



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from M.A.
Moptiff of Mansfield, Connecticut, June 25, 1837

Subject-Writer wants Mary to visit Connecticut; Orange had visited, roots promised , Aunt Norton and Cousin Mary E Waldon mentioned

[Handwritten note, script]

Mansfield June 25, 1837

My Dear Mary,

I very much regretted not receiving your kind letter, till after your father left town as I could not reply by him nor send you the seeds you requested. As an opportunity now presents, of sending you a line, although it may be sometime before you receive it, I gladly improve it.

I am happy to learn that you have found some pleasant acquaintances and thank you for your generous wish that I would come there and get acquainted too, but a land far and wide intervenes. I reflect with pleasure on the happy days I spent with you last summer but they are gone, never to be recalled. It would be pleasant could I cherish the idea of visiting you again, or of receiving a visit from you, but everything in the world is uncertain. I have thought perhaps you would come here sometime, but your father seems to think it improbable.

You write there has been much sleighing there this past winter, but do not seem to have enjoyed it. Why do you wish you had been somewhere else? And why do you think you would have been better off than you now are? I always enjoy a sleigh ride. Disturbances however are unpleasant. I was surprised to hear that Mr Woodruff had forbid Mr Chapman's [*sic*] coming to his house, but am not surprised to hear that she had the dropsy, I could not but think, (when I was there at your father's last summer) if they were affectionate in company, what would they be alone?

My time has passed quite pleasantly since I returned from Ohio, my health has been very good. I have found some pleasant new acquaintances, and enjoyed the society of many old ones. Your Aunt Norton arrived here the first day of June, but have not seen her but little as I was in Willington when she came and before I returned she had gone to Berlin. Your cousin Mary E. Waldon is expecting to return with her, and will probably visit you soon. You will find her a pleasant and interesting girl. Give my respects to your father & mother and William, tell them I think they would enjoy a journey to Ct very much. I would send you some roots now but I think it would be too long before you would receive them



they would not live, as for seeds I have saved them all. I hope you will write me every opportunity. Remember me affectionately to the young ladies of my acquaintances and all enquirers.

Most affectionately yours,

M A Moptiff [unclear signature]

Miss M. Johnson

[Envelope] Miss M. Johnson Worthington Ohio