

Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from Emily Beckwith of Somerset, Ohio, 7/2/1839

Subject: Emily writes to Mary about an illness that has been spreading through her town

[Handwritten note, script]

Somerset Ohio July 2d 1839

Dear Mary,

I received your letter long since with much pleasure, but have neglected writing to you, but I now [sic] you will excuse me when I tell you all, Mary there has been a great many of our neighbors and friends sick and some have left the shores of time and fled to eternity and, of course, they needed seting [sic] up with, and I have been cauled [sic] upon amongst the rest of the young folks to go, and losing so much sleep makes me feel bad, but I have got over my sleepy spells, and the first thing I do is write to my dear old schoolmate. Now you will excuse me will you not this once if I never do it any more.

Miss Tucker is here teaching school now Mary. I want you to tell me all and the truth at that too. What made Miss T- leave off teaching school in Worthington she never would give me any satisfaction on the subject. If you know tell me & I will not say anything to her about it. Is Miss I Miller up at school yet if she is tell her I will answer her letter soon I have not forgoton [sic] her although I have neglected writing to her. How is Miss Myers is she in Worthington yet Tell me about all my friends up in W—how they do how they be and every thing about them, are you and any of the folks ever coming down to see us soon you promised to come I wish you and Cal would come and see us I want to see you and Cal so bad, I am going to Zansevill [sic] in a few weeks on a visit if it was not for that I would come up and stay in 3 or 4 weeks with you and Cal if I was up there I could sing a couple of beautiful songs it would make you laugh your eyes ought [sic], Mary you must excuse all misstakes [sic] for this is runing [sic] a race, I will direct my letter very course so that the girls will think it is a gentleman hand wright, [sic]

Yours sincerely [sic]

Emily Beckwith



Write imeditaly [sic]

Soon soon

My love to all my love to all my love to all

[Envelope]

Miss Mary Johnson

Worthington Ohio

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