

Letter to William M Johnson of Milan, Ohio from Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio, 11/17/1838

Subject: News of home; wedding of Eliza Sherman and Potter?; Mary has been introduced to a new gentleman named Jim; spat between Miss Marsh and Miss Bishop; Ema Case boarding with Johnsons

[Handwritten note, script]

Dear Brother

I now sit down with pleasure to inform you something about home. I have neglected writeing [sic] to you on account of the sewing society expecting to meet here and I thought that it would be interesting to you to here [sic] something about the young folks. It meat [sic] here yesterday that was Friday The company was quit [sic] large the numbers of ladies were 14 or 15 Laura and myself joined them here in the evening the gentlemen came to the number of 6. They were very lively so much so that we had one weeding [sic] of whom the bride was Eliza Sherman? the groom Potter? and it was a weeding [sic] and a half there was not one in the room I do not believe but what were very much disgusted with her it was my husband my husband all around the room he could not go to one side of the room [but] what she would hallow [sic] out my husband and run after him and catch hold of him and hall him off somewhere. But she was well come up for it she had to go home alone or her and her sister

But when she got out in the street she hallowed [sic] out here we are gentlemen here we are but that did not do them any good

We had a stranger here to last night his name was Levi? The finest gentleman here and he has the name of it to [sic] He is well educated young man also in appearance Miss McNeal gave me an introduction to him and it seemed that I was acquainted with him then.

Afterwards E.L. proposed to me that I should write a billet to him requesting his company which he accepted.

I am attending school now whis [*sic*] is held in Masonic Hall the number of pupils [*sic*] are about 50?? The most of whom are young ladies. We have one young lady boarding with us which is Ema M. Cary who is very pleasant she will not remain here only

Untill [sic] Miss Marsh can get a house when she is a going to keeping house. Miss Marsh was up here some day this week and wanted to get boarding here until [sic] she went to keeping house I expect that here and Miss Bishop have had a spat about something [unreadable] told them that they might come



but when she came to tell her about it that her & the young ladies were coming there she would not let them come she did not want to have them come she did not want to have them leave in a storm although it was pleasant weather

On our way home from S. We stoped [sic] at Mr Balentines where we staid [sic] one night Wednesday Thursday morning we went to Nortons where we stayed 2 dazed [sic]

Saturday morning we started for home and Louisa with us we arrived hom [sic] just at dusk.

You spoke about having [sic] the Bucyrus paper [sent] to you but I suppose [sic] that you have not [yet got] but Pa is agoing to have them sent [to] you the next time that he goes out to Bucyus he was not at home when we received your letter but was out at Bucyrus.

I will send you the last paper and a catalogue of the Fem.Sem. But stop I have not told you that Miss?? or Mrs?? Thomson was here she has been here nearly two weeks.

Mary Johnson

Thomas Jefferson I am well at present as well as the rest of the family and I hope that you are well also. I expect that I shall go to school this winter but when we shall commence I cannot tell. In this letter I send you my best respects and should like to see you. My beard is beginning to grow in consequence of your bearding me so much and I shall be under the neceity [sic] of shaving

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