



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Oh  
from Charles Stickney of Republic, Ohio, 4/28/1841

Subject: Met Mary on coach from Columbus to Worthington as she and Orange were returning from the east, would like to correspond

[Handwritten note, script]

Republic, Seneca Co. Ohio

April 28th 1841

Miss M. Johnson

I take the liberty to address you apparently with much presumption, you may think for me who has not the pleasure of your acquaintance.

Should you be at a loss to know from whom this emanates [*sic*] you are apprised and doubtless may recollect, we journied [*sic*] in company from Columbus to your place of residence at Worthington, on your return from the East as I learned in course of conversation from a Gentleman whom I supposed to be Your Father.

Yet I presume more upon your candor and generosity than to treat with total indifference, though presumptuous the communications of any, however singular or importune, their sincerity may meet your approbation.

"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" is the only apology I offer at present in obtruding upon Your attention this brief note - and hope my motives will be judged worthy. the consideration of one so amible [*sic*] in her appearance and competent to appreciate, and not to condemn without reason.

There is pleasure and gratification contemplating our friends and acquaintances in a social and moral ascent aside from friendly or dear relations. But were it possible by any degree of perspicuously [*sic*] to distinguish the germ of our affection from the diversified mass, how glorious then the theme! how acstatic [*sic*] then the felicity. But how if that sentiment is not reciprocated? experience only can answer

I am on a visit at my brothers. Not having seen him for some years makes it difficult for me to suggest the precise time of my continuence [*sic*] as he is anxious I should [*stay*] some weeks with him.



I am however desirous, even solicitous to receive in reply to this your convenient attention should you be so fortunate as to receive it in due time - when it would be my utmost pleasure, if acceptable with your feelings to improve our acquaintance. But if not you have the assurance of a friend (though unacquainted) of his inestimable regard and esteem

Respectfully &c.

Charles B. Stickney

[address]

Miss Mary Johnson

Worthington

Franklin Co.

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