ending the negotiations over the purchase of Gran Island. Edged in black with grid lines.

**Folder 76** 316 West 56 Street, [New York], NY, 30 November 1897

Letter from son Joseph N. Henry to J. B. Henry attempting to explain an apparent rupture in their relationship resulting from several misunderstandings surrounding a wedding in the Hoyt family. Envelope with postmarks and two stamps removed and one remaining addressed to James Buchanan Henry Esq, Maryland Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 77** U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokohama, Japan 10 March 1898

Letter from Frank Anderson to J. B. Henry saying that he cannot take part in any more land deals at the moment and thinks little of Greenfield and Kapff; asks after Rob, Will, and Sid; sorry to hear of Randy Hagner's accident with a gun; telegrams about war with Spain appear in the paper but nothing is definite or authentic; the spring weather is cold, windy, and rainy; and cites the mail dates and always appreciates his mail. Envelope



with postmarks and torn where stamp was addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, forwarded from Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland, United States of America to a hotel in Washington, D.C. Letter and envelope slightly water damaged; envelope bears postmarks 21-22 Feb and address is in a different hand.

**Folder 78** USS Newark off Santiago [Cuba] 2 July 1898

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry relating an account of his cruise from Norfolk to Santiago including a near miss of burning British ship and the ramming by the USS Dolphin; weather was bearable but water was too hot to drink at times; describes his position on ship; and he thinks the bombardment of Santiago was successful; the ship is safe in Guantanamo Bay. Envelope with postmarks and removed stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, forwarded from c/o F. P. Freeman & Co, 43 Exchange Place, New York to [Hundred] House, Shelving Rock P. O. Washington Co., NY. On envelope in later hand: Sid from USS Newark, Santiago.

**Folder 79** USS Charleston, Iloilo, P. I., 6 November 1898

Letter from son James to J. B. Henry expressing his disgust with the Philippines, especially the lack of drinking water; mentions the seize of Iloilo, a town of 25,000; liked Hong Kong and Honolulu; the U. S. volunteers are "tramps and bums"; the national guard system is a failure; sailed around Panay Island (where Iloilo is located) and is afraid most of the tour of duty will be in Manila Bay; and has received mail from Syd. and the boys. Water damage at right top and bottom.

**Folder 80** USS Charleston, Cavite, P. I., 25 December 1898

Letter from son James to J. B. Henry commenting of the war and the lack of the generals to do anything; Agunaldo has established a decent government; holidays aboard is almost like any other day; three enemy ships sunk on May 1 have been raised; few care for the new captain Whiting; is glad that Joe has a good position in the army; Curtis got married, making five in James' class for which the war is blamed; has not met a girl since Honolulu; expects an expedition to leave for Iloilo tomorrow. Extreme water damage at top and middle resulting in a loss of a small amount of text.

**Folder 81** Annandale, NY, 5 March 1899

Letter from son Reginald to J. B. Henry enclosing the latest bills from St. Stephens; comments on Admiral Dewey, an article about Harriet Lane Johnston, the death of Miss Hetty and Moncrief Proudfit, and the arrival of Mr. Kipling and family in New York; examinations are approaching; asks of he plans to have a reunion of his Princeton class on his birthday in 1903; comments on the golfing in Palm Beach; and dislikes the method used by the navy to promote officers.

**Folder 82** USS Charleston, 16 March 1899

Letter from son James to J. B. Henry expressing unhappiness over James Buchanan Henry's treatment of him; asking for advice on whether to transfer from the navy to the marines when Congress passes the bill creating the Marine Corps; war here has not changed much; being on aboard ship for extended periods of time is boring; would like to see Ann [Dawes] again; hoping to go to Hong Kong soon; thinks highly of Admiral



Dewey; complains about the delay in receiving news from home; Cadet Seaton will return to Annapolis and will stay at James Buchanan Henry's hotel; Envelope with postmarks and stamp S. S. Charleston Sailor's Letter W H Whiting, Captain, U. S. Navy Commanding, evidence of stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., Maryland Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland, U.S.A.

**Folder 83** New Brighton, [NY] 19 March 1899

Letter from son Frank to J. B. Henry relating that he was being confirmed at Christ Church; mentions the fatal fire and the Windsor Hotel; is doing well in math but not so well in algebra and very good at dance; Aunt Hatty wonders if he and brothers will receive a legacy after the death of Allie Proudfoot. Envelope with postmarks and evidence of stamp addressed to J. B. Henry, Esq., Palm Beach Po, Dade Co, Florida, forwarded to The Clarendon, Washington, D. C. and forwarded to c/o Maryland Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 84** USS Monongahela, 26 and 30 June 1899, 1 July 1899

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry relating his voyage on the sailing vessel Monongahela from Annapolis to the Scilly Islands enroute to Madeira, Spain; details his day-to-day routine included drills, the poor food and water, sleeping conditions, and several severe storms; asks if he and Buzz are at the Lake and wishes he were there. Envelope with one postmark and torn right top corner addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hague, Lake George, NY United States of America. Both have some water damage with little loss of text.

**Folder 85** USS Monongahela 21 July 1899

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry from the Bay of Biscay relating his joyous time in London as guests of various dignitaries including actress Edna May, Col. McCook, Col Gouraud, Duke of Cambridge, and sightseeing; recounts the calm seas in the bay and other gales encountered from England; and makes tentative plans after his return. Envelope one postmark, stamp removed; addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Island Harbor House, Hague, Lake George, New York, United States of America. In a different hand: Rec'd 13 Aug.

**Folder 86** Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, 25 July 1900

Letter from son Joseph to J. B. Henry detailing his duties as surgeon for American soldiers; the climate is fine except for the flies and mosquitoes; the diseases are the same as in Cuba but less severe; Colonel Pettit faced court martial but was acquitted in a strange way for killing an insurrecto to protect superiors; the colonel said that James Buchanan Henry met Mrs. Pettit in Switzerland; apologizes for not seeing Jamie; and asks that James Buchanan Henry use his influence to have the volunteer army commission changed to regular army commission when the present system ends in 1901. Envelope with five postmarks with printed return address: War Department, Post Zamboanga Mindanao addressed to Hon. J. Buchanan Henry, care F P. [F\_\_] & Co, 43 Exchange Pla, New York City, United States of America forwarded to Island Harbor House, Hague, Lake George, NY





**Folder 87** London, 9 December 1900

Letter from Jean F. Fupissdur to J. B. Henry relating his travels from China to Europe included comments on the cruelty and violence of the Chinese and the beauty of Hong Kong; asks about Richard Carval, Isabel McDougal, and Miss Alice. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland, America with water damage. Enclosed in the letter: "Sent in Friendship's Name a four-page booklet containing good wishes and an image of a sailing vessel. Extreme water damage resulting in running of the blue ink.

**Folder 88** Nashville, 17 February 1901

Letter from daughter-in-law Alice Hoyt Henry to J. B. Henry hoping to get a commission so that he can continue his chosen profession and so that they can be together. Envelope addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan [Henry] Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 89** Devon, Pa., [6 October 1902]

Letter from daughter-in-law Alice Hoyt Henry to J. B. Henry welcoming him back from his travels; recounting her brief encounter with Rob in Jersey City; Reggie will join Rob for a trip; the Ewings and Alice's family enjoyed being in New York; Jack is now in Camp Vicars with Captain Pershing (his great friend); both were not injured when picked up by a tornado and tossed forty feet; Jack is living with Colonel Pettit and family; hopes she and James Buchanan Henry can secure a permanent position for Jack nearer home; and recounts the unhappy marriage of Henry Randall. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland. Date from envelope.

**Folder 90** Devon, 8 October 1902

Letter from daughter-in-law Alice Hoyt Henry to J. B. Henry enclosing Jack's latest address omitted from preceding letter. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 91** Technology Chambers, Boston, Massachusetts [13 October 1902]

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry recounting his busy schedule and a visit to McBride's cousins in the country; asks that his drawing equipment be sent as soon as possible; inquires about changes in Annapolis and the Academy as well as the social season including Hannah Randall's wedding; and mentions recent sports events. Envelope with postmarks and remains of removed stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland. Date from envelope.

**Folder 92** Technology Chambers, Irvington St., Boston, MA 19 October 1902 [date from envelope]

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry attempting to describe the location of two missing boxes containing his drawing instruments. Envelope with postmarks and stamps addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 93** Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, 11 September 1902



Envelope from son Joseph to J. B. Henry. No accompanying letter. Printed "War Department Post Zamboanga".

**Folder 94** Fort Leavenworth, KS, [20 October 1902]

Letter from son James to J. B. Henry in which he is happy to be back from a six-week camp; laments to lack of news both from Kansas and from home; comments of Academy football; and glad that James Buchanan had a pleasant trip. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland. Date from envelope.

**Folder 95** Technology Chambers, Irvington St., Boston, MA 11 September 1902 [date from envelope]

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry giving further information about materials in the missing boxes; describes his very busy schedule and strange department rules; likes using a typewriter because he can write much faster than with a pen; received a long letter from Will; mentions the engagement and weddings of Misses Wainwright and Randalls; has a cold; and must write to Aunt Lena. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 96** Devon, Pa., 30 October 1902

Letter from daughter-in-law Alice Hoyt Henry to J. B. Henry discussing the mustering out of Joseph and what plan to follow for his career; mentions the health of her father and Henry Randall's unhappiness. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 97** Technology Chambers, Irvington St., Boston, MA 1 November 1902 [date from envelope]

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry acknowledging the delivery of the boxes and the receipts for delivery; several members of the family have colds; mentions the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia; asks about cousin Jessie's wedding; is glad to have all his possessions back but threatens to write Mr. Melvin a letter; read and discarded his diary from the Academy. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 98** USS Alabama, Navy Yard, New York, 4 November 1902

Letter from Frank Anderson to J. B. Henry preparing to leave New York for Fortress Monroe; saw Reg for lunch but missed Rob; thinks Reg might find a place in the Pay Corps and offers names of people of influence: Mrs. Davis's brother married into the Paymaster General's family and Colonel Thompson and Captain Brownson might also help; tells of Charley Robson's good fortune to work for the American Copper Company, which seems to have a bright future; and asks for the addresses of Miss Irving and Frank. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 99** Easton, Pennsylvania, 16 October 1902



Brochure from Chemical Publishing Co, "Evolution of the Thermometer 4 p. folded 1 containing a "chronological epitome" and an incomplete essay on the history. Envelope with printed return address with stamp and postmarks addressed to Henry Buchanan, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 100** Philadelphia, 13 November 1902

Letter from Alice Hoyt Henry to J. B. Henry excitedly reporting that Jack had sailed from Manila and will arrive around December 1; asks that James Buchanan Henry help find him a position; and also asks for tickets to the Army-Navy game. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 101** The Holland, West Palm Beach, Florida, 14 November 1902

Letter from L. D. Lockwood to J. B. Henry praising his hotel and providing the rates for two people as well as the reference of E. L. Haines, of Wilmington, Del. Envelope with postmarks and stamps and printed return address addressed to Mr. J. B. Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 102** Technology Chambers, Boston, Massachusetts 15 November 1902

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry complaining about the scarcity of time; hopes Joe finds work; laments the Army-Navy game; mentions Hannah Randall's wedding and a letter from Manley; yesterday was "Tech Field Day," but forgettable; Bostonians have an inflated view of the area; school work remains about the same, but will have to make a sailing vessel soon; and would like to go to Florida with the family. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 103** Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 16 November 1902

Letter from son James to J. B. Henry giving an account of his regimented day; Lieut. Colonel Mills at Fort Riley inquired of him; distressed over the quality of the Navy football team; wonders if Mustia was sent down; has a lovely collie; asks after Uncle Will, Reg, and Rob; and saw friend Ryan in Kansas City. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland. "ansd 24 Nov" written across right side.

**Folder 104** Florence, Italy 16 November 1902

Letter from Léontine M. Meade to J. B. Henry written in Italian giving an account of the family's travels through Italy. edged in black with stamp and postmarks addressed to Al Signore James Buchanan Henry, Hôtel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland, Stati Unite American del Nord.

**Folder 105** Fort Wayne, Indiana 17 November 1902 [from envelope]

Letter from son William to J. B. Henry wishing James Buchanan Henry a great winter in Florida; relates a conversation with Mr. Crawford, his superior at Pennsylvania Railroad, relating to the possibility of a promotion; says social life is rather limiting, to a round of golf and a dance; and asks if Uncle Frank's statement that Uncle Willie had been



swindled out of most of his money. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 106** New York, 22 November 1902 [from envelope]

Letter from son Reginald to J. B. Henry thanking James Buchanan Henry for the check; spoke to Mr. Parker, the Ellimans and the Clasons; and Rob is now living on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 107** USS Alabama, Culetra, 23 November 1902

Letter from Frank Anderson to J. B. Henry wishing the weather were cooler in Cuba; saw Rob in New York; Mr. Greenfield and son are in Europe and hopes the lawsuit goes well; hopes Joe secures a position soon; hasn't heard from Miss Irving or Frank; and asks for Mr. Foreman's address. Envelope with postmarks and stamps addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland, U.S.A.

**Folder 108** Devon, Pa., 25 November 1902

Letter from daughter-in-law Alice Hoyt Henry to J. B. Henry asking for tickets to the "great game"; hopes to see him at the wedding and that he can help the difficult Jessie; offers her view of Jack's and her future in a small town but hopes he can secure a position in the government; and implores him to stay in Annapolis until both she and Jack can talk to him. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Baltimore, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 109** USS Transport Crooke bearing San Francisco 28 November 1902

Letter from son Joseph saying that he is on his way home to be mustered out of the service and is looking forward the family again. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Hon. James Buchanan Henry, Esq., care F. P. Freeman & Co, 49 Exchange Place, New York City; forwarded to Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 110** Devon, Pa., 2 December 1902

Letter from daughter-in-law Alice Hoyt Henry to J. B. Henry saying that she will let him know as soon as Jack's orders come through; will make good use of the tickets; and will go to the wedding if asked. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 111** Washington, Supreme Court of D.C. 3 December 1902

Letter from A. B. Hagner to J. B. Henry acknowledging receipt of interest on note; and is happy to hear that news about Dody is good and hopes he might find a place in Cuba. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to James Buchanan Henry Esq, Maryland Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 112** Devon, Pa., 4 December 1902

Letter from daughter-in-law Alice Hoyt Henry to J. B. Henry gleefully reporting that Jack is to be in Philadelphia on Monday and is eagerly anticipating the reunion. Envelope



with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 113** Devon, Pa., 5 December 1902

Letter from daughter-in-law Alice Hoyt Henry to J. B. Henry agreeing that she and Joseph will meet James Buchanan Henry at his hotel in Philadelphia; and mentions the beautiful snow storm in the country and their opening of the town house in Philadelphia. Enclosed card in [Joseph's] hand asking Ben to be sure that the mattress belonging to his boat be taken care of. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 114** Technology Chambers, Boston, MA 6 December 1902

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry enclosing an article from a Navy journal which seems to sum up Joe's case very well; comments on the Navy's loss to Army in the big game; would like to see him before he goes to Florida; has started his first original design, a cruising yawl eighty-seven feet overall; mentions some changes in his schedule with Spanish being the only one not technical; and has been exercising with Furer. Typescript. Envelope with postmarks and stamps addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 115** Washington, DC [9 December 1902] from envelope.

Letter from C. P. Mallison to J. B. Henry inviting JHB to lunch with her husband and her; just had her dining room re-papered; Bess came to visit as we as two of her husband's sisters; and was disappointed in the outcome of the Army-Navy game. Envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Maryland Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland.





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**Folder 116** Technology Chambers, [Boston, MA 8 March 1903 from envelope]  
Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry recounting some of James Buchanan Henry's immediate plans; wishes he could get away to visit family but will be busy at school; school work grinds along slowly as usual; is happy Congress finally agreed to build more and bigger ships as well as increase the number of men in the Construction Corps; admits that he doesn't date his letters [including this one] but feels he does answer questions when asked of him. Typescript. Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Granada, St. Augustine, Florida.

**Folder 117** Technology Chambers, Boston, MA [12 May 1903 from envelope]  
Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry relating that he has been "under the weather" for the last two weeks and that he hopes to finish the term without any more breaks. Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 118** South Bethlehem, Pa., [24 June 1904 from envelope]  
Letter from son Frank to J. B. Henry requesting that his June and July expenses be covered; thinks James Buchanan Henry will be at Hague and he also hopes to be there; both are well and Aunt Hatty wishes to be remembered. His report card from the second term, February 8, 1904 to June 15, 1904, enclosed. Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to Buchanan Henry, Esq, c/o F. P. Freeman & Co, 25 Broad St., New York, NY forwarded to Island Harbor House, Hague, Lake George, New York.

**Folder 119** Schenectady, NY 30 July 1904  
Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry explaining that he has found out what he needs to know from American Express and thanks Mr. Parker for his efforts; asks for names and addresses of his Speers and other cousins in Pittsburgh since he will be there for a few days; and gives a partial itinerary for his European trip. Typescript. Water damaged but readable; no envelope.

**Folder 120** Pittsburgh, Pa., [12 August 1904 from envelope]  
Letter from Sidney to J. B. Henry reporting on the condition of Will, who is in the hospital but seeming to improve; and will be in New York in a few days. Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Island Harbor House, Hague, Lake George, New York.

**Folder 121** New York, NY 10 October 1904 [Place and date from envelope]  
Letter from fiancé Margaret G. Elliman to J. B. Henry reviewing plans for a vacation; expects her mother to be friendly if not cordial; the subsiding Mr. Parker is living in one large room in New York; she has a small lump on her eyelid; some letters seem to have gone astray, perhaps not forwarded by Bennie; Maude is visiting Mrs. Brandreth; Aunt Kitty and Lucy are with the Thompsons; has an engagement with some fraternity girls;



and can hardly wait for his arrival. Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Baltimore, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 122** Wellsville, Ohio 2 January 1905

Letter from son William to J. B. Henry expressing joy that he and Margaret are enjoying Italy and hopes to visit someday; had a family reunion in Washington with Aunt Lena, the girls, Frank, Sid, and Reg; met a friend at the Pittsburgh railroad station; in Cambridge to check of the small railroad shop; the drought has reduced the streams so much that the water is not suitable for the engines; hopes for a mild winter to aid in running the engines; Jean and Rob are settled in their apartment which Sid finds cozy; and is attending a “stag” party thrown by a good customer of the railroad and will be attended by “big bugs” such as the mayor. Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to Mr. J Buchanan Henry; c/o W. T. Turner & Co, Bankers, forwarded to Hotel Britannique, Città Italy.

**Folder 122a** Charlottesville, VA, [January 1905; date from context]

Letter from son Reginald to J. B. Henry congratulating his father on his choosing Margaret Elliman as his wife. No envelope.

**Folder 123** Private Hotel, Paris 10 January 1905

Letter from [El Johnson] to J. B. Henry lamenting missing communication, seeing a woman with thick red braids (she has red hair), hates Paris and might “dip” into northern Italy; speaks of being nervous; and praises Margaret profusely. Badly water damaged with fading and loss of text; envelope with printed return address, postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Britannique, Naples, Italy.

**Folder 124** Columbia, Pa., 26 January 1905 [date from envelope]

Letter from son Sid to J. B. Henry thinking that James Buchanan Henry will be surprised to hear from Columbia; mentions Wheatland and Lititz – Wheatland is not used for growing flowers and Lititz makes the best pretzels; is happy to have nothing to do but thinks Boston is good for his health; is looking forward to his last semester in Boston but doesn’t know where he will be posted; had a grand reunion in Washington with Aunt Lena, Dorothy, Eleanor, Will, Reg, and Frank; scarlet fever forced Aunt Lena to move to a new place; visited Reg and Jean at their home; has not done any work and now kept indoors by a raging blizzard going into its third day; comments on the situation in Russian but thinks the czar can handle it; and wishes good luck to Margaret. Envelope with postmarks, but stamps removed addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan, Henry, c/o Brown, Shippley & Co, Bankers, London England forwarded to Hotel Britannique, Naples.

**Folder 125** [Carterth] Italy 28 January 1905 [name and year from envelope]

Letter from Cornelia Hays to J. B. Henry inviting James Buchanan Henry and Margaret to tea to meet her family including daughter and son-in-law. Envelope edged in black with postmark and stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Britannique, Corso Victor Emanuel, Napoli.



**Folder 126** [Annapolis, Maryland], 1 December 1904 and 30 January 1905 [place from envelope]

Letter from niece Mary to J. B. Henry expressing the family's happiness at his marriage to Margaret; spent two weeks in New York with Marian, the Mendell families, Rob and his wife; "Aunt Alice"; mentions the blizzards; is caught up in all the festivities at the Naval Academy including the graduation ceremonies and ball; his friends are asking of him; his postcard and arrived and aroused envy; Pru Rident and Mr. Dagure will marry at Easter; among the family Alice is coming soon, Eliza likes kindergarten, and Mary Dau is "gay as ever"; Mr. Framley, the new assistant is working out well; missed not seeing Reg and Sid. Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., Hotel Britannique, Naples, Italy.

**Folder 127** Eagle Hotel, Bethlehem, Pa., 13 February 1905 [year from envelope]

Letter from son Frank to J. B. Henry explaining in depth his grades for the term; is looking forward to graduation; has been a severe winter but he is well; is changing hotels for the next term; spent a short vacation with Rob and Fran and was joined by Sid and Will; visited the Ellimans, who enjoy James Buchanan Henry's letters; and Aunt Hatty sends regards but is nervous and "a little broken down." Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to Buchanan Henry, Esq, c/o W. I. Turner & Co, Bankers, Naples, Italy forward to Hotel Britannique, Città.

**Folder 128** Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa., 10 February 1905

Report card of F. A. Henry for the first term. Envelope addressed to Mr. J. B. Henry, C/o F. P Freeman & Co, 22 Broad St., New York, NY, forward to Born Shipin [ \_\_\_ ] London, England, forwarded to Hotel Britannique, Naples.

**Folder 129** South Bethlehem, Pa., 20 Mar 1905.

Envelope apparently from son Frank addressed to Buchanan Henry, Esq, c/o W. I. Turner & Co, Bankers, Naples, Italy forward to Hotel Britannique, Città.

**Folder 130** Devon, Pa., 10 November 1905

Letter from Alice Hoyt Henry to J. B. Henry offering alternate wording to be placed on the tomb of husband, Joseph Nicholson Henry. No envelope.

**Folder 131** U.S. Naval Yard, Mare Island, CA 15 November 1905 [date from envelope]

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry containing news of Will; has been living with Aunt Lena while his room is repapered; days are too short now to ride the horse Jim left him; likes many things about Mare Island, but thinks San Francisco is "not all it's cracked up to be"; is getting restless being in a place for more than six months; a large graduating class next year could cause a major shuffle in personnel; and misses home and sends love to Margaret. Some staining. Envelope with printed return address Construction and Repair, Mare Island, Cal. and Navy Department as franking, postmarks addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 132** [Italy] [1905]



Letter from Mrs. J. Howland (Marian) Bill to J. B. Henry sending him a newspaper and wishing him a good trip. (Translation by Google from hard-to-read hand.)

**Folder 133** South Bethlehem, Pa., 17 February 1906 (date from envelope)

Letter from son Frank to J. B. Henry explaining his poor grade in laboratory; thinks he will graduate and find a "fairly good" job; a house burned; and Aunt Hattie sends her love. Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to Buchanan Henry, Esq Hotel Valencia, St Augustine, Fla. Both letter and envelope have water damage in right corner.

**Folder 134** Malabar, 19 January 1906

Letter from son James to J. B. Henry commenting on the growth of his daughter; life is slow but surprisingly cool for being so near the equator except the sun is hot; have their own house now; has had very little mail; will send a picture of daughter; time here is short and the family should be returning home soon. Envelope addressed to J. Buchanan Henry Esq c/o F. P. Freeman & Co 25 Broad St., New York, New York; forwarded to Hotel Valencia, Palm Beach, Fla. [St. Augustine]

**Folder 135** U. S. Navy Yard, Mare Island, CA 30 September 1906

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry philosophizing about a family's growing up and living their own lives, thinks James Buchanan Henry did a great job of raising the family; would like to attend Will's wedding, but cannot; seems resigned to life in the Navy. Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, c/o Hollowell & Henry, 52 [Bender] St, New York, NY forwarded to Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 136** US Navy Yard, Mare Island, CA, 27 January 1907

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry apologizing for not writing sooner and bemoans the lack of social activity at the base though the *Charleston* gave some relief; is glad Congress provided funds for building ship but regrets no Pay raises except for Congress; relates what news he has from the family including Will and May; Rob and Jean, Jim, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Uncle Frank; and misses the East very much. Envelope with postmarks but stamps removed addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, c/o Brown, Shipley & Co, 123 Pall Mall, London, England forwarded to Hotel Times, Taormina, Sicily.

**Folder 137** Hotel Lincoln, Columbus, Ohio, 25 February 1907 (date from envelope)

Letter from son William to J. B. Henry relating that Mary is visiting her ill mother in Atlanta; hopes to meet Jesse Love Freeman while she is in town; has been traveling on business; Reginald will soon earn his M. D. degree; asks to borrow some furniture when they buy a house; and the governments obstructions hinder building the new rail road. Envelope with postmarks and two loose stamps addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, c/o Brown, Shipley & Co, 123 Pall Mall, London, England, forwarded to Villa Cercola, Capri, Italy.

**Folder 138** 1818 H Street Washington, D. C., 30 May 1907



Letter from A. B. H. to J. B. Henry remarking on the postcard Margaret sent and how it reminds him of a place in Italy he visited; Sophie May has been ill; Frank's wife is quite ill; Howard Laudell has been ill; met [ \_\_\_ ] Anderson; female relatives have been helping out; McLaren has been here; and Frank [Bleko] died and James Buchanan Henry should visit his widow in London. Envelope with postmarks but stamps removed addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., Brown, Shipley & Co, 123 Pall Mall, London. Mailed from Luzern. Handwriting very cramped.

**Folder 139** 179 Marcy Ave, Brooklyn, NY, 15 April 1907

Letter from son Frank to J. B. Henry giving account of his recent activities; has seen Rob and Jean; saw Lal and Mrs. White and daughter; saw Will and May and they are happy about their house in Columbus; won't be at the lake this summer; Mrs. Irving died; John Irving probably died; congratulates him on his 75th birthday. Envelope addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, c/o Brown, Shipley & Co., Pall Mall, London, England, forwarded to Chez Crédit Lyonnais, Monte Carlo.

**Folder 140** 52 Beaver St., New York, NY, 20 September 1907 (date from envelope)

Letter from son Reginald to J. B. Henry telling of his immediate plans to secure a temporary position in a hospital to help him gain seniority when he enters the navy. Envelope with postmark but stamp removed and water damage in right left corner addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Island Harbor House, Hague on Lake George, New York.

**Folder 141** 93 Madison Ave, [New York, NY], 1 November 1907

Letter from Mary H. Richardson to J. B. Henry praising her godson Sidney; thanking James Buchanan Henry for all his kindness; and wishes the family well. [handwriting very shaky] Water damage at top and bottom of sheet. Envelope with no postmarks and no stamp with water damage across the top addressed to Mr. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 142** 903 N Flores St., San Antonio, [TX], After 7 September 1907

Letter from T (a military officer) to J. B. Henry detailing his medical problems including malaria and pending operations from war wounds; hopes that the present doctor is better than that of the Governor of Baratania (either a mythical island in Don Quixote or a place in Louisiana) recounts several stories of his war years including being defrauded by an accountant to obtain a commission in the army, a gambler and drinker who finally commits suicide, and a fraudulent telegram sent to President Lincoln asking for General McClellan to be replaced; attacks all Jews and accuses President Theodore Roosevelt and Secretary of War Taft of being Jews in the ways they handle their offices: Roosevelt for wasting public money on the Panama Canal and Taft for doing nothing; and prefers Foraker (former Republican governor of Ohio and a member of Congress). Invitation, no envelope.

**Folder 142a** [Annapolis, MARYLAND] from context, 25 November 1907 [year from context]





Note from Elizabeth W. Randall inviting J. B. Henry to Thanksgiving dinner; and her father is looking forward to seeing him. Envelope, no postmark or stamp addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland.

**Folder 143** Fort Snelling, MN 16 February 1908

Letter from daughter-in-law Mary McClaughry Henry to J. B. Henry apologizing for not having written for a while; acknowledging the receipt of items from the estate of Joe but hesitating to wear any of the jewelry; asks that he and Margaret use the money he was to use to purchase silver for them on a trip to Minnesota; asks about the owners of two locks of hair in locket; and enclosing a list of 19 items in the estate. Some water damage. Envelope with water damage with postmarks but stamp removed addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry, Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland, forwarded to Breakers and then to Hibiscus, Palm Beach, Florida.

**Folder 144** U. S. Navy Yard, Mare Island, CA 17 December 1908

Letter from son Sidney to J. B. Henry providing details of the launching of large ship and the ptomaine poisoning following the ceremony; he was one of the thousand who were sick for a week; his family is getting ready for Christmas and "the fat boy," his four-month old son, is an excellent child. Some water damage. Envelope with postmark but stamp removed and water damage at bottom addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Folder 145** Fort Snelling, MN 10 January 1909

Letter from son James to J. B. Henry thanking him for the Christmas presents; will take his leave soon and start traveling soon to Leavenworth to visit the McClaughrys and then head east, reaching Annapolis as spring arrives; and dislikes the winter in Minnesota intensely. Some water damage. Envelope with postmarks but stamp removed, some water damage.

**Folder 146** New York, NY [March 13]

Letter from son Robert to J. B. Henry delineating in detail his proposal to go to the Alaskan gold fields to make his fortune and asking James Buchanan Henry for financial backing in the venture. Water damage in middle and bottom of sheets resulting in some loss of text; no envelope.

**Folder 147** Germantown, Pa., Wednesday [September 26] (date from envelope)

Letter from Clementina Pleasonton to J. B. Henry promising him to send him a budget soon; hopes Harriet will have a pleasant trip and hopes to visit when she gets back; will attend a Party for an old classmate, the daughter of Dr. Randolph who married a son of John Wister; [Freing] and the Adluntis have left town on their way to Chile. Envelope with postmark and broken seal addressed to Mr. James B Henry, Esq, Care of Hon. James Buchanan, Wheatland, near Lancaster, Penna.

**Folder 148** Greensburg, Pa., December 27

Letter from Mary [Kenna] to J. B. Henry consoling him on his loss by exhorting him to rely on God, relatives, and friends for support; people including Mrs. Coulter, Aunt Till,





Elizabeth; James was in town and had offers on a house; Mrs. Contes took some books; some Pastors were there; Mr. Campbell and Mr. Penn send their regards; some items "went beyond their value"; Mr. Ogle, Mr. Marsh, and General Ross "a classmate of Mr. Buchanan's" caused some gossip; mentions Elizabeth, Mrs. Coulter, and the Harrison family; [Parts of letter missing, making summarizing difficult]. Very faded with mold and water damage and sections of last two pages wanting.

**Folder 149** 930 N. Flores Street, San Antonio, TX, Saturday No date  
Letter from T (a military officer) to J. B. Henry offering bitter commentary on the activities of Theodore Roosevelt; and asking advice on the stock of Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe which he is hesitant to recommend to others. Very faded with watermarks.

**Folder 150** Wednesday, 4 January [1860] (date from envelope)  
Letter to J. B. Henry from Mary Hagner Nicholson Henry, who misses him very much; her health seems to be improving; Aunt Mary spent the evening with Mary's family, [Euckie] went to the literary society, and Annie Gill is still there; all three had a lively time; Mary Esther is engaged to a Mr. Punnett from New York; Lizzie Spencer called; hopes her sister Sally will visit; will go to Philadelphia with Aunt Louisa; and insists that he take care of his cold. No envelope.

**Folder 151** Saratoga Springs, N.Y 16 June [1863] (date from envelope)  
Letter from Mary Hagner Nicholson Henry to J. B. Henry expressing delight that he arrived in New York safely; has several ailments but under treatment; requests some remedies not available at home; doesn't like Mrs. Kavendish; baby and Elizabeth are well; asks that he write a letter for Elizabeth to sign updating her relatives; Mrs. Van Buren is prescribing for her; asks to apprise Dr. Anderson of her condition; and there is a 'mysterious couple in the house.' Envelope addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, 14 Wall St., New York, postmark and small bit of stamp.

**Folder 152** Saratoga Springs, NY 18 June [1863] (year from envelope)  
Letter from Mary Hagner Nicholson Henry to J. B. Henry looking forward to his return; is short of breath while walking but hopes to feel better as Mr. Peirce suggests; is trying to accept the long-term illness; Dody is sweet; is weary of hearing local Republicans, Mrs. McCauley, Mrs. Benson, and Mrs. V. B., criticizing Democrats especially Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Valandyham; and her mother sends her love. Envelope with postmark, no stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq, 14 Wall St, New York; both water stained causing ink to run.

**Folder 153** Saratoga Springs, NY 19 June [1863] (year from envelope)  
Letter from Mary Hagner Nicholson Henry to J. B. Henry saying she is very weak and has to be carried from room to room; doesn't visit friends too often; mentions the Rowlands and Mrs. McCauley, Dody, and Mama. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq, 14 Wall St, New York; both water stained causing ink to run.

**Folder 154** Saratoga Springs, NY 20 June [1863] (year from envelope)



Letter from Mary Hagner Nicholson Henry to J. B. Henry detailing her and her mother's decision to select a new doctor, leaving Dr. Perry for Dr. Van Buren; Mr. Rowland approved; Mrs. Van Buren has been "kindness itself" she feels better knowing more about the condition of her lungs. Slight water stains; envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, 14 Wall Street, New York.

**Folder 155** Saratoga Springs, NY 23 June [1863] (date from envelope)

Letter from Mary Hagner Nicholson Henry to J. B. Henry praising the local doctor for his attention; Mama and Dody are busy. Some water damage at fold. Envelope with postmark but stamp removed addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., 14 Wall Street, New York.

**Folder 156** [Saratoga Springs, NY 24 June 1863] (place and date from context)

Letter from Eliza A. Hagner Nicholson Henry to J. B. Henry expressing alarm at the condition of Mary and implores him to come as soon as possible. Slight water damage; no envelope.

**Folder 157** [Saratoga Spring, NY June 1863] (place and date from context)

Letter from Eliza A. Hagner Nicholson Henry to J. B. Henry relating that his letter telling her to do what she thought best arrived before the one telling her not to change anything; recounts her note to Dr. Perry and his response; after examination he thinks her lungs are much worse than they were when Dr. Clarke examined her; and her stomach needs attention. Moderate water damage; no envelope.

**Folder 158** [no place, [c1861] (year from age of child)

Letter from Mary Hagner Nicholson Henry to J. B. Henry saying that she has gotten over homesickness and likes Mr. Punnett and his aunt now; asks that potatoes, apples, butter, and maple syrup be sent down; Mary Esther is much improved after marrying the minister Mr. Punnett, whose sermon lacked content but had great delivery; has invited them to Staten Island; Bucky is keeping her busy but isn't walking yet; hopes Bridget and Annie leave her some grapes; and is angry with Mr. Sharff for misdirecting Aunt Lue's letter to her when he knows Uncle Peter is at home. No envelope.

**Folder 159** Stamford 14 September [1861] (year from perpetual calendar)

Letter from Mary Hagner Nicholson Henry to J. B. Henry lamenting her homesickness and husband sickness along with Bucky's toilet training; fears her father might be arrested in Baltimore during the racial demonstrations; the Penewalts have a boring aunt; is concerned that Bucky's crying at night will disturb others; Susanne is fine; Mary Esther refuses to take care of herself; and wants to see him but wants him to rest. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Bolton, P. O., Warren County, New York.

**Folder 160** [no place, 1860] (year from context)

Letter from Mary Hagner Nicholson Henry to J. B. Henry expressing sorrow over his sickness and will come in needed; vehemently asks that he now invite James Buchanan to Bucky's christening since James Buchanan was so opposed to the marriage that



none of her family want to see him; the McKims want to stop by; and will leave the matter in his hands. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq, 14 Wall St., New York.

**Folder 161** [no place, 1859] (year from context)

Two notes from Mary Hagner Nicholson Henry to J. B. Henry. The first states that her cold is much better and she is sorry he has had a terrible day; will be attending an exhibition to which she really does not wish to go, and she misses him very much. The second discusses directions to his groomsman and the sending of wedding invitations. Envelope with stamp in left right addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., 142 Broadway, New York.

**Folder 162** [Stapleton? c.1874] (place and year from context)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry thinking she will write only a few lines, Mr. Pummett could not be with him because he has gone to Saratoga; Dr. Anderson is busy visiting Mrs. Duer and others and Frankie is taking care of other patients; Miss Dix said that her brother and his wife went of a trip with General Woodruff; Bridget reports via letter that she is still with the Hagners and that Dody is doing well in school, and hers and James Buchanan Henry's baby is getting another tooth. Some water damage and loss of text; no envelope.

**Folder 163** Stapleton 3 July [ca.1874] (year from context)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry wishing to come home to be with James Buchanan Henry, but wants his opinion; comments on Joseph, Dody, and Frank. Extremely water damaged; envelope partially lacking, remainder badly faded, address not legible.

**Folder 164** Stapleton 2 March 1875 (year from context)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry expressing delight in receiving his letters from Bermuda; is uncertain of his plans and replies to some of his comments; Dody is getting along well; baby is not talking any better, but is sleeping without his bottle; Mr. Wright nor Mr. Gray will be Pastor of their church, she thinks Mr. Hollingsworth will be; Mrs. Punnett does not want to move to California but would like to stay among friends; the Outerbridges had taken the Hogedorn's house; the Despard's are going to Brooklyn; the Proudfoots are have difficulty with Johnnie; has written to Alice; Virginia Dasidge has offended the Roosevelts and Frank is dropping her; and the Camerons might go to the islands. Badly water and mold stained; no envelope.

**Folder 165** [Stapleton 18 October 1871] (place and date from context)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry describing the inefficiencies in the mail from Long Island to New York; Frank travels to New York; Mrs. R. and Ellie recently visited; the October weather is delightful; had a note from Susie. Badly water-stained with text lost; no envelope.

**Folder 166** Stapleton 11 October [1871] (year from context and envelope)



Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry wondering where his letter is; attended a function which included Gertrude R. and Mr. and Mrs. Prunett among others; Sidney has left; and Susie hasn't visited. Badly water stained with some text wanting. Envelope with postmark and addressed obscured.

**Folder 167** Stapleton 13 August [1879] (year from context)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry waiting to forward letters, one from Randy Hagner, until she knows his address; her father is worse and Aunt Sidney is depressed; children are happy but Amelia wishes to accept another position; Colonel Thompson sent the proposed article, but Frank is opposed to publishing it; Willie wishes him a pleasant cruise; and sends love to Dody. No envelope.

**Folder 168** Stapleton 14 August [1879] (year from context)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry saying she will send her letters; her father is better but Aunt Sidney is about the same; laments her station to be around depressed people, but she and Frank are trying to be cheerful; Frank's practice is busy but not very lucrative; Mrs. Greenfield visits daily but is going to Lake George; the Misses Rhind drop by; Miss Kellogg is teaching the children manners, but Willie is reluctant to learn; is hiring a new girl for the month on Mrs. Mackenzie's recommendation; send two letters and the article, all recommend should not be published; Frank has enough patients but their medical problems are routine; and sends love to Dody. No envelope.

**Folder 169** Stapleton 18 August [1879] (year from context)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry expressing surprise that he was not in Newport; both her father and Aunt Sidney are still the same; looking forward to Belle's visit; Frank's patients keep him very busy; Mr. Heutgen will straighten out the affairs at the Gazette; children are well, baby is teething and Robby has stopped crying; Mrs. Kellogg and Amelia need to be paid; and there was a case of yellow fever on Staten Island. Slightly damaged. Envelope with five postmarks but stamp removed addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., Yacht "Cricket", Newport, Rhode Island, forwarded to Parker House, New Bedford, Massachusetts

**Folder 170** Stapleton 19 August [1879] (year from context)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry wondering when he will be in Newport; her father, Aunt Sidney, and the children are the same; Aunt Sidney is happy Belle is to visit; the Greenfields are at Lake George and the Robbins and Lows sail on Thursday. No envelope.

**Folder 171** Stapleton 22 August [1879] (year from context)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry happy to finally get a letter and that he had weathered the storm even if the yacht were damaged; Cousin William thinks they should not sell the Canal Street property until the Turnell story next door is sold, and he advises against buying that store or any other property until finding out how the Turnell property is changed; Frank says they are being sued over agricultural



implement, but hopes to postpone action because of Dr. Anderson's ill health; otherwise all is well. Some water staining. No envelope.

**Folder 172** Stapleton [27 September 1872] (date from envelope, year from perpetual calendar)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry discussing difficulty getting letters to the post office; people on Staten Island and in Annapolis seem to know their "affairs" but all are kind; her father likes to hear about things agricultural; her mother is sick; the Proudfoots are due back from Annapolis shortly and Susie had a good time. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq., Annapolis, Maryland. Some staining and slight loss of text.

**Folder 173** Stapleton 10 July [1879] (date from context)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry debating at length whether she should attempt to travel to Lake George since she is still nursing because a wet nurse is very expensive and the milk might not agree with the baby and her father advises against making the journey; Jamie is well and Jamie's photograph is enclosed; Dr. Eccleston misses James Buchanan Henry from church, comments on all the boys and said that Mrs. Courtenay had her fourth set of twins; wonders if the Keasaye had been ordered home; and sends love to Dody.

**Folder 174** Stapleton 12 November 1873 (date from envelope, context, and perpetual calendar)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry expressing sorrow over Mrs. Magruder's accident; Louisa is gaining strength and the baby [William] is doing well; Mrs. Pennelt paid a visit; Elizabeth is not good at finding a nurse because she sent a 19-year-old girl from another country who had been with Mrs. Outerbridge; doesn't want to hire a woman who will leave after a brief time; asks him to find a woman in Annapolis and she wouldn't mind "a nice looking light-colored woman" but not "a great big black woman." Rest of letter wanting. Lightly water stained. Envelope edged in black with postmark addressed to James Buchanan Henry, Esq. Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland extremely faded.

**Folder 175** Stapleton July [4] (day from envelope)

Letter from Louisa Anderson Henry to J. B. Henry. Text not readable because of extreme water damage, mold, and wanting text. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq. Rest of address obscured.

**Folder 176** West Chester, Pa., [13 August 1850]

Letter from M. B. Moses in Italian. Google would not translate.

**Folder 177** November 1902 (date from context)

Letter from Reginald Henry to J. B. Henry reporting that he spent some time with Uncle Frank on the *Alabama* shortly before it sailed; comments on Joe's being mustered out of service; wonders if Lal has heard; says much is happening on the exchange; Will was there for a couple of days; Jessie Grange is engaged to Waller (a former member of the





Maryland legislature), who deserves her; Elise will probably be next; and the pin from Tiffany's arrived and has been cleaned "first rate." No envelope.

**Folder 178** 18 Parsons Ave, Columbus Ohio 7 November 1908 (date from envelope and context)

Letter from William Henry to J. B. Henry saying that they are settling in for the winter; has heard nothing from Jim and Mary; that Major Murray is now Lieutenant Colonel and commandant at the local post; approves of Reg's position at the hospital; describes his recent 1500-mile inspection trip on the railroads; the company is economizing; hopes Rob has not been affected by the downturn in business; hopes to get to the Army-Navy game and that he and Margaret visit soon. Badly water stained but little loss of text. Envelope with postmark and stamp removed addressed to Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland, badly water stained.

**Folder 179** ca 1906 (date from context)

Letter from William Henry to J. B. Henry acknowledging receipt of two letters and will; comments on James's new-born daughter; will be in New York to visit Jean and Rob; the railroad business is running smoothly; will move because George Le Boutillier needs the house; his loss of hair has been greatly exaggerated though the fever did claim some; and attended dinner with doctors at the hospital where earlier James Buchanan Henry met the man who conned William out of \$5.00.

**Folder 180** Manzanillo, Cuba ca 1900

Letter from Joseph Henry to J. B. Henry happy to get Christmas greetings; reports that his physical condition is excellent except for contracting a fever; the diseases in Cuba are less severe than in the Philippines; mentions the excellent record of his regiment; life is primitive and he is the only one with a room, even if in the hospital; hopes to be transferred to Washington before the trip to Italy; thinks Reg will be all right and wishes well to all the boys. Badly water stained with loss of text.

**Folder 181** No place, no date

Envelope addressed to Miss Mary Nicholson at Capt. Ingraham's

**Folder 182** No date, Baltimore

Envelope addressed to Miss Mary Nicholson at John L. McKim's Esq.

**Folder 183** Letter, US Cadet Quarters U.S. Navy 1895

Letter from James Henry to J. B. Henry with requisitions before May; describes choices; no regret on course choices; Mallison sad. Badly water stained and damaged with envelope.

**Folder 184** Letter, no location, 3 March 1894

Letter from Mary Proudift to J. B. Henry stating that his suggested time will be convenient; fine weather for shopping. Water damage letter and envelope.

