

Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from Thomas S. Fuller of Milan, Erie Co., Ohio, 4/12/1840

Subject -- Death of her brother William

[Handwritten, script]

Milan, April 12, 1840

Miss Mary Johnson

I have to make Some apology for answering a letter from you But the feelings by which I am permitted are Such as I cannot restrain. I received a paper a few days Since which contained the news of the death of your brother which led me to Suppose you had received my letter written in January. If there was anything in that letter hurtful to the feelings of his friends I would humbly ask their forgiveness. Never with so Close an acquaintance did I become So attached to a young man and I fondly hoped that our association might be renewed and that our passing might not be forever. But alas how are our fondest hopes frustrated. His memory will long be gratfuly [sic] cherished by the people in Milan. Mr. H. Gordon one of the Students with which he used to be intimate has lately died while at Colege [sic] in New Haven Conn --- Mr. Wright is now at New Haven I have Sent him a paper containing your brothers death. Our School is to commence in a few days under the direction of Mr. Bissell a graduate of Yale Colege [sic] a[nd] under very favorable auspices.

Respectfully Yours

Thos. S. Fuller

Milan Erie Co. Ohio