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## Letter from Leroy Hamisfar to James B. Finley

Leroy Hamisfar

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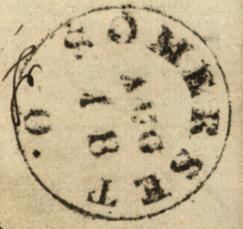
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Jerry Thompson  
Aug 1846

Home August 16<sup>th</sup> /46

Much esteemed Sir  
 it was with the greatest pleasure that we rec<sup>d</sup> 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 efface ~~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 sickness. We have been blessed with abundant 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



Mr. J. B. Finley  
 Columbus  
 Ohio

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 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  
through 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 Harris Jan  
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. L. P. 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  
L. P. H.