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Letter from Leroy Hamisfar to James B. Finley

Leroy Hamisfar

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Home August 16th /46

Much esteemed Sir
it was with the greatest pleasure that
we Rec^d a letter from you last week
bearing the intelligence that our old friend
and family are still enjoying the blessings
of health and happiness, may they long
continue. As a poor excuse is worse
than none I will offer none for not
writing previous to this but only in
extenuation of myself I will say that
I hope you will impute my apparent
neglect, to busy hours, company, &c, and
not to a want of respect, hoping this will
suffice and future attention will atone
~~the~~ the past neglect I will say no more
on the subject but endeavor to give you
the general outline of things here the
health of Father & Mother is good Isaac
& Charles are also well I cannot say
so much for myself for I have been
unwell by times all summer and now
have just recovered from a weeks sick-
ness. We have been blessed with abun-
dant harvests this year and we have
them all secured in fine order
The prospect for corn is also very
promising here and we expect to have a
large quantity as we have 45 acres in
corn there is at this time a 4 days

Henry Thompson
Aug 1846



It is
I have

John B. Finley
Columbus
Ohio

7
1846

meeting on Judge Wilsons Camp ground
which is held during the day only
I returned from Iowa about the first
of May and was much pleased with
my visit to the great west it is a fine
country but does not realize the ex-
- pectations which I had formed of it
two great inconveniences are wood &
water which are scarce & poor and
it is very cold from there being so
much Prairie, but the soil is as good
as man could wish for and very productive
however if I had a home in Ohio I
would be content to stay here and
not emigrate westward. Often when
Father comes in from work I hear him
say this time last year Brother Finley
was with us to cheer us with his con-
- versation how I would like to see him
drive down to the gate now & c
and I would be as happy as him to
have your company, if only for a
short time but when you come you
must arrange your matters so that
you can stay some time, a week at
least. Times are hard here at this time
money is almost like the philosophers
stone, talked of, sought after but
impossible to get it. I do not know
what I shall do this winter I thought
of school teaching, but that is too con-
- fining, I would prefer some other
situation if I could obtain one

Father Mother & all the family send
their love to you and family in
which I most sincerely join hoping
though distant that correspondence
may supply the necessary means of
cementing more closely the ties of
mutual affection which already exists
please write soon & let us know how
you and family are & when you
can spare time to come & pay us
a visit nothing more at present
but remain your most sincere
friend & Aunt St
Rev. J. Finley, Leroy Harrison
Columbus
Ohio

P.S. It is my painful duty to
announce to you the death of my
respected uncle Mr. Delany he died
last April in Harrison County of
a singular disease almost resembling
hydrophobia death comes when least
expected frequently but come it must
sooner or later. J. R. H.

P.S. Peppers note has been mislaid so
that it is impossible to find it at this
time we may probably have it by the
time you visit us
J. R. H.