

Chas Carver's Car  
is Ashville next Summer? Mrs  
P. formerly Mrs. Jones has a son  
though expect Mrs. Twitty has hear  
before. Ma's garden did look so  
well, until the heavy frost. I  
don't think I remember, such an  
April. been more disagreeable  
than March. Have you been  
to Scarborough to see the new  
goods yet? if so, expect you found  
the Counters in great confusion  
something of every thing. It will  
be several weeks yet, before the  
goods all get to Warrington - wish  
they would make haste and come,  
for we are nearly out of work.

My best love to Mrs. Twitty - ma  
and all join me in much to  
you. Must write soon.

I am with much aff.

Yours,  
B. K. Wans

"Fountain Hill" N.C.  
April 24<sup>th</sup> 1874.

Dear Aunt Ell -

I have been waiting  
a few days, to hear some news, be-  
fore answering your very kind letter.  
Sallie went to town day before yes-  
terday to see Nellie. She was ex-  
ceedingly pleased with her trip north,  
so much so, that she heard but  
little of the marriage she had just  
attended before - "it had dwindled  
into insignificance" in compar-  
ison to the wonders of N. G. Grand-  
ma was with Aunt Bet. was well -  
and will be down to see us as  
soon as the weather becomes settled.  
I spent nearly two weeks with her



while at uncle Whit's during the  
time we took the rounds first  
to aunt Van's then to aunt  
Delia's and to aunt Mary Ann's  
also to see Bettie Reopasso Cousin  
Jimmy S. seems perfectly content  
ed, with aunt Mary Grandena  
thinks, because Miss Fanerie is  
so near Cousin Conrad plays  
the "gentleman" stopped his  
profession entirely. Night before  
last at about 1 o'clock we were  
all very much alarmed the ser-  
vant girl sleeping in ma's room  
was in flames got to sleep while  
warming her feet, before she re-  
sized Pattie happened to wake,  
she aroused ma, and together  
they extinguished the flames ma's  
hands are badly burned, but she  
bears it with the greatest fortitude,  
feeling <sup>so thankful</sup> that the girl (in fact house  
and all of us) was saved, the girl

was not dangerously burned. Ma &  
aunt Ve received a package, or  
rather a paper of seed last week  
and we guessed that you sent  
them, if so, says she is very  
much obliged to you. It seems  
an age since you went down  
the country - must be sure to  
come up the last of May. I can  
hardly realize that Butcher is large  
enough to go off to school next  
September. I had a letter from  
Johnnie to grandena, which was  
very good. And one from dear  
Will Elias to her which was really  
so extraordinary, that I brought it  
home to show. Aunt Ve's health  
is not good - does not look well  
as she use to. Have you many  
chickens? Ma has had a great  
many, but the hawks are so bad,  
will not let her raise them.  
Do you still contemplate going