



Letter to Mary D. Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from
Ellen [no last name] of Dayton, Ohio, 5/5/1846

Subject: Ellen is perturbed because Mary seems to have forgotten her even though they are old friends. Mary visited Dayton and did not tell Ellen she was there. She relates that Sarah Jane [no last name] has been in ill health and has moved and that Josephine and Augusta [no last name] are both well. Ellen may be Parrott because there is a Josephine Parrott from Dayton Ohio who is a student at the Female Seminary in the 1841 roster and she refers to Josephine as you would a sister.

[Handwritten, script]

Dayton May 5th 1846

Dear Mary,

I cannot persuade myself to let such a favorable opportunity for writing pass unimproved, although I have at one time almost concluded to do so. I felt an inclination to write and thereby show my friendship, but something seemed to say Mary has forgotten you. and to strengthen this fear I could not but remember that a certain individual whos [sic] name was not unlike your own, spent a week or two in Dayton last winter and that I was not made acquainted with the fact until after she had taken her departure. Now Mary that is a black account I have against you. I cannot conceive how it can be settled upon peaceable terms, but I will leave the matter with you hoping [sic] you had sufficient excuse for the slight you gave your old friend. It is a belief with some that new faces create new fancies, but I can not say that is entirely so with me. I am very certain that I formed some acquaintances while in Worthington which will never be forgotten let me see whatever changes I may. I suppose you are aware of the fact that Sarah Jane has changed her place of residence. I have not seen her for two years. She has been in ill health for a long time. Josephine and Augusta are both well. I had intended when I commenced writing to fill my sheet, but the time I have had allowed me for writing has elapsed and I must close by asking you to seek an acquaintance with Miss Jewell the bearer of this. You will find her a very quiet, sedate little body, no such a wild rattlebrain as the last set you had from Dayton. If there is any of my old friends in Worthington yet please remember me to them. I shall expect a letter from you soon. In the meantime [believe me]

Your Affectionate Friend



Ellen

[Envelope] Miss Mary D Johnson Worthington Ohio

Pliss Miss Jewel