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Sunday July 5th 1874
Dear Mother
I would have written sooner but I thought I would wait until today so that I could tell you how we employed ourselves on the 4th, Well George and Darnel engaged a yacht and about 8 o'clock yesterday morning we set sail for Beach Haven across the Bay where George worked when he first came down here. When we got there we went over to the surf and watched the people bathing, we didn't go in for the water is still very cold. After we watched them as long as we had any desire, we returned to our yacht and set sail for Bonds watering place
where there was to be a boat race, we got there in plenty time for it, our captain and George went on it, while Darnel and the rest of us went down to the surf and watched the Breakers and picked up [strikethrough]sail[strikethrough] shells, about time for the race to be over we went back to the Boarding house and seen the contesting yachts come in, it was very windy yesterday and each man was soaking wet, the boats dipped water so that they were up to their knees in water sometimes, George was wet to the skin, but salt water never gives you cold, so that today he is as well as ever, the boat George was in would have won but just as they were going inside
the winning lines their mast broke and Dixies boat that was just behind swept in past them, some of the others were a mile or more behind, after the race we went into the boarding house dining room and had our supper, and then expected to start for home but against we were ready to start there was a gust come up and it just poured and kept it up all night and the wind blew a perfect hurricane, so that we had to take rooms and stay all night and take a fresh start this morning. we started for once in time to see sunrise at sea, and had a very nice sail home. it was a very quiet 4th as regards firing. I don't think
they send any of their fire works to this part of the country. I expect you were glad when the 4th was over. I was dreadful uneasy last week for fear you were sick, for I got no letter and the papers didn't get here until Friday night, and I felt certain someting was the matter I tell you I was glad to see the papers come for I took them as a sign that you were all well. Anna [Anna R. Fulton] and Darnel return to Manahawkin tomorrow morning. the children are well and often talk about Grandma and Uncle Edy [Edward A. Fulton] and Grandpap. the birds are first rate though I don't suppose that will interest you any.

with love to all I remain your loving daughter Sade. [Sade Fulton Wright]