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## **Letter from Jacky M. Bradley to James B. Finley**

Jacky M. Bradley

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can say but little for Father mooved from Mackinaw  
Aug<sup>o</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> when those people lived to Lincoln Co and  
consequently I never saw many of them for I left that  
country before I was 21 years of age and have been  
but little in it since Price however lived & dyed on  
the Catawba River in the lower end of Mackinaw Long  
Co N.C. his son I have seen he is doing well & must concl  
ude for want of paper and sign my self your most obedi  
ent servant and Brother in the Bonds of a peaceful gospel  
Rev James B. Bradley.

P.M Bradley.

Dear James B. Bradley.  
Cincinnati Ohio  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1830

Lockey off  
Bradley 25

P. S. Write to me soon direct to Delly P. V. C. of Alachua  
& Florida I should be glad to for you to write to my oldest  
Brother James & Bradley if so direct to Doyleville P.O.  
Lincoln County N.C.

Alachua & Florida July the 14<sup>th</sup> 1830.  
Dear Brother, your kind favor of the 17<sup>th</sup> April  
did not arrive to my hand till the 10<sup>th</sup> of July  
I am glad to hear from you and more than glad  
to learn that you are in health and that the  
Cause of God is advancing in the corner of the  
Lord's vineyard where you labor so that the  
Lord may pour out of his Holy Spirit and rest  
on it from on high I am also happy to hear  
of the good health of your aged Father and  
should I not have the pleasure of seeing you  
all in this life I can bless God for the hope  
of meeting nearer parting will not be  
known. Our joys will be complete.  
When all together there we meet.

The state of Religion in this Circuit at present  
is not very flattering, though there is some trac  
or three places where we have had good times for the  
last two or three years very few have been added to the congregation  
to the Church in this Circuit the present year  
and none have been expelled yet I have a Camp meeting  
appointed on the Suwanee River to hold in about next  
which is the first that has been appointed in this  
Circuit or in the part of Florida area & that the  
Lord may make it a time of his power in the Conver  
sion of the lost brought low & Lord revive thy work  
in the midst of the year in the midst of the year make known  
in thy wrath remember mercy. With regards my health it  
has been good for two or three months past though it was  
very bad a week or so after I wrote you in March and three

days past I have had a strong Conviction of renewed attachment  
to the same giving the Calic which appears to be her  
idolatry in in my Father's family at least in part.

I have not received my letter from my Brothers since  
I left them last February I expect my letter have  
been miss carried as respect the state of Religion  
in this Conferance in the general I cannot say  
any thing as am in one extreme corner of the work  
but from two or three Circuits I have had good ac-  
count particularly from Black River S.C. where  
I travelled in 1827 & the work is still going on  
in every pleasing manner sinners are still coming to the  
Cross of Christ & other who have long been faithful  
are leaving the Church because for that alone O my  
Soul left the Lord and all that is with in me  
bless his Holy name — as regards my self I feel quite  
settled in my mind and Contented to spend and be  
spent in the service of all work that carrying the  
glad tidings of salvation to poor fallen man and  
all I crave is to see the work prosper in my hands  
or that the Lord would rend the heavens and  
come down and that the south wind at his blessing  
might speedily blow in the wilds of Florida.

Agreeable to your request I give the following as the  
No of my Bro & Sister & shall put them down as they  
stand according to there ages Francis & Gale <sup>the first</sup> were twins and  
they both dyed in their infancy James my 3<sup>rd</sup> Bro & still  
alone has never made any profession of Religion yet thou-  
gh he is friendly to it like married the daughter of my Father  
ers youngest Sister Esther Bradley. Also also my oldest Sister  
joined the Church but never professed Convicting Grace I fear  
she is too careless now a lost eternal thing. She married after Thomas an  
old near to where Father lived Wm only 1<sup>st</sup> Bro joined the Church  
and after Father's death professed to obtain the pardon of his sins

but since he says that he has back slid and is no more a mem-  
ber of Society. Joseph my 5<sup>th</sup> brother joined the Chu-  
rch obtained the pardon of his sins and has been  
faithful he now serves as Class Leader in the place  
where Father served in his life time him and wife  
are both married and live on part the land Father left  
myself Jacob Mc Knitt am the 6<sup>th</sup> son of my Father  
I was the first of all my Brothers or sister that pro-  
fessed religion of joined the Church Pennet my 2 sister  
joined the Church but has not professed religion  
she is married and lives in the same neighbourhood as  
the rest. Rebecca my 3<sup>rd</sup> sister joined the Church and  
professed Convicting grace but since she is no more  
a member of Society C. C. Alexander ~~the~~ 7<sup>th</sup> son of my  
Father has never yet made any profession of Religion  
Elizabeth my 4<sup>th</sup> sister has never joined the Church  
the three latter are all single yet I beseech  
thy kingdom come in to all their hearts am  
of the melancholy death of my Grand  
father I suppose you have long since  
been informed my Grandmother Bradley lived in a  
state of idleness <sup>in</sup> Road for thirty two or three years  
and dyed I believe in 1816 my Uncle James Bradley was  
still alive last January but in bad health he still  
lives on the same place where his Father first settled  
he has long been a member of the Presbyterian Church  
he married in his old age and has raised one Son & two Da-  
ughters their names are Frances & Eliza Margaret and  
Celia my Aunt. Rebecca Bradley has never married  
she has lately moved to Tennessee & married Elizabth. married to Mr.  
Stinson and now lives in E Tennessee. Uncle Green Bradley lived  
in W Tennessee the last account I had of him he was doing  
but moderately. After Bradley married a Mr Stephen  
and after his death a ill West he moved to W Tennessee one there  
my aunt dyed. She professed Religion & believed some time  
before her death as for the other friends of which you write