



Letter to James M. Moreland of Henderson, Kentucky  
from Mary Johnson, Worthington, Ohio, 5/11/1845

Subject: Explains delay in answering his letters due to illness of friend  
and preparing to be bridesmaid for another, invites him to visit her at  
Worthington

[Handwritten note, script]

Quiet Home

Sunday Evening, May 11th 1845

I did intend this morning Mr. Moreland when I seated myself in the quiet seclusions of my own room, to have written a long & if possible an interesting letter in reply to your two last - but the day has passed, & evening finds my paper blank.

I confess with \_\_\_\_\_ I received yours of March 22nd & permitted circumstances, trivial though they were, to prevent me from even acknowledging its reception & nearly two weeks have passed since I received the last. But for this delay I think I can offer a sufficient apology viz. The illness of a beloved friend & consequent attendance upon her - & some preparations necessary to be made for the approaching marriage of an intimate friend, which is to be solomized [*sic*] on the 13th & at which I have the honor to officiate, in the capacity of bridesmaid, & last though not least, an indescribable feeling of dread which led me almost to the conclusion to write you to indefinitely postpone your visit. But a midnight swing finds me myself again, even impatient to greet you with a happy welcome to our quiet village. Yet I would beg of you Mr. Moreland, not allow your expectations to be raised too high. I fear W. might not possess charms sufficient to dissipate the tedious monotony of a country village as it appears to a stranger, without the sweet association of a childhood. We will however endeavor to make your visit as pleasant as possible.

Please accept this as it is intended, not as a reply to your excellent letters, but as an acknowledgment of their reception with the expressed wishes of my parents that you should visit W. at the time you have specified should it suit your convenience. Likewise accept my warmest wishes for your happiness & believe me

Your sincere friend



Mary

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No. 8 [in pencil]