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[Letter from Pauline to her Grandmother, Nancy Bruce, Sept. 1854; letter addressed to "Mrs. Nancy Bruce Care B M Teal Esqr Mayslick Kentucky" from Pauline Bruce Duke]

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Dear Grand Ma

This being Saturday and having no lessons to study, I have taken up my pen to write you a few lines. I suppose you are very anxious to get home now Mr Helm has come; he moved up last wednesday a week ago, they all stayed at our house until they got their's cleaned up, the place selected for his residence is a very nice brick house three squares from us on Greenup Street. Mr Helm looks very familiar in the Pulpit; and carries me back to the time when he preached in Mayslick [Kentucky], the members of the Church seem to be very much pleased with him. All his Children are very fine looking and have grown a good deal since you saw them last, Mr Helm took Cecelia to Georgetown [Georgetown] to Boarding School before they moved here so I cant tell you anything about her only what her Pa told me, He said "she was very pretty, had a great many Beaux and was taller than her Mother" they brought two black women with them, Hanah [Hannah?]; and one that

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Uncle Will had out in Missouri I recd [received] a long letter from Uncle Will about two weeks ago he said he had been almost blind in both eyes, but he said they had got almost well again & that he had quit wearing specks, I heard that you recd [received] a letter from him also.

Little Lillie is growing very fast, is as sweet as ever she oftens [sic] speaks of you and says she is going to Fennen [sic] to see Grand Ma; Nannie and Retty [Henrietta], often talk about you & want to see you so much they had quite a nice time the week Mr Helm's Children were here. they all played every day until they were very tired & sleepy when night came,

Grand Ma we have had some very warm wether [weather] this Summer, every thing was

parched and dried up, but it has turned quite cool & pleasant since a nice rain we had a few days ago, Lucy Ann stayed all night with me last night, she sends her love to you. Grand Ma we had a good many nice Grapes this Summer but the Birds picked them as fast as they turned; Ma attended the Funeral of Mrs Wither's little Baby yesterday, they have been expecting

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it to die for some time, it has been sick all summer, & was nothing but skin and bones.

Grand Ma we all mis [miss] you very much, when are you coming Home? I need not ask that question though, for I don't expect to see you before next Spring whenever you go up to Fennen (as Lillie calls it) and get to eating so many good things you never know when to come away.

Ma sends her love to you & says she wants to see you very much, she says when you do come Home, you must be certain and bring her a jar of new butter, night fresh and a few Turkeys, perhaps you can buy them from Aunt Nancy. Give my love to Aunt Nancy and all my Cousins, write me soon and let us hear all the news

Your Affectionate Grandaughter [Granddaughter]

Pauline Bruce