1860 Letters

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Ivy Neck April 10th 1860

My dearest Mother

I have just got Deedie to bed and she has gone to sleep at last and altho it is getting towards bed time I must write you a few lines to night as I shall have no time in the morning

Mr Dillon expects to have service at Owensville tomorrow and I think I can get there, I shall try to at any rate. You will tomorrow receive my letter saying Ellen has left me I am still getting along very well and I look at little Ellen in amazement if I have to keep a colored nurse I should rather have her than any body. She has put the baby to sleep several times without any difficulty. Kitty too is behaving so differently from usual she has done the chamberwork so as to leave Ellen nothing but the nursing and

he left school he does not know his letters. That no one takes any account of what he says they know him too well. He thinks that W. will get tired of Ellen after awhile and she will want to come away. But worst of all that the old man has a payment to make on the place very soon and says he has not the means to meet it. Deedie was very much pleased with the writing of a letter to her Grandpapa, I asked if she had no message to send Mr Fauntinger, she replied she would in the morning. Did you ask Sally about her pig I would like to have it sheltered or smoked or not. please bring a copy book for little Ellen. And while you are in Baltimore will you look about the peoples clothes so that we may judge whether it is cheaper there or at Gibbs'. Is there a new white wash brush in the house. But I am too sleepy to write any more if I have time I will add to this tomorrow.

Wednesday morning

Another rainy day so no Church, but all are well hope the coal will soon arrive as we are out. Much love to everybody

Yours as ever

Mary H. Murray