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Dear Papa

Mazie received your letter on wensday [sic] she is going to answer it on Monday. Mrs. Wike Mrs. Disart Mrs. Wall and Mamma are going out in the country this morning at 9 °clock they are going to spend the day with Mrs. Lockard. Mrs. Disart is here on a visit from Lancaster she is staying with Mrs. Wall. Mrs. Wall is going to take Elva and Otie along. Mrs. Disart is going to take Harry, and Manna is going to take Lillie.

Papa do you remember the letters that Lillie Hook, Maggie, and I wrote to you when Mamma and Lillie were at Newport News. when you were home you promised to answer them when you went back. Lillie Hook said I- you should please answer hers soon. Maggie says you shall

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answer hers too. I guess when I get an answer to this letter it will do for that.

Old Mr. Derick is dead he died last night, Ann heard it in market and this morning the German reformed bell tolled. The soldiers came home on monday the ladies made them a supper in the odd fellows hall all the bells in town rang. they marched up past our house and then across second and up locust and across third down cherry to second and then stopped at the odd fellows hall. the Methodist ~~pea~~ preacher made a speech there and then they came into the hall and eat supper. they were just white with dust. I wish peace was declared and ~~they~~ all of the soldiers would come home.

Mamma and Effie went to ~~Lancaster~~ Harrisburg on tuesday. they were to be back at half past five oclock and there was an accident happened and the train did not come till 8 oclock. Mr. Green came in the train and he told us that they had stopped in Middletown and would not be home till the next evening so she got to see Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary and Aunt kates [?] family too. There were two wheels broken off the tank of the engine. Some of

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the cars ran over the engine and broke them too but the one that Mamma was in did not break. Mr. John Mollisin had his head cut [?] but he was not hurt very badly.

I cannot write much more as I must go over to Hamiltons to take my music lesson. ~~Our~~ Our apple tree and gage trees are just full if they do not fall off. Mr. Duck finished our building yesterday it cost Mamma \$23.50. Our yard is very much spoiled they dug it off so that we will have to have two or three ~~spe~~ steps to go up into the ~~harbor~~ arbour [arbor]. It has not rained here for two weeks it looks very much like rain here today. for all Mamma is going to the country she wishes it would rain. This is all at present

We are all well and hope you are the same. Mamma Ann Maggie Mazie Effie Lillie and Blanty join me in sending their love to you.

From your affectionate  
daughter Alice.



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**Scope and Content Note:**

Handwritten letter to Thomas Welsh from his daughter, Alice. From Columbia. Letter mentions various activities by various family members, including visits by friends of her mother, an upcoming trip by her mother (with Lillie) to the country with friends, and a previous trip her mother and Effie took to Harrisburg where a train accident delayed their return. Alice mentions the death of Mr. Derick, the weather, an upcoming music lesson and expresses some concern over not hearing replies to previous letters by her and others. She concludes her letter by sending love from all.

