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## Letter from John C. Brooke to James B. Finley

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My best Respect to Br Hooper and  
Wife to Lane Parker  
I B Finley J C C H Brooke

Highville C  
Jan 27  
James B. Finley  
Upper Sandusky

12/1

J C C H Brooke

Write as soon as you see this  
if I don't come out this winter I shall  
in the Spring

Highville January 27<sup>th</sup> 1825  
Yesterday we recd yours of 5 this instant  
and can say our hearts rejoiced to learn  
That things were prospering with you  
Particularly that the work of God is yet  
Prospering and that you have returned home  
again in peace and health

as it regards our health we have been  
Much afflicted, Charles has been sick for  
two week and more with a Billious att-  
-act a part the time he was getting better  
the children all took the Measles with  
this afflicting disorder we have been severely  
afflicted Lane Finley and all her children  
have them Lane is very bad its some death  
ful about her speedy recovery

James Charles and Hannah are somewhat  
in the mind but we have taken Hydrant till  
He has them he is about taking them  
We have been so much afflicted that we  
got nothing done but nurse and feed  
get wood &c

Even was blind for four days - but I hope  
we shall all <sup>be</sup> better shortly  
We are making preparations for building we  
had 30 cords wood cut before we took sick  
and as soon as they are able I shall have the  
best cut I have not yet seen since  
Finley before we were sick the water was  
high, but I expect to see him soon and  
if he will come on we will try to have our  
barn built before harvest

I have got the promise of 10 or 12 sheep  
but have not been able to collect them  
Nor could they have been drove we have had  
several weeks of very wet weather and  
now I doubt whether they can be drove  
till after the lambing. Without we can  
get weather and young ewes

If the roads will justify and Bro Fowler  
and Reed has any prepared I will start  
some time in the first week of ~~the~~ next  
Month if not then as soon as they can  
be drove or I can

In midst all our bustles we are yet striving  
to keep an eye to the ports of heaven but I  
fear I English is our march how weak our  
faith and ~~our~~ love but yet hope  
to reach that bound where sickness nor  
sorrow never come

We have yet about 12 or 15 <sup>lb</sup> ~~barrel~~ <sup>barrel</sup> ~~barrel~~  
and 150 bushell apples for sale but think  
they can be sold readily given for \$2.00 at the  
House apples 3/4

I have paid for 1800 feet flowering pl  
and ~~at~~ yet them home if the roads ~~will~~ justify

### This Winter

Griffes Griffy the man that held your note  
is dead but I have never heard who has the note  
or whether it is in existence or not  
Samuel say he heard Bro Canwell say that you  
were to cloth him till next Spring Canwell  
never gave him any clothing but a pair of  
Pantaloons the day he left Miss. he is not  
willing to go back again there is something  
wrong somewhere