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## Letter from Mary E. Bayard to James B. Finley

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Pittsburg Sep: 25<sup>th</sup> 1830

Respected Brother Finley

I have several times taken up my pen to address <sup>you</sup>, but I had so little to inform you of that would interest you that I put it off from time to time -

I believe Mr Bayard gave you an account of the difficulties and trials we have met with from the radicals in this place, but thank God we have had good times in spite of them - Oh brother Finley I feel oppressed and distressed - my oldest and only brother is ill very ill, the physicians have very little hopes of his recovery and he has none of himself, but he is not convinced of the state of his soul he is strictly moral but has never experienced religion I wish you to be engaged constantly for him Oh pray the Lord if it <sup>is</sup> his will to spare his life ~~and~~ raise him up and make him a christian indeed and in truth, for I am afraid it will be the death of both my aged parents should he be cut off - but if the Lord has determined otherwise if his end is come, Oh pray that he may be powerfully convicted, converted, and fully prepared to enter heaven, he has never been baptized my father being brought up a quaker, and this also distresses me Oh that all christians would plead for him I cannot express what I feel for him - picture to yourself my dear brother



you <sup>that</sup> ~~and~~ knows the worth of Religion if you had a relation  
one who was near and dear to you, sinking to the grave  
unprepared what would your feelings be — ask some of your  
christians friends to meet you at a throne of grace  
pray for him in public and in private — and may  
the Almighty bless you in your basket and in your  
store in this world, and in the world to come abundan-  
tly, for I cannot reward you, — Mr Bayard sends his  
best respects to you and your family please also to give  
my respects to them — write very soon it gives us great  
pleasure to receive a letter from you —

I remain your sincere friend  
and Sister in the Lord

Mary. E. Bayard