

Waukesha
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Lovingly with love
yours & my wife
Faywood May 27th

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Dear Sister

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I rec'd a letter from You last Monday
yesterday morning I wrote to you & you
will receive it by noon. I thought I would
not trouble you. I mean by it being a good time. as I
have the whole house to myself. We have had a
general breaking up of our large family. Jones went
to San Francisco yesterday & Jimmie both children to Ohio.
to visit Mary Sister. Mrs Jones has gone down River
to stop with a friend of hers who lives on a farm. & Capt. H.
I am staying Back's Hall. You see how convenient it is
to have a husband who can Cook & Help House. I am
busy Gardening. I am planting about 2 acres this year with
a general Assumption our lot at the house is a Shaded
In the fruit trees that we raise nothing but Strawberries
& other fruits. our garden here looks bad. It is so dry
we have not had rain enough to wet the ground
for six weeks & I have been irrigating the Strawberries
to day. all the fruit trees are now in full bloom &
the prospect look well for a good crop. but everything
is two weeks later than usual. I do not have the
ice business this year. the owner of the ice franchise

Who went to Adelphi last summer has returned a Father
to himself. Capt is running for County Clerk an Office
worth \$1000 a Year but as we have no money to
spend it is doubtful if he gets the nomination. I expect
Jenni will enjoy her new very much, as Mary has
a Horse & Buggy & the Sabbath out Valley at this
season of the year is beautiful beyond description.
We have lived during the past month at home to me
a lifetime, as regards history remarkable events we
have laid aside all business & celebrated day & night
first Davis the Captain of Richmond (You see I won
that game) I expect we got the news here just as
soon as you did of all the events. We decorated the
town with flags & paid a salute at the first gun
the Minis lay down their picks & come in to hear
the news, & when they heard it they didn't go out &
take them up again that day. in the evening the ladies
all assembled at the Theater & we had a dance, next the
summar of Lee & his army. This caused even more
rejoicing. we paid 100 dollars everybody came in town
rehearsal. the Copperheads even give it up & some of
them went to the dance in the evening. We had
an immense Ball. we got up on the spur of the
moment over 200 people present. I don't know when I
have enjoyed one so much. we interspersed the dances

With Patriotic Songs, everybody & his wife & all
the little children were there & enjoyed themselves
immensely, but how shall I describe the reception
of the first news, the Assassination of the President.
We got the first intimation of it at two o'clock that
day but did not get all the particulars until about 8
PM could hardly believe the first report. But in the evening
we had all the particulars to his dying at 22 minutes
Past noon that very morning. The Crowd listened as if
some word by word & we all looked & felt as though we
were hearing of the death of some of our families, Some
near relatives in the State. Probably no man since
Washington was ever so mourned, in this far off
State every little town was draped in Black & Wed
the 19th was observed by funeral Ceremonies, in this
place all business was suspend. We had a very large
procession, & both Military Cos. we marched to the Church
& Jones delivered a very good Eulogy on the late Pres.
We had Music from our Brass Band & Singing by a
Select Choir suitable to the occasion the Methodist
Minister made the Prayer & the Catholic Priest pronounced
the Benediction. We have about decided to quit all
Social entanglements with some of our Southern friends
who we have got along with up to this time
by ignoring the subject of the War when we are in
their Company.

They have taken no part in our Regency
or in our Mourning. We have heard that
one lady from Missouri made the remark.
"That when she heard of Mrs. Surratt her
Heart failed her & she thought that God had
had forsaken them but when she heard of the
Killing of the President she thought that God
had again remembered them & was on their
side. & there are several here who think the same
way. They have to repair over this event in their
own houses & annoy themselves. They are very
careful what they say on the subject. On Jan
1st 1865 there was the most intense excitement
of the Crowd got even a letter by destroying all
the Democratic Papers in the City. The general
Opinion here is that the Rebellion will not
get off so easy at the hands of Andrew Johnson
as it would if they had let Lincoln live.
I think the War will last some time &
on a small scale but better last until they
are all killed. Will often begin my love
to Father & Mother till Father shall answer
his letter soon. Tell also if she will come out
her hair as she can have her full of Balls &
Dancing what a Belle she would be. among our
ten of fifteen Young Girls there is none remarkable pretty
but then mine hasn't grown up yet.

Your affec Brother J A Buck