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Letter from William P. Finley & Jenny Finley to James B. Finley

William P. Finley

Jenny Finley

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 New Market C.
 23 February 1812.
 Rev James B. Finley
 Washington County
 State of Ohio
 Springfield

Jan. 26, 1812.

Brother

Dear & Sister we ^{are} happy to hear from
 you and that you are well and
 on your way to the summit of
 eternal rest. May infinite power
 support you and grace properly
 refine your hearts and make you
 fit for the master's use. It fills
 me with a degree of rapture &
 joy to think, (after toiling out
 a few more years in trouble and
 sorrow) of standing on mount Zion
 with the hundreds that's gone
 before, to shout eternal vouches of
 praise to the everlasting Saviour
 of my soul & the joy is still high-
 tened when I think of meeting my
 Bro James & sister Mammah in the
 city of my god where parting shall
 be no more & where every tear shall
 wipe away

I want you not to fail in writing to me
respecting it so, soon as you shall receive this
letter I have been to him and he denies it
and says he will never pay it unless he
is compelled by law I want you to state
also ~~to state~~ in your letter how it was
that you disburse of a dollar which he
says he paid you in order to pay Nollan
&c. I know not what way to turn scarcely
for the last May the Lord direct and
support that I may do what shall
be most for the glory of God I want
you if I should fail in my present hopes
of getting money to pay the last fall of
my place to try to help to the loan of ten
or fifteen dollars for the term of one year for
which I will pay you the principal with
lawful interest I have ^{as much} ~~it~~ owing to me
as will pay it all but twenty dollars and
I see no way of getting it

without selling one of my cows which
I cant well spare at this time If you
can help me if only to ten dollars you will
much oblige me and if you cant do it
without an injury I dont want you
to do it at all you can let me know
in your letter how it will be and if
I can get it I will come up any time
between this and the last of June will
answer I dont expect to be favored a day
and I want to be in readiness I must
now shortly close by committing you
to god and the word of his grace and oh that
he may bless you and save you both
untill you shall come to dwell in the
paradise of the Lord. Give my remembrance her
sweetest love to you both and Betsy
Likewise she would be glad to see you
and enjoy your company but a gracious
god has ordered it otherwise

and Amen so let it be his will must be
done but glory to God when life sinks
apace and death leaves in view we shall
then meet and never part no more then
it will be that the gospel trumpet will
be heard no more in Zion inviting sinners
to come to Jesus and be saved But
the wicked will be driven away in their
wickedness and sentenced down to fire
Pain Lord have mercy on sinners May
God almighty bless you make you faithful
until we shall come to the gates
of glory and meet with those best hearing
words of our blessed Jesus come in & blessed
of Father & this be the prayer of your
serving brother & sister until death
James B. Finley January 11 Mrs O. Finley
Hannah Finley 26 1812 Jean Finley

I trust that you almost ever saw the Grows
finely and kids fair for living but we don't
know what a day may bring forth we
have shalled her Rebecca we are now living
in our own place and ^{hope} if we can
make out to us for it that we shall do
better than roving about a school keep-
ing Nothing very uncommon has taken
place since you were here as we can
recollect we have good times at our
meetings And I have thought that the
was about to make this year of ^{a year} ~~honor~~
in subduing the nations and con-
vict the ransomed of the Lord to return
home Lord carry on thy work over heap
he is all well in this place Father is
returned and is well he is to move mama
and the children here to morrow mother
gets worse and worse & I fear that God will
swear ere long that she shall never
enter into his rest Lord have mercy
upon her and save her from eternal
pain

& we shall see our blessed god and praise
him in his bright above through all
eternity I feel as if ^{you} ~~the~~ was really directing
my pen and filling ^{my} soul with the
overflowings of his most precious
love Amen my god let it come just
now that I may experience the
length breadth depth and height of
thy redeeming love. I feel as if god
was my greatest friend and when in
perplexed circumstances the only one
able to deliver. Sometime has elapsed
since I received your letter and then
reason why I did not write before
this is because I have been too negligent
and did not like to trouble you with
much postage I want things have been
done for us by the merciful providence
of god for which I am truly thankful you
Sister Jenny was brought to bed the elder
of Novm last and was delivered of a fine
daughter the

read has first second and third and then you
will bring where to begin I want you to
try an ^{well} recollect as you can what old Mough
promised to do when I brought home his
maize to him as I intend to see him for
the money which I had to buy a Holland
this fall for taking her up which was
one dollar and fifty cents If you rem-
ember when I came home with the maize
he was at your house weaving and when
you seen ^{you} me come to the fence you and
him came out and says he that is my
maize and when I go home I will satisfy
you for it I replied to him that I charged him
nothing but he must pay the man that
had taken her up one dollar and fifty cents
which he might pay in corn or money which
he promised he would I want you to remem-
ber all the particulars that you can and
send it to me in writing that I may sit
my aun as I am needy for all that is mine just