



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from
Chester K. Johnson of Tiffin, Ohio, 2/20/1847

Subject: Family news from her cousin, death of Aunt Maynard, provisions
for large local wedding

[Handwritten, script]

Tiffin, Feby 20th 1847

Dear Cousin

It was with feeling of regret & Sorrow that I read of the death of Aunt Maynard, [Crissa Johnson Maynard, wife of Moses Maynard, Jr., Achsa's brother, died Feb. 8, 1847] when I left Worthington it was with the fond hope that I should at any day see Aunt restored to health, that she would again take me by the hand: and give me that hearty welcome which ever greeted me at her home, but alas how uncertain are all things here on Earth, how delusive are our fondest hopes, today all is bright & sunny, tomorrow all sadness & gloom, today we are surrounded by friends and all that is calculated to make us happy, tomorrow, death may have called from our midst those for whom we cherish the fondest feelings; those we may call friends & relatives. Such is life.

Cousin I feel under renewed obligations to you and your parents for the kindness with which you treated me while at your house. Tis not the gifts of wealth that make up the sum of life, no tis the little offices of kindness performed by those whom we love.

We are to have a wedding here next Tuesday, one of Mr. Hedges daughters is to be married to Mr. Ely of Fort Bally. I have a bid to the wedding and also to a party at Mr. S.A. Hall's; I expect the affair [*sic*] at Hedges will be the grandest affair [*sic*] ever had in this place judging from the fact that we have sold them five boxes of Raisins, Sixty-five pounds of loaf Sugar, and about forty or fifty pounds of Butt and Eggs without number, Turkeys & Beef _____ extra. I wish you could be here. Miss Singer is at home, as yet I have not had the galantry [*sic*] to call on her; the neglect is owing not doubt to my being absent from the city. I will have the pleasure of seeing her on the evening of the party.

Mr. Stern's well at present with the exception of the Old Man, he is laboring under one of his Sick Spells. I sent the paper you sent by me to Miss Emeline by Jesse, with your respects to the family. I



wish you to remember me to all my friends in Worthington and most particularly to the Ladys; say to those fairy creatures that I am a candidate for the State Matrimonial. Give my thanks to Cousin William for his kindness in writing to me; say to him that I will write him soon.

Give my love to Cousin Princess and tell her that her friend St. John of this place was at her fathers Last week - Remember me to Miss Sarrah S. . . . my particular friend. Give my love to Aunt & Uncle Johnson with many wishes for their welfare. Cousin Mary you must not forget your Cousin Chester, for I have an invitation to your wedding so do not forget ---- Mr. & Mrs. Brish wish a place in your remembrance. All are well, and as it is getting late: I shall have to close this Serarel [*sic*] with the hope that you will excuse the many errors which you will find in it.

Yours in S.L. & F.

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