



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from
Norman K. Johnson of West Hartford, Conn., 12/20/1846

Subject: Her cousin writing news of various New England relatives

[Handwritten, script]

West Hartford, Dec. 20th 1846

Dear Cousin Mary,

It having been a long time since I have heard from you I thought I would devote the present time in writing to you. I have thought of you a great deal since I saw you last, and it was my intention to have seen you when you were in Conn. last but circumstances prevented me from doing so. I should have been very much pleased had it been so that I could have made a visit with you when you were in Hartford and should have done so had it not been for the accident you met on your way from Mansfield to Hartford for I went to the city that evening and waited until a late hour that I might see you and Uncle Johnson but I returned home expecting to see you in the morning, but when I called in the morning I found that you had left for Ohio.

I remain in West Hartford yet but expect to leave here this winter or in the coming spring. I have spent my time very pleasantly since I have been in practice here, but my field of usefulness is too small here to encourage me to stay any longer than this winter. I was out to Mansfield last week and found some of our friends quite sick. Sister Olive and her third son Henry was wick with fever. Sister had begun to recover was beginning to have some appetite and will probably recover soon.

Grandmother retains her usual health, she is able to get about the house and see to her household affairs such as cooking &c. --

Brother Merrill is very feeble this winter, he has had spells of bleeding at the lungs during the warm seasons for three years past. Last summer he was taken a bleeding very profusely which weakened him very much and I thought he would not be able to be about again but he has been able to be stirring around some this past fall, he is now confined to the house, he has considerable cough and somewhat feverish loss of appetite with many other symptoms which indicate some disease of the lungs and I think it rather doubtful about his being any better.

Uncle Waldo and family are all very well. Uncle has done very well this season past his crops have turned out very well.



Grandmother has her new barn finished and it is very convenient and comfortable and is well filled with fodder. Mother is in Mansfield this winter her health is good. much of her time is devoted to the care of Merrill. Our friends in Willington are all well. Uncle Brigham and wife were at Grandmothers last week, he has built him a new house the season past which is very convenient and comfortable. My Brothers in Hartford and vicinity are all well. Brother George took to himself a wife on Thanksgiving evening. I think he has married a very fine lady and one in good circumstances and has a fair prospect of doing well.

How do all the good people out in your region of country. I mean your fathers family and our other relatives. how does Brother William get along, is he married yet, is he expecting to marry or is he making up his mind to live an old bachelor, if not give him my best wishes, and tell him that it is high time that he was looking around among the fair sex, for delays are dangerous.

I have heard that Aunt Carissa is sick, how is she now. we have not heard from Ohio for some time. I should be very happy to hear from you and if you think this letter worth answering I wish you would write me as soon as convenient after receiving this. Please give my best wishes to your father and Mother and other friends.

I can get a letter from the city office as conveniently as any where. Please write soon to your friend & cousin.

Norman K. Johnson

[Address]

Miss Mary Johnson
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Ohio