

Wheatland. May 27 / 50

It is now my turn to make apologies, my dear Lily, for seeming neglect but I have been expecting to receive a letter from you for several weeks announcing your visit to Washington as you know in your letter you promised to write again before you left home[;] however[,] I received a very sweet pleasant letter from your Aunt Lathrop a day or two since and she told me of your visit to New York and I determined to write and have a letter for you when you returned hoping it will receive some notice after the whirl of pleasure and excitement you have been in for the last few weeks – I was delighted to hear you had gone to New York knowing how much you always enjoy a visit there and I suppose this is a particularly pleasant one as your dear Bessie is with you: how unfortunate that Charles Tuckerman should be absent! I am sure you feel it very much, but I have no doubt you have found some other poor fellow who has fallen in your snares – I hope Mrs. Danforth has forgotten there is such a person in existence, as my humble self, and notwithstanding the great anxiety I had to see her after hearing so much from you and every one that knew her I trust I may never meet her now; she must think me an idiot certainly after that horrid scrawl.-- Did you get to see the Opera? I am afraid you were too late for that it most have been charming -- You have no doubt heard Miss Hayes and your friend Bowman were married week before last they had a very gay wedding; the ceremony was performed in the church and then her friends were invited to the house an hour after -- I went to the church but the death of one of my Uncle Edward's children prevented me from going to the house -- I saw your friend Samuel twice; the day he arrived for only an instant and I had a very agreeable visit from him the day of the wedding. He brought with him Mary McKennan and Miss Muhlenberg of Reading and I was only sorry they could not spend the day with me. -- Mary McKennan is very sweet and I think looks in better health than she did last summer -- I had a very pressing invitation from Miss Muhlenberg to pay her a visit which Uncle partially accepted for me: he thinks of going on a visit to several towns in the interior of the state and he has invited me to accompany him; we will go in the carriage so as to see the country as much as possible [It] is so beautiful -- the weather has been very unpleasant during this month that we have not spoken of it for some time and I would not be surprised if Uncle would be obliged to give it up, and as I only care particularly to go to Reading (but for the pleasure of Uncle's society) it will not be much of a disappointment to me if it should be postponed. -- Are you still intent upon going to Bedford? [I]f we go any where this summer I think it will be South as Uncle has never been to the Virginia Springs – I am really so delighted here in the country that I have not the slightest inclination to go any where away from home[.] I never loved Wheatland as I do this summer though the weather has been most dreadfully unpleasant. –

We have not been alone one week since my return from Philadelphia, company all the time and now I think I will enjoy a week or two of quiet but I do not know when I will have it.--We had a very pleasant visit of a week from Mr. Walker and also from Mr. and Mrs. Macey and other visits from persons innumerable -- but you know I enjoy it; particularly when the visitors are my friends as well as my Uncle's.



Your friend Mr Longenecker has gone to North Carolina to see after a gold mine of his father's so I can give you no definite news concerning him. -- We are all going to the Exhibition at Litiz next Friday evening. Eskridge of course will be of the number and is looking forward to it, with a great deal of pleasure James Henry is in a delightful state of anticipation as Miss Dow thinks of returning to Litiz next session.

Miss Hetty and Mr. Bear still send sweet looks to each other though his modesty prevents him from being as attractive as his inclinations would wish[;] however[,] I hope they will be able to settle matters in the course of time. Miss Hetty sends her best love. We have just had a visit from Mr. Hamilton, our exminister to Denmark[;] he is very agreeable and pleasant in his manners. The boys have been making such a noise [a]round me and tormenting me to such a degree that I scarcely know what I have written and if you can wade to the end of this you deserve credit\_\_

I will inflict myself upon you no longer but with kind remembrances to your Father much love to your Grandma and Aunt. I am as ever your truly affectionate

Harriett Lane.

