



Letter to Orange Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from  
William Johnson of Milan, Ohio, 2/4/1839

Subject: William tells about his recent health problems and asks for  
money to continue his studies

[Handwritten note, script]

February 4, 1839

My Father,

As I have been waiting—sometime in expectation of an answer—to a letter written about the first of January and directed to Mary—an seeing no prospect of receiving anything from her—I now direct a second time a few lines homeward—hoping that they will meet with better success—My health generally [*sic*] since I left home has been very good—But for the last two of three weeks I have been quite unwell so much so as to render me incapable of persueing [*sic*] my studies—but I am now getting better and expect to take up my studies again in a day or two—but as my money begins to run low it will be necessary to have some assistance—in order that I may remain here much longer—and under the present circumstances it would be a great disadvantage for me to leave my studies—as I am about half way through each of my present studies what are Algebra Astronomy and Book Keeping—all of which requires much study and Algebra in particular requires much explanation in order to fully understand its various parts—And as the present teacher is considerably skilled in the mathematics—I should like to remain long enough to complete that and also Surveying—If it should pleas [*sic*] you to give me a support long enough for me to acquire a knowledge of the present with some few other—branches—I will improve the time in the best possible maner [*sic*]

Wm Johnson

P.S. If you will let me know when you will be at the lake I will call and see you at Lyme or Sandusky as may be most convenient for you—

An immediate answer is much desired

My respects to all, Wm Johnson

[Envelope] Mr O Johnson Worthington Franklin Co O