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[letter addressed to "Mrs Pauline S. Duke-- Care James. Duke. Esqr. Covington. Kentucky."; postmarked "CARLISLE KY JUL 4"]

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Carlisle [Kentucky] July 2nd/63. [July 2, 1863]

Thursday. afternoon.

My dear cousin,

I have been seeking an opportunity [opportunity], for some days to reply to your letter. containing. the Photographs-- and thanking. you. for your kindnefs. [kindness] but this is my first, and it is now almost time for the mail, to be made up--

The photographs, taken from the small ambrotype. I like very-much.indeed. Am glad for you. Kept one the larger ambrotype. I. never liked-- but, Em (his half sister) liked it better, than the small, and wanted some taken from it, you did not mention what they cost, please let me know. and, when Uncle George, goes down I. will send the money, Pauline we would be so glad, to have you come

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see us this Summer, ask cousin James to bring you up, to spend a week, or two, We were anticipating a visit from you, and Aunt Mary, in Owensboro, How little we know, "what a day will bring forth", I. do not feel like murmuring, at my troubles those who go forth, escape much trouble My darling husband, was willing, and anxious, to go, to his "Heavenly Home", died so triumphantly, without one fear, O! may we so go, . .

Ma, is not very well, sends much love to all, Ellie. also sends love. has been speaking for some weeks, of writing Nannie but she, is like the rest, of the family dislikes to write. She would like to have Nannie & Rettie [Henrietta], visit her, this Summer How is dear old Aunt Nancy now?

Uncle H. [Henry] told us in Paris. she was quite unwell Minnie & Lillie, will never forget Uncle H.
[Henry] they talk about him so often, Lillie insists

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upon calling Uncle George, Uncle Henry. They have been quite sick, since we've been here,
Minnie. was ill for some days-- You ask, if she is as much like her Papa as when you, saw her, I.
am sorry to say I. cannot see the likenefs [likeness], but she is thoug [though] very like him. The
clock has just struck six, so I must close, With much love to Aunt M. [Mary] Cousin James, (I.
forgot to tell you how I. liked him) all the children (baby included, Aunt N. [Nancy] and last thoug
[though] not least, my much loved, Uncle H [Henry], Hoping to hear soon

I am yours affectionately

Lucy M Dorsey.

Relations, all well in Carlisle [Kentucky], We regret much, that George, & Kate, will not spend the
Summer here, but in. or near Chicago,

L M D. [Lucy M. Dorsey]