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[letter of Pauline Bruce to her grandmother]

Covington [Kentucky] May 1st 1853 [May 1, 1853]

Dear Grandma

I now sit down to fulfill my promise of writing to you which I would have done before now, but I have been so busy preparing for our Exhibition [exhibition] which will be in two weeks that I have not had time-- I have finished my Composition to read it is 5 pages long, I have also two peices [pieces] of Music to play, Kinlock & a song called Willie my Brave--

Grand-Ma I have something to tell you which you would like very much to hear, it is this. Pa has bought us a Home at last of Doct [Doctor] Orr, it is a large brick House beautifully [beautifully] situated near Licking River on 6th St, it is the prettiest place in Covington [Kentucky] & has such a large yard & Garden 4 acres in all, with all kinds of fruit trees & evergreens, there are about 50 Peach Trees in the yard & plenty of Grape-Vines--there is also a nice stable and Spring House on the lot, we can stand in the yard and fish in Licking River, altho' [although] the House is right in town, it is very retiered [sic], but I can not exactly describe it to you, so you must hurry [hurry] home to see it, we expect to

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move there in July-- Lucy Ann sends her love to you and says she will write you in a few days, Nannie says I must tell you that the Negros all abuse her very much, & that you must hurry home, Rettie [Henrietta] sends her love to you, little Lillie is as sweet as ever she steals out doors whenever she can get a chance & catches the little chickens, & often the old Hen pecks her hand, Ma has got about 40 little chickens,

Grand=Ma you dont know how much we all mifs [miss] you-- we are all enjoying very

good health at present-- all of the family send their love to you Mifs [Miss] Emma is still staying with us, she says I must remember her to you, give my love to my kind uncle & Aunt, tell Aunt Nancy I am coming up in vacation to help her eat vegetables [vegetables] & every thing else that is good, also tell uncle Lowry that he must keep that same Horse that I rode when I was up last Summer-- give my love to my Cousins Ellen, Nannie, Susan & Mary Teal and besure [be sure] & give my love to aunt Ellen & Uncle Teal--

Ma has two letters for you from my Uncles Henry and Will,

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and also a valuable present from uncle Will, Ma is afraid to send them to you for fear they will get miscarried & you would not get them, so she will keep them until you return-- I remain your Affectionate Grand Daughter

Pauline Bruce