



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from Emily
Beckwith of Somerset, Ohio, 1/22/1832

Subject –School mate of Mary’s tells why she left Miss Marsh’s Academy

[Handwritten note, script]

Somerset Ohio Jan 22, 1832

Dear Mary,

Dear Mary,

I have received your letter and to comply with your request have seated myself to answer it;

You stated in your letter that Miss Marsh spoke about us leaving the place in school. I thought that we had gave [*sic*] you and Miss M—and all the rest the reason why we left and suposed [*sic*] that Miss M—was satisfied. I had no idea that Miss M—was going to speak [*sic*] about it before the school I thought that if we had explained the reason to her was sufficient which we did without her talking about it to the publick [*sic*]. You wanted to know what cause to give Miss M—give her the reason that we gave you if you please which you know was that we had a good school to go to. It [unclear word] as good as Miss M—’s seminary and we would be very much pleased to see anyone from W—to come and visit our school, as I have told you all I believe about our leaving school which I can assure [*sic*] you very trifles thing to talk so much about I hope Miss M—and all the rest will be satisfied and hush up about it if they are not father will write to her. tell her if you please.

You told me not to forget my Father D—and his miss, and I will not for I do not forget my old friend so soon I often think of our play in the field, when we played [unclear word] puss wants a corner and also our see saws do you ever go there any more to play

How does Caroline come on, I suppose [*sic*] you still go to gether [*sic*] and are still as sociable as ever. I must tell you how we got home we meet [*sic*] with a little accident between Columbus and W—I suppose [*sic*] you have herd [*sic*] of it before this time, we had very bad rodes [*sic*] indeed, but go [*sic*] along very well, we arrived at home about 1 o’clock in the afternoon we was [*sic*] not at home more than an hour be fore [*sic*] we received a ticket to a party, we went and had a very pleasant time, next night we

whent [*sic*] to singing school and had fine times, I cannot tell you how well we have enjoyed ourselves since we got home;

Give my love to all my friends if you can find out who they are especilie [*sic*] Caroline



Write soon and let me know all the news

Your affectionate friend

Emily Beckwith

Elizabeth startes [sic]

to school in a few week's [sic]

[Envelope] Miss Mary Johnson, Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio

Note: [Caroline Griswold daughter of George Harlan who was probably a classmate of Mary and Emily at the Female Seminary]