



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from Jane E Rogers of Bucyrus, Ohio, January 14, 1844

Subject: Jane writes to Mary to tell her about a New Years Eve party at the Temperance Hotel attended by a gentleman Mary may be interested in Mr. Merryman. Jane also tells Mary about a certain Mr. H. who frequently visits Columbus. Jane is waiting for snow so she can visit Worthington, perhaps by sleigh.

[Handwritten note, script]

Bucyrus Jan 14, 44

Dear Mary,

I now commence to answer your long neglected though not forgotten letter.

I can assure [sic] you I was not only pleased to receive your letter and hear directly from you but also to hear from the people of W. when I received your letter I thought certainly I would answer it before this time, but it was not for want of thought, I commenced several letters and never would I write more than a line or so before something would attract my attention or some one would call and I leave thinking in a few minutes to return and finish it, but thus the time has slipped [sic] by till this Sunday afternoon and if nothing happens [sic] I am in hopes soon to finish my letter but Oh! I was called some one is in and I must bid you good by till I return. Dear M. company is gone gone [sic] and fortunate for me the call was short, I now can return to my letter but perhaps you would like to know who this call was from, it was from the gentleman that is said to make frequent visits at Worthington and Columbus (Mr. H) as I was writing to you I was particular to ask his health which he said was good with the exception of a cut finger which he hoped would soon be well wants to soon go to Columbus.

I suppose when Mr. Merriman was down he gave you all the important news that was going on here, therefore I shall not mention only what happened [sic] during his absence, we had a very large New Years party at the Temperance Hotel, L & M. Merriman were present and said they enjoyed it very much. I had almost forgot to mention your other acquaintance (Mr. H) How he enjoyed himself I shall not say, our only amusements was promenading, singing, and playing on the basevoil, [sic] so ends the party.

Respecting our society it is quite large and flourishing all we want at present is snow. I have had the promise of going to Worthington the first good snow that comes, therefore I live in hopes of soon going.

I herd [*sic*] by way of Mr. Merriman that Call was married if it be so give her my love and wish her much joy. Write soon if you can make it convenient and let me know all about it, and also the rest of my acquaintances My love to you and respects to all inquiring friends if there be any—

From Your Friend

Jane E ???? [may be Jane E Rogers]

Miss Mary Johnson

[Envelope] Miss Mary Johnson Worthington Ohio

[Note on envelope in Mary's writing] my experiences will prove an exception from that