



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from Evaline P. Smith of Trenton, New Jersey, 7/1/1844

Subject: Evaline Smith, formerly a music teacher at the Worthington Female Seminary, traveled with Orange and Achsa Johnson recently and wants to keep in touch with Mary and others from Worthington

[Handwritten note, script]

Trenton July 1, 1844

Dear Mary

In accordance with my feelings this morning I sit down to fulfill the promise I made to your father, that I would write to you. I do not remember that you gave me an invitation to do so, yet I hope this communication may not be so great a tax upon your good feelings as to meet with an unfavorable reception. Indeed I should have written, even before this time, if various circumstances combined had not caused me to defer until the present. I have heard nothing from Worthington since I left there, yet I often think of the people in that place and a wish exists in my mind, that I could see how they are situated. I suppose ere this time your father and mother have returned, and are again restored to their affectionate daughter, while you are relieved of domestic cares. How did you succeed in their absence? I should very much like to hear a description of your housekeeping and also how your people were pleased with their journey. I enjoyed the time that I traveled with them very much, and feel greatly indebted for the kindness and attentions they bestowed upon me. You were frequently the subject of our communication, and could you have heard the regrets that were passed by all of us that you was [*sic*] not present not present, you might have little fear of ever again being left behind by your parents---

Do you visit the seminary frequently this summer? How are all things prospering there & who are the present teachers and how large is the school? Are Mr. & Mrs. Nelson well? Remember me affectionately to them, even tell them I am intending to write soon. Is Miss Morrison still teaching, and how does she succeed? What has become of Julia Wetmore? I sent her a paper a long time since, but received nothing in return except a company communication. Perhaps ere this, she has entered into partnership with some Delaware Company, with which circumstances I have not yet been made acquainted. Please present to her my love, and tell her that a letter from her would give me great pleasure.

After leaving your people on their way to Baltimore I came directly to Trenton. Here I found Sisters family well and pleasantly situated. I immediately commenced taking lessons in music, and intended to have remained here through the summer. Very unexpectedly to us Mr Kiereres was appointed editor of Sabbath School Publications in N.York City, consequently they are going to that place to reside. We shall leave here this week, but the weather is extremely warm, that Sister feared to take her children in N. York at this time, and we are going to Pequannock, a small town in N. Jersey ten miles from N. York at a friend of Sister's. It is a delightful place, situated on the Passinac River, and an hours ride on the rail road south to the city. Early in the Fall Sister designs to take up her residence in N.Y. and I intend to spend the winter with them. Will you come on and spend a year in the city? I should be happy to see you there.

Please tell your father that I am anxious to get the money on the note I left in his care, and wish he would request the Trustees to pay it as soon as it is convenient for him to attend to the business. I do not wish to give you further trouble, but I wish the Trustees to be _____ for the money, as I desire it for use now. He may send a draft on New York to the order of my brother-in-law Daniel P. Kidder— direct to his care 200 Mulberry St N.York

Remember me affectionately to your father and mother, and all my acquaintances who may inquire for me. I would write a much longer letter if it was now convenient, the house is in an entire state of commotion. Every thing being turned about for moving. Now, dear Mary, I shall anxiously expect a long letter from you. Will you not write to me very soon. Sister wishes to be remembered to yourself and parents. Please remember me to Caroline G. Comstock, and believe me

Yours Affectionately

E. P. Smith

[Envelope] Miss Mary Johnson

Worthington Ohio

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