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## Letter from Jennie Hampton to "Niece"

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W 5 2 3 7 Blooming ton Ill's July Ely Dear Speice, Sometime has elapsed since the reception of your kind and evelcome letter Morning you will excuse negligence I will proceed I was glad to hear that you and Gol" arrived home all right. Well Mant 2 was so Lonsome 2 hardly knew what to do with myself after you went home. But I amo now freed from prison my school pras out last Friday I intend to spend my vacation in visiting 2 wish

you was here to go wirth Sunday 2 expect you would of thought you would have the me Where did you spend Small Joy , For Sunday morning your Fourth We all went to Leging Tow, There was quite a there was 15 carpenters and 20 crowd there most all 93hems commenced harling humber went then , Oh; shant you to Build a Test House sight there faist ought to of been there almost in dams Door right over to of seen my (Old Plug Hal) in the field aposite The dahood The the was Marshal of the day To put the Small por in, The Dressed up in his Unicard people in The Vicinity raised up Dear little chap" He fust against it and they come very more than put on Myle, mear having a war right here the the seemed to look with prople in Bloomington said they contempt down on me and would defend it at the point my tille Dutch of ohnson, of the Bayoner But our folks Well enough of this forlishness, out geneal them to they didnot I think its too had you cant get it there, Ohys you wanted go away from home on a wisit to know how I got along the without them publishing it all next Sunday evening the didn't award that you were dead seem to enjoy himself at all If you had of stayed over the hasn't layed in the corner

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## <u>July 6, 1864</u>

Bloomington, Ills July 6<sup>th</sup> 64

Dear Niece,

Sometime has lapsed since the reception of your kind and welcome letter. Hoping you will
excuse negligence I will proceed. I was glad to hear that you and Col. arrived home all right.
Well I was so lonesome I hardly knew what to do with myself after you went
home. But I am now fed from prison, my school was out last Friday. I intend to spend my
vacation in visiting. I wish you was here to go with me. Where did you spend your 4th. We all
went to Lexington. There was quite a crowd there. Oh! you first ought to of been
there to of seen my Old Plug . He was marshall of the day "dressed up in his
unicorn" "Dear little chap" He first more than put on style. He seemed to look with contempt
down on me and my little Dutch Johnson. Well enough of this foolishness. I think it is too bad
you can't go away from home on a visit without them publishing it all around that you were
dead. If you had stayed over Sunday I expect you would have thought you would have the smal
pox. For Sunday morning there was 15 carpenters and 20 teams commenced hauling lumber to
build a "Test House" right there almost in front of Sam's door right over in the field opposite the
school. And lo he put the small pox in. The people in the vicinity raised up against it and they
came very near having a war right here. The people in Bloomington said they would defend it a
the point of the bayonet. But our folks them so they didn't get it there.
Oh, yes, you wanted to know how I got along the next Sunday evening. He didn't seem to enjoy
himself at all. He has not layed in the corner of the since you left. I told you he
wouldn't. I suppose your school is out by this time. I thought some of you were coming to the
Normal examination to hear your cousin speak. He received his diploma. Tell Molly I would
like to hear from her. I will close, hoping to hear from you. Tell Johnny to write. I was in hope
he would come up about the fourth. Virginia (?) hasn't been here this summer. I remain as ever
your aunt. Jennie Hampton
P.S. Please excuse haste.