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Whetland November 9 1852

My Dear James

at length I sat myself to answer
your letter your Uncle left home yesterday for
Philadelphia where he will remain for a few
days he proposes going to Washington before he
returns he will be absent about ten days
from the time he starts Mrs Greenhow
and Daughter will accompany him home
and pass a few weeks here as Miss Lane has
just written to you I suppose she has given
you all the news, your Uncle is undecided
about his trip to New Orleans should he go
it will not be for a month to come
President Pierce is anxious to have your Uncle
Secretary of State but whether he will except or
not I can not say the Ladies I believe will
pass the winter at Whetland my movements

dependent intirely upon your Uncle Mrs Neve
and Daughter spent a week with us during
the Fair the Fair passed of very nicely a great
many fine things to be seen besides it brought
some Thousand Strangers to Lancaster

Miss Eliza Baughman is Married at last also
Miss Maria Diller a School companion of
Fanny Yates she married a Mr Christ of
Lancaster worth 30 Thousand

I am glad to here that you heard from your
beloved Fannie I was sorry that your Aunt Elennie
did not get on to see us I received a letter from
George Bantle a few days since he desires to be
remembered to you, he has another addition
in his family a fine Son I suppose you have
heard of the Death of Uncle John Parker ever
this he died two Months since his Death was a
great loss to us all he was such a kind Brother
and Uncle he provided well for his family
Aunt Rebecca is in a very comfortable circumstance
he Willed his Niece Rebecca Parker ten Thousand
Dollars Harriet 5 Thousand and also very
kindly remembered me which I did
not expect. I should be glad if you could
call to see them as you pass through

Philadelphia I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you
on the 23 or 24 of next month Mrs Gordon has gone out
to the West to visit her Brother she desired me to present her
best respects to you Mr Dear is well and quite anxious to
see you My health and happiness attend you is the
wish of your sincere Friend

Hetty

Mr James B Henry,

then

now

and



Mr James B Henry
Princeton College,
New Jersey

**“PRESIDENT PIERCE IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOUR UNCLE SECRETARY
OF STATE BUT WHETHER HE WILL ACCEPT OR NOT I CAN NOT SAY”**

i) ALS. 3pg. 8” x 10”. November 9, 1852. Wheatland. An autograph letter signed “**Hetty**” to Henry [her variable spelling has been modified in this transcription]: *“At length I seat myself to answer your letter. Your uncle left home yesterday, for Philadelphia, where he will remain for a few days. He proposes going to Washington before he returns he will be absent about ten days from the time he started. Mrs. [Rose O’Neal] Greenhow [the Confederate spy] and daughter will accompany him home and pass a few weeks here, as Ms [Harriet] Lane [who was the bachelor Buchanan’s acting First Lady] has just written to you. I suppose she has given you all the news, your uncle is undecided about. His trip to New Orleans should he go it will not be for a month to come. President Pierce is anxious to have your Uncle Secretary of State but whether he will accept or not I can not say the Ladies I believe will pass the winter at Wheatland my movements depend entirely upon your uncle Mrs Wever and Daughter spent a week with us during the Fair. The Fair passed of very nicely a great many fine things to be seen besides it brought some Thousand strangers to Lancaster. Miss Eliza Buchanan is married at last also Miss Maria Diller a school companion of Fanny Yates she married a Mr. Christ of Lancaster worth 35 thousand. I am glad to hear that you heard from your beloved Ginnie I was sorry that your aunt Clemmie did not get on to see us I received a letter from George Bartle a few days since he desires to be remembered to you, he has another addition in his family, a fine son. I suppose you have heard of the death of Uncle John Parker this he died two months since his death was a great loss to us all he was such a kind brother and uncle he provided well for his family. Aunt Rebecca is in very comfortable circumstance he will his niece Rebecca Parker ten thousand dollars Harriet 5 thousand and also very kindly remembered me which I did not expect. I should be glad if you could call to see them as you pass through Philadelphia. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you on the 23 or 24 of next month. Mrs. Gorden has gone out to the west to visit her brother she desired me to present her best respects to you. Mr. Bean is well and quite anxious to see you. May health and happiness attend you is the wish of your sincere friend. **Hetty**”*. The letter is on blue paper and is in fine condition. It is accompanied by the original mailing envelope in her handwriting.