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Letter from Charles W. Hamisfar & Katherine Hamisfar to James B. Finley

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Compliments we should be pleased to have
 you write to us frequently and you may
 expect the Compliment & the Return
 Nothing more at present

Rev A. B. Finley

Charles & Katharine Namias

to Mr Namias for
 about 20
 around 26

PAID

James B. Finley
 Charles & Katharine Namias

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 I enclose I send you a bill of lading against
 the ship which I hope you will be kind as to collect
 it from it before the bank commences you for
 your friends - after writing the above when I have
 received find it and it strikes me that I gave you the bill of lading
 not you will please inform me young Joseph C. M. N.

At home, April 20th A.D. 1846

Brother Finley. Dear Sir. In obedience to promise made
 to you Related to Congo. I now endeavour to give you a full
 copy of his letter to us which was Received March 15th (viz)
 Auburn Feb 17th 1846

Dear Parents after waiting some considerable length of time
 with great anxiety to hear from you it was not until yesterday
 that I was gratified with the Receipt of a letter which gave me
 great pleasure to hear of your welfare. but it also pained me to hear of
 your anxiety concerning me an account of not receiving any letters
 or word from me but once since I reached the Territory this must
 be a neglect in the post office department for I have written three
 times to you and have received but two letters the last letter was
 dated December 17th in which I gave you the details of my situation
 I do not want you to think it was neglect on my part for such
 is not the case. and I hope this statement will be considered by you
 sufficient you wished me to let you know the situation of
 matters here and I will now endeavour to do so - when I came
 here the claim was in dispute with several persons - Michael
 Wilson and my self had great difficulty in endeavouring to save
 it and he now holds 100 acres of Prairie and 120 acres of timber for
 the estate the lines of the timber are established with the lines
 of Government we could not get the five acres of timber over the
 line for Gerard proved that it was claimed by him on the third
 day of May 1843 and both of the men who helped John to establish
 his claim are dead and we could not prevent him from getting
 it Michael has not done much in the way of settling up there
 has been one thousand rails made over the River by Garrison
 the other three thousand he refuses to make and Michael is
 now sawing with him. with the prospect of getting it Mr.
 Fred will break out six acres more this spring he broke five
 last fall. Skinning of this place is broken entirely up
 and there is no prospect of getting any thing of him at the
 present we have not settled with Edg. Fred yet I have paid
 the Judge of Probate Court \$7.25 his fees and the attorney \$5
 who Michael employed a useless piece of business for Council etc

the gun, I sold for \$12 in breaking which was the best I
could do with it. The 80 acres of Prairie that G. C. Ritchey
I jumped cannot be got from him by law or otherwise
and if I had it any person could take it as the law allows
only 320 acres to each person. This all showing that I have
to communicate concerning matters here
with the exception of some of my own matters
and that only and 80 acres coming in market the land
office at Fairfield has been closed for some time will
be open next month as relates to my self since I
have been here my health has been very good I have not
had one hour sickness since I left home the weather
until last week was warm and pleasant as
spring but at this time it is so cold the ink
freezes so that I can scarcely write at all last December
I went with G. C. Ritchey and Lip Athens up the River
to the Raccoon Forks and seen that beautiful country
around there George and me for speculation made
claiming on the Des Moines River twelve miles from
from the forks opposite the mouth of the Three
Rivers which put into the Des Moines it certainly
is the most beautiful place in the world and
as much superior to the Lip mile prairie as that
place is to Ohio. I have been offered \$50 for it but
I will get double that in the spring I am
now hired with H. Haymaker for \$10 per
month and working in a boat yard. I have
got my self sufficient clothing to answer
me until I get home. I know of nothing only
do not be uneasy about my welfare there
is a being above who protects them that trust in
him nothing more at present but I remain
your affected slave. P. S. Feb 27. 1846 Since
writing the above I received a letter from you
and Father Finley dated November 25 - which
I hope this letter will answer all enquiries

I Received a note on W. H. Freel and will settle
with him shortly. Tell Father Finley that my
heart is full of thanks to him for his paternal
advice and well wishes for my safety and
they are not thrown away please to write
to me immediately and give me
instructions concerning matters here
and what I shall do with the claim give
my respects to all Enquiring Friends, Ritchey
and Wilsons are well nothing more but wait
your direct your letter to Auburn Post Office
Mahaski County - Iowa well.
I. S. The price of Improved }
land is from five } J. P. D. I. Harris for
to ten Dollars per acre }

Brother Finley above I have in
full give you the detail of Lewis letter. we should
have written you at this time but we was waiting
with the expectation of you paying us a visit. but
we was disappointed and on Monday last Bro
Nichols brought Fly home. Safe and sound and
presented us a letter from you. we was much
pleased to hear your health had improved
your business at Columbus at this time is
some what improving but I hope after you
have got things properly arranged that you
and Sister Finley & family will pay us a visit.
In deed we would be much pleased at any time
for you and yours to come down and ^{spring} look at
us at least. My health has not been very good
for some time Charles & Isaac has been afflicted
with the Swelled throat and at this time are recovering
the rest of the family are in usual health
there is nothing more at present I believe
to communicate only with this letter
you receive any warmest and best