



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from Ellen  
Smith of Delaware, Ohio, 5/2/1845

Subject: Description of dress Miss Smith had made for the occasion she  
and Mary are “officiating”

[Handwritten note, script]

Delaware May 2, 1845

Dear Mary

As you and I are to officiate at this very important event, in the same capacity, it is of course necessary for us to know something of each other's affairs;--I have been expecting a line from you, ever since I left Worthington as we were not able to meet, and talk over dress, etc. Juliette wrote that you had decided upon your dress and was going to have it made and thought of having mine made when I saw her, but fearing there would be some mistake, I thought, it best to give “particulars”—mine is finished, and is made with a hem and tuck a finger wide and the distance between the two is the width of the hem. The waist is made very much like Julies balzarine dress; the lining cut very low but the outside quite high (as my neck will not bear exposure, especially in the morning) and a narrow blouse edge. The sleeves are short with a broad hem at the bottom and a blouse fall around, quite full.—I believe that is all—I will expect you to stay with me of course when you come to Delaware, and would be pleased to have you stay some time with us, if you could make it convenient You will not misunderstand my motive in writing this, for you will know, that it is not a wish to influence your taste in the least, for I am perfectly willing to make any alterations you may think proper, and only thought it best to write you that you may know how my dress was made—

Please excuse my letter, for it is late at night and I am writing in great haste. Although not the first letter I ever wrote you it is the first for many years, and may I not hope it is the commencement of a friendship never lasting threw [sic] our school-days could boast of \_\_\_Accept my earnest wishes for your happiness and believe me

Your sincere friend

Ellen Smith

P.S. Write soon and let me know your opinion



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[Envelope] Miss Mary Johnson Worthington Ohio