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

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Elizabeth Towne  
21<sup>st</sup> Aug.

Rev. James B. Finley  
Hidgenville  
Warren Co. Ohio

1832  
I.C. Conference Bladen Co. Elizabeth N.C. Aug 20

Reverend Dear Brother I here by enform you  
that I am favoured to enjoy a good degree  
of health for which I am indebted to  
the Lord of all our mercies. The State  
of Religion on this C. is better  
than it was when I wrote you last  
I have had to cut off 60 or 70 this year  
for different Causes and we have re-  
ceived perhaps 130 or more which gives  
us a small increase next. The People  
in these parts are daily expecting the  
Gallera to make its appearance in this place  
or in the adjoining Counties though it does  
not appear that the inhabitants are stri-  
ving to prepare for death any more  
than they were before they apprehend  
ed its approach. I have a Camp meeting  
depending on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Oct. for this C.  
to which we look with anxiety and prayer  
to God our Heavenly Father that he will



make it a ~~time~~ and place of the review  
of his work. At Fayetteville near to this  
At the Lord is performing a gracious work  
130 have joined the Church within a few  
weeks past and a No of them have pro-  
fessed to find peace with God. There  
has <sup>been</sup> a number of the people who joined  
in this Ch that have also professed  
to find the pearl of great price may the  
good Lord increase their number and add to  
his Church such as shall be faithful  
to death.

I was glad to learn from  
your <sup>the</sup> letter published in the Advocate that  
you and the Father & Brethren who were  
with you made so merciful an escape  
from the danger to which you were  
exposed in the Captivity of the Stage  
captain to the pious mind that there is al-  
ways a superintending providence over  
and around dying men! When I last heard

from home all were well. I believe  
there are but few reformers (falsely so  
called) in the houses of this Conference  
and they have almost left off to hear or  
"hallow" on the subject: may better things ensue

in time, untill the world be reformed and  
saved from the wicked one.  
This is the third that I have written since  
I have received any thing from you the reason  
of this is best known to your self and  
reasons I ask not for only let me hear  
once more of you and if you can take  
the time to write a few passing thoug-  
hts on a bit of paper and send them  
to me Direct to Leesville Robinson C. S. C. C.  
you scarcely know how glad I should  
to receive a line every month from  
the only blood relation that I have in  
the transient field to whom I have any  
access now if I knew that you would not  
answer till I write three the next time  
I might be tempted to send them all  
at the same time: give my warmest  
love to your good Lady whose name I have  
not learnt other wise I might do myself  
the honor to call her Cousin: with all de-  
voted regard I remain yours in gospel bonds J. M. Bradley  
Rev. James B. Funder.