



Letter to Mrs [Achsa] Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from  
"CP", No Date

Subject: CP is reporting to Achsa concerning the behavior of C.L. and that fact that William was seen at Mr Skinner's near the girl. CP calls the girl a "snake in the grass." William may be the William Johnson or Cousin William who worked on the Johnson farm.

[Handwritten, script]

Mrs. Johnson

Hearing something of the disturbance that C.L. has caused you & wishing to do as I would be done unto I take this way to inform you that William was at Mr. Skinner's last Saturday in the afternoon and again in the evening what his intentions are I do not know but being informed that it is in opposition to your wishes and as you feel just as I should I think it my duty, as a friend (I have not other motive in view) to inform you as far as I can learn of their proceedings I do not wish to injure the girl I wish that she might do well was verry [sic] desirous of her being steady while at your house for she needs employ but still I was afraid [his] being some acquainted with her how she would please you knowing her propensities I thought of all that has happened She has caused me some verry[sic] disagreeable feelings for as far as I can learn in return for kindness she has been like a snake in the grass she was at our house I think as long as four or five weeks and all she did for me was sewing about two thirds of a day. But I do not wish to retaliate

I care for nothing that she has said but wish her well. Wish your to keep this a profound secret.

Your friend C.P.