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## Letter from Samuel Williams to James B. Finley

Samuel Williams

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Rev. James B. Finley  
Gainesville

Mr. Bro. Swornsted

Cincinnati  
October 14th

J. McLeans

Cincinnati 10. 1844.

Rev. & Dear Brother,

My friend Ellsworth having finished two years in the Gainesville Station, will of course be removed to some other field of labor. Being at the most remote end of the Conference, his friends at this end (for they all reside in the Miami Valley) have been cut off from the privilege of seeing him and his family, except a short visit last spring. What little property he has is in this Valley also; and by his great distance he cannot see any to its improvement or disposal.

If it can be done without injury to the work, I have respectfully to ask of you the favor to consent to the return of Mr. Ellsworth to this end of the Conference again, and if consistent, to some place in the Cincinnati District - wherever it may be judged best in it. And if you can do it consistent with your sense of duty, I should be gratified if you would procure his appointment <sup>first</sup> to this section of the work.

I should not request this if I had the least idea that it would in any manner impair his ministerial usefulness. Neither would I have the presumption to suggest any particular field of labor for him in this quarter of the work - only that he be within visiting distance, that we may, if need. do, minister to their necessity or comfort.



Very affectionately  
Your brother in Christ  
Sam. Williams

Rev. James B. Finley

P. S. I should have added that I have  
had no consultation on this subject with Mr.  
Ellsworth, and he is ignorant of my making  
this request of you. S. W.