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Letter from Jennie Hampton to "Niece"

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Bloomington Ill's July 6th /44

Dear Alice,

Sometime has elapsed since the reception of your kind and welcome letter. Hoping you will excuse my negligence I will proceed I was glad to hear that you and Col^l arrived home all right. Well Maunt I was so homesome I hardly knew what to do with myself after you went home. But I am now freed from prison my school is 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 Fourth We all went to
Lexington, there was quite a
crowd there most all B →
went there, 'Oh, want you
fast ought to of been there
to of seen my (Old Plug Hat)
He was Marshal of the day
"Dressed up in his Unicorn"
"Dear little chap" He just
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 its too bad you cant get it there,
Oh yes you wanted
go away from home on a visit to know how I got along the
without them publishing it all next Sunday evening He didnt
around that - you were dead
If you had of stayed over

Sunday I expect you would
of thought you would have the
Small pop. For Sunday morning
there was 15 carpenters and 20
teams commenced hauling lumber
to Build a "Test House" right there
almost in Lams Door right over
in the field opposite the school H.
To put the small pop in. The
people in the vicinity raised up
against it and they come very
near having a war right here the
people in Bloomington said they
would defend it at the point
of the Bayonet. But our folks
out geneal them so they didnt
I think its too bad you cant get it there, Oh yes you wanted
go away from home on a visit to know how I got along the
without them publishing it all next Sunday evening He didnt
around that - you were dead
If you had of stayed over

of the fence 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 up 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
again soon, Tell Johny to
write I was in hopes he would
come up about the ^{old} fourth.

Virginia hasnt been here this
summer. I remain as ever

Your Aunt Jennie Hampton

(P. B) Please haste

Please to hand this over to

Marty,

John Rollins,

July 6, 1864

Bloomington, Ills July 6th 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 small 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 at 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 hopes 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.