



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from D.R.
Solomon of Werts Grove, 8/31/1846

Subject: Speaks of Mary's broken engagement, plans to visit Worthington

[Handwritten, script]

Werts Grove, Aug 31st, 1846

My dear Mary

I received your letter about three weeks ago, but being at home and very busily employed I have not found time to answer it until now. I have set down to write without one thought or idea to communicate that would interest you therefore my epistle will of course be short.

I expect to come to Worthington some this fall. I cannot tell exactly when. I have a good many questions to ask, but I will delay them until I see you. I understand that you have been engaged to be married but the engagement has fell through with; Now Mary when I come you shall tell me all about it. It appears that your fate and mine have the same resemblance. I met with just such a catastrophe some months ago but I do not lament it any and I presume you do not. When I come to W. _____ we will have a real time talking and laughing over our troubles.

Give my most sincere love to Laura S. and tell her to write to me, send me a paper or something of the kind. This is awful looking writing but no wonder. I am sitting right down on the floor writing on my trunk. I shall expect you to write to me soon, you will won't you? My respects to your father and mother and cousin William.

Most truly and sincerely yours

D.R. Solomon

[address] Miss Mary Johnson

Worthington

Ohio

[It appears that Mary's cousin William was living with the Johnsons. It sounds as though James Moreland had proposed to Mary and they had an understanding, probably not a formal engagement as we would know it today, but that her parents did not approve]