

Mrs A. S. Johnson - Utica N. Y.

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My dear niece

Among the congratulations of my friends upon the issue of the recent election, none have given me more cordial satisfaction than those contained in your affectionate and elegant letter of the 15th inst. although we have generally lived so widely separated from each other, I ever remember with kindly feelings the ties of blood between us, and I retain a grateful recollection of the few days of our meeting on the banks of the Hudson, nearly seven years since. Present my kind regards to your husband, and say that I hope he will not attribute to neglect, that I have not duly noticed communications some years since received from him. I have hoped that a day of leisure would come when I could not only return my thanks for them, but discuss with him some of the topics treated by him. An unexpected succession of public duties has deprived me of this pleasure; but not of that which I enjoyed in the personal acquaintance between us, at the time of our accidental meeting in Albany - Your Aunt, and Mary Stollen return your affectionate greetings, to which I add those of your cousins Elizabeth Adams, and my three sons, who are all with us; and those of your friend and uncle

John Quincy Adams.