



Letter Written to Orange Johnson of Worthington, Ohio
from H.J.H of Worthington, Ohio, 3/1/1840

Subject: H.J.H cautions Orange Johnson against attentions given by H.N.
Cells to his daughter

[Handwritten note, script]

Worthington, Sunday morning, March 1st 1840

. Johnson

Sir, I came to your village last evening & was inquired of by the people, respecting the character of a young man (H.N. Cells) which I understand resides in your town at this time; Not knowing their object in making such strict inquiry I declined giving it, but substituted some esasive [*sic*] answers, I then ascertained that he was paying his address to your Daughter, I also ascertained that you was a very respectable citizen & a man that had accumulated a large amount of property by industry & economy. I feel it my duty to give you a time history of the said Cells that you may not be imposed upon by him.

I understand that he makes great pretensions to wealth, but let me assure you that his father is a man in very indignant circumstances he supports his family by the avails of his little factory (soap boiling). As for the said H.N. Cells he served his apprenticeship with a Tailor in our town (Newark) he quit the business some 2 or 3 years since & commenced peadling [*sic*] the (world to course). However previous to this he was sent by the charity of his relations to Hudson College a short time he is now suported [*sic*] by his relations principally by his brother the Post Master at Granville who is supposed of taking money out of the office. He has always gone beyond his means since I have known him as a proof of this if you will trouble yourself enough to call at the groceries & [torn and not readable] Cells in Columbus you will find many bills he has not settled. He is not admitted in the first class of society in our place neither is he in any other place where he has become fully known

+ A book by that title [perhaps unrelated note on the paper being used?]

I have not written this out of any ill will towards the young man but only to give you a true history of his character. That he many not cause a young & amiable Feamale [*sic*] to drag out a life of wretchedness & disgrace with himself

I have only given you a partial description of the man but as much as time will admit but if you doubt any statements that I have made I advise you to make further inquiry.

Your H.J.H.



PS. If you are anxious to learn my name inquire of the landlord & he can probably inform you.

I staid [*sic*] with him Saturday evening (from Newark)