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Rutherford Circuit June the 30th 1835.

Dear James Finley Dear Cousin,

Through the
 great mercy of God I am still on the on the
 walls of Zion though ~~long~~ I am not as success-
 ful with my efforts as some of my Brethren
 are my health is but tolerable & I my say
 the same of my Companion, her health is
 still low yet what alteration we see is
 for the better. But our little son
 "James Finley" is quite sick and has been
 for the last three weeks and is now
 mending but slow if at all he must
 either get better or leave us before long
 and as to that matter I have fully given
 him in to the hands of our Heavenly Father
 whose will is always good. Religious in
 this Circuit is a little on the rise in
 a few places, at our 2^d meeting last week
 the Lord was with us and many were cut
 to the heart and one or two attended the sale
 of grate price & 7 joined the Church, a few
 others have been converted of late in this cir-
 -cuit at a prayer meeting & that our God may
 speedily revive his work in this part of
 the vineyard, our camp meeting for this Ci-
 -cuit is to commence the 23rd of July that
 Lord even our own God may attend and bless
 us and save many souls with a precious salva-
 tion. I very glad I would be if it was so
 that you could come and be with me at
 a camp meeting in Va. So I might see
 and hear you in the flesh, but the dis-

Jacky M. Bradley
 1835

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Cash paid to
 July 2nd 1835

Rev. James B. Finley

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Warren County

Ohio

Abail.

distance between our fields of labour is so great
that we are not likely to see each other in the
flesh and we may be satisfied to speak to each
other while on this side Jordan through your
quills & defer all closer fellowship untill we
meet on the blest shore of immortality where
no river will run between us no mountains rise
to divide us no distance of place keep us sep-
arate but a there all to gather we shall be
together for to sing

To gather for to praise our God
And ever lasting King."

The thought of meeting there fills my soul with love
and gratitude to God & I can truly say "that if
this tabernacle were dissolved I have a building
of God as house not made with hands eternal
in the heavens." & still I feel calling

"To suffer on my ~~threescore~~ years
Till my Deliverer comes
And wipes away his servant's tears,
And take his child home."

My friends are all well as far as I know I saw my
Uncle James Bradley 7 weeks since he was well
but declining very fast his youngest dau-
ghter is married and his eldest has been Con-
vinced at a Methodist Camp meeting a few
months since he is still a member of the
Presbyterian Church and his children are with
him but if they get to Heaven it will do as
well as if they were Methodist but I find
but little of the fruits of vital Godliness
Amongst the Presbyterians of this Country
My own Brother & Sister remain nearly as they
have been in matters of Religion & in the Cha-
racter & I out those in seem steady & those out
rather careless they are all married except my
two youngest Sisters who live one with my eldest
Brother and the other with the youngest.

I receive your favour of the 9th April and
am glad to hear of your happy days that you
have spent the past winter Should your Father
Complete his "Dissertation on Solomon's Temple" I
should like to have it. I shall be glad
of the Western Advocate and will gladly
pay postage for it. I have done a small ser-
vice for that Paper the past year and read
many fine pieces "of western news" but I am
at present where there is no copy of the
work in my reach and I have not as yet obta-
-ined any subscribers for it in this Circuit
though I believe by a farther effort I
can get a few.

I herewith send you a Copy of the Report of
a Committee appointed to examine and report on
the Cism of the Church in Charleston
also a Copy of our late minutes of the T. C.
forance I should have sent them sooner but
they never came to hand untill in the past
week. I have heard good news from
three or four places in this Conference Tra-
vetterville, Cheraw Lancasterville and Cal-
umbia where the Lord is reviving his work
Sajan unite with me in love to you to
Conquer sinners your aged Father our love
and all the friends in the bounds of your
travel. Write to Rutherford C. H. C.
and ever pray for your servant and Bro-
ther in the Gospel God our Saviour.

Rev James B. Finley.

Wm Bradley