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## Letter from Dan Hage to James B. Finley

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Rev. James B. Fairley

Chillicothe

Ohio

Daniel Hays  
1835

Dear Sir } Montgomery Cty, Va Jan'y, 20<sup>th</sup> 1835

I have wrote to three men, trying to hear if amon the Name of Thomas, Wilson, Gibson, or Limes or Ever did live in Chillicothe, or near there, Daniel McNeil of Illinois informed me some Months ago, that he was Informed that Thomas Wilson Gibson did live in the Neighborhood of Chillicothe some years ago, & I saw a Man some weeks ago that told me that Gibson did live in or near Summerset in Perry County about 17 years ago, but he was drunk, but it agreed so well with what McNeil had wrote, that I think it is probable it was a fact

I will tell you why I want to find him or his Heirs— in the year 1795 there was a Pedlar in this Country the Name of Guyan Grier that Entered two tracts of Land amounting to about 1000 ~~acres~~ Acres of Land, in a few days he left this Country & was never heard of until a few Months ago he died in Washington D<sup>C</sup> about a year ago but the Land Books in this state, shaws that the same Land was patented to Thomas Wilson Gibson a prince of Guyan Grier, several people has been trying to find Gibson but has all failed Gibson nor his heirs has never come on to claim their Land, it is probable that Gibson is dead & his heirs know nothing of any such Land, or Gibson got it almost for nothing, & thinks it of no account it is worth a few hundred dollars & if they come



on shortly they can hold the Land, if not it  
will be forfeited by the Law of Limitation—  
another reason is I wish to Buy a part of it that  
Lays very convenient to me,

an other reason, one tract Lyes near Pagers Meeting  
House, it has been Reentered by Mr. Taylor a ~~wealthy~~  
Wealthy Man, I suppose he wants to Get it as he  
did the Land of A<sup>l</sup> page for nothing

Page had no Children, & he will'd his tract of  
Land to the M. E. Church to be rented out by  
trustees & the proceeds <sup>go to</sup> the Support of the Preachers  
that traviled that Circuit for Ever—

W<sup>m</sup> I knowing that no Church could hold Real  
Estate send off a runner to a distant relation  
of Pagers, & bought ~~at~~ his claim for 15, or, 20 dollars  
if I can find Gibson or his Heirs, & I can ~~buy~~  
buy it, I will try if I cant give the Church as  
much Land & W<sup>m</sup> I took from it,

Our Preiding Elder Tho<sup>s</sup> H. Catlett advised me  
to take this way to find where Gibson is

Please Inquire about Chillicothe & through  
your District, and particular about Summerset  
in Perry C<sup>t</sup>, do write to me & let me know whether  
<sup>Gibson</sup> or his heirs is there or ever was there or not  
in so doing you will oblige a friend to Mankind

Rev<sup>d</sup> James B. Finley  
Dan, Hage & Co

W<sup>m</sup> direct your letter to

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Newbern  
Montgomery County  
Virginia