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**Document:** *letter from Mazie Welsh to Thomas Welsh, dated Columbia, June 4, 1863*

**Transcription:**

Columbia June 4<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Papa I received your letter and was very glad to hear from you. I thank you very much for that [obliterated by stain] of sam Hinkle's. I liked it very much. Momma received your letter and will answer it. Sarah McQuin [McQuinn] bought George Derrick's picture down yesterday afternoon it was just like sam Hinkle's. Mr. Derrick is dead I went to see him and he looked exactly like him self. I made a ~~mit~~ mistake at the beginning of my letter. I guess you can see it. I comenced [commenced] it on the wrong line. I wish you were home with us. it was reported that vicksburg was taken but it was ~~entrich~~ contridicted [contradicted] again and it is is not taken yet. Blanton's birthday was on ~~th~~ Tuesday the second day of June ~~or~~ he does not wear pants yet. I do not know when Momma is going to put them on him. I do not this summer. you are not at houstonville now are you. I hope

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you have comfortable quarters where you [are] now. I am sorry my letter awakened you after you were in bed and asleep. I would of answered your letter sooner but Alice and Momma both wrote to you and I ~~tho~~ thought they would ~~an~~ tell you all the news. you are very welcome to my Bible [Bible]. they are ~~bring~~ bringing the bricks to build the house. I ~~to~~ think they will not have it done till summer is over. Blantie is afraid of the pigs so he can't keep them out of the garden they are always running ~~in~~ to the strawberries. I do not think we will have many this summer if they eat them all. I guess you lived ~~in~~ nice out there if the citizens made a big dinner. I would like to come to see you very much. Blantie has his ball yet that you bought him when ~~we~~ you were home. he is playing with it ~~we~~ while I am writing this. old ~~boots~~ boots are all wore out he wants you to buy him another ~~pair~~ pair when you come home. I wish your time would be

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up and then you would come. school will soon break up it is going to break up the last of june. I Perhaps Effie and I will go to Harrisburg on the fourth of July. Blantie says that I should tell you he kissed me for you. we all send a kiss to you and a very sweet one to [too]. Lillie has the ~~st~~ stumach [stomach] ache with morning she did not eat any breakfast. I ~~Ge~~ guess you dont [don't] get Lonesome if you have so many visitors. I am very glad that you are well and all the soldiers are well. we expect Aunt Mary and Aunt [?] and the children down to day. I hope they will come for I want to see them. we are all very well so it Aunt Lizzies family. tell Howard that all their ~~fam~~ family is well and send their love to them and to you. we all send our love to you and a great deal to effie and Lillie are playing jacks on the floor and Alice is ~~sev~~ serving and i am writing to you. we don't get much

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ice cream while you are ~~so~~ away they pennies are very scarce here we can't buy ~~any~~ three cents worth here except at richards and if you want three cents worth there we must have three pennies. the nine month men came home and the ~~men~~ Ladies made a supper for them. they fired



the cannon and rang the bells and made a great fuss. I heard a Ladie [Lady] say that they would ~~like~~ make a greater fuss when the 45<sup>th</sup> or the 23<sup>d</sup> came home. the Lutheran church is going to have Festival they are going to have strawberries and ice cream and cakes and every thing that is good to eat. I wish you were home to go to ~~the~~ it. I believe I have writing all I can think of this morning so I will close ~~it~~ by bidding you an affectionate good by

From your little daughter

Mazie

[Transcribed by JDM, January 2021]

**Scope and Content Note:**

*Handwritten letter to Thomas Welsh from his daughter, Mazie. From Columbia. Letter mentions various activities by various family members, including Blanton's birthday and an expected trip to Harrisburg for July 4th as well as pigs ruining the garden and an upcoming festival at the Lutheran Church. Mazie mentions the death of George Merrick and the circulation of a false rumour that the city of Vicksburg had been taken. She expresses concerns for the health and well being of her father and how much the family misses him. She concludes her letter with "an affectionate good by."*

