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Wheatland Sept 12 1851

My Dear James

I received your letter together with the note which I dispatched to Harrisburg immediately as I was ashamed that it had been neglected so long Miss Ward is still with us she is a lovely fair girl I wish you could have seen more of her she talks of leaving next week we shall miss her very much your Cousin Mr Lane is all attention there has been quite a flirtation carried on for the last two weeks I do not know how he will bear the separation Miss Harriet is well she sends her love and hopes to have the pleasure of hearing from you soon she will not go to Pittsburg until the last of October

we expect a visit shortly from your friend Miss McAlester I wish you could be here at the same time James Buchanan spends a week with us, you were often the subject of our conversation your friend Mr Hoff left on the day I received your letter I hope you had the pleasure of seeing him on his way to School Catherine left a few days after you did



your Cousin Charles Zatter made us a short  
visit he left yesterday for Baltimore he  
purposes remaining there two weeks and then  
returns here for his Sister Faries who will  
accompany him home Mrs Dunham send  
her best love and regretted very much  
that you could not extend your trip as  
far as Meadville your Uncle is well and sends  
his love Mr Bear desires to be remembered  
kindly to you he thinks you a paragon of  
perfection I have not been in Lancaster for  
a week I can not give you the late news  
Mr Benjamin Bunchman is to be married  
in October to a Miss Stuart of Wilkinsport  
I met your friend James Lewis last evening at  
Mr Gorders he was well and asked very kindly  
of you I should be glad to here from you  
when convenient please excuse this scrawl  
as I am in haste as usual  
may health and happiness attend you is the  
wish of your Old friend

Mr James B Henry

Holly



W. P. James B. Henry

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h) ALS. 2pg. 8" x 10". September 12, 1851. Wheatland. An autograph letter signed "**Hetty**", who was Buchanan's longtime housekeeper. She wrote to Henry [her variable spelling has been modified in this transcription]: *"I received your letter together with note which I dispatched to Harrisburg immediately as I was ashamed that it had been neglected so long. Miss Ward is still with us she is a lovely girl. I wish you could have seen more of her she talks of having next week we shall miss her very much. Your cousin Ms Lane is all attention there has been quite a flirtation carried on for the last ten weeks. I do not know how he will bear the separation. Miss Harriet is well she sends her love and hopes to have the pleasure of hearing from you soon. She will not go to Pittsburgh until the last of October. We expect a visit shortly from your friend Miss Malester I wish you could be here at the same time. James Buchanan spent a week with us, you were often the subject of our conversation. Your friend Ms Ness left on the day I received your letter I hope you had the pleasure of seeing him on his way to school. Catherine left a few days after you did your cousin Charles Yates made us a short visit he left yesterday for Baltimore he proposes remaining there two weeks and the returns here for his sister Fannie who will accompany him home for Mrs Dunham sends her best love and regretted very much that you could not extend your trip as far as Meadville. Your uncle is well and sends his love. Mr. Bean desires to be remembered kindly to you he think you a paragon of perfection. I have not been in Lancaster for a week I cannot give you the late news. Mr. Benjamin Bauchman is to be married in October to a Miss Stuart of Williamsport. I met your friend James Lewis last evening at Mr Gonders he was well and asked very kindly of you. I should be glad to hear from you when convenient. Please excuse this scrawl as I am in haste as usual. May health and happiness attend you is the wish of your old friend. **Hetty**".* The letter is in fine condition and comes with the original envelope in Buchanan's handwriting.