

Belmont, Belmont Co. O. Feb 22nd 1842.

Dear Cousin
Jonathan Wright

Thy very acceptable & interesting letter of 5^{mo} 19th last, came duly to hand, from which I was pleased to find that our relatives in Ireland were generally enjoying health, one of the greatest blessings bestowed upon frail mortals, and one too, for which we should be thankful to the Author & bestower of every good & perfect gift.

And I am greatful I have it to say, that all of us are enjoying like blessing, which thou wilt perceive, when I inform thee that on 25th ultimo, all our relatives, bearing name of "Wright" (Numbering 39) dined with Grandfather, Smithson & family being here from Columbus, - Grandfather enjoys good health for one of his age, his chief ailment being Rheumatism - he rec^d Aunt Martha's letter of 9^{mo} 2nd on 19th inst. and was with the rest of us, much pleased to hear from her and the rest of you, & he purposes writing a long letter to her ere long.

Father has become quite restored from his two sad accidents, with exception of little lameness, when he walks too much, he rec^d lets thee when quite young & often talks about his far distant kinsmen - Uncle W^m is in usual health, but I'm sorry to say he looks quite frail, & perhaps works too hard - he rec^d a letter from cousin John, about three weeks since, informing of the health of the season, which is generally - also the bountiful crops of the season, which your country stood in such need of - & at the last an enquiry whether I'd rec^d Aunt Martha's - In answer to which, I desire thee inform her I did, before thine I'm now answering, & should have answered hers myself, but that Hannah did soon after the rec^t of thy kind letter. Hannah has been

my dear has received as I am not unfeeling
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looking for an answer from Aunt Martha for some time
but from the one Grandfather recd it appears Dear Aunt has
not recd Hannah's, but I hope she has ere now - I was much
pleased with thy acct of the different branches of our family,
& have often wished 'twas in my power to trace our Ancestors,
for Centuries gone-by - It is most certainly a very great comfort
to have the privilege of knowing & persuing our family's history
for Centuries past, & also hand it down to posterity as a Memento
of the original stock whence we eminated

Times continue very dull, but have somewhat revived since the pas-
sage of the tarriff Bill, at last session of Congress. It restored to the
Manufacturers, a confidence that their interests would be looked to -
& they have, (many who had stopp'd business,) again commenc'd
operation & called back their hands who were wandering to seek
employment to maintain themselves - Indeed things began
to assume a very serious aspect in the ^{east} manufacturing districts -
Thousands at once being thrown out of employ, who depended
solely upon their labour for sustenance - What our
country now most needs is a sound Banking System, to
carry on her fiscal matters advantageously - We have
abundant crops this season - Our Country is becoming
quite notable in the Manufacturing business. Woollen & Silk
Factories in Mt. Pleasant O. 20 Miles distant, (where Ohio Yearly
is held,) at which the business is carried on to considerable
extent & perfection - Most kinds of Ligd Silks, Sattins Hand. Kfs.
Hosiery, plushes, velvets &c are manufactured with neat-
ness not surpassed by the Old Countries - & to visit the
establishment (as I have) in 8th or 9th month can see the
whole process, from feeding the worm, to the weaving of
the finest sattins, velvets, plushes &c - And the proprietor, Mr.
W. Gill, an Ohio born informed me it yielded him 10% on investment

I should be pleased to pay your country a
visit & sometimes ^{even} indulge the fond hope that I may
but the undertaking would now be greater than before
for I had any but myself to care for - but money is the
of you are differently situated, & more at liberty, who
we should be highly gratified to see on this side
the "great world of waters" that rage & roll between
us, ^{by some} "the vine bark" glides, bearing to & fro
these testimonials of sincere regard - Uncle Jas. J. Wright
purpose leaving Cuba in Decr. next, to come here. His
presence in safety is much wished for by us all, and
Grandfather is particularly anxious to see him. & this
the time long before he can be with us - To my
enquiry about naming farms, one for "Ballainely" - here
not as in Old countries, were so much moving about in new
countries that the farms are not named - Almost
immediately after Smithson had rec^d the letter, he had a visit
from Bro^r Smithson's widow mentioned in thine - she was in Colum.
was under care of Physician with disease of the eyes - she & her
brother do not agree well - Aunt Martha seems to regret her
present, ^{to Hannah} lest it should have enhanced the postage - put her
at rest on that score, for had it been treble what it
was, she would gladly have had the present, as she keeps
it as precious token of regard from her very dear Aunt -
I must draw to a close as my paper is full such as
With dear love to thee, Aunt Martha, thy father, Bro. &
our relatives, wishing to be remembered to them, although
most unknown, I am joined by Hannah. Grandfather, Father
Mother, & I'm sure by many more if they knew of me writing
I close, hoping soon to hear from thee & others & am
Thy Aff^l Con
Jas. Wright

P. A. Grandfather desires to know if Am. Ell. Estlin's
Pitts wife & James Jenkins are living

J^{no} S. Wright

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