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Rev James B Finley
Warren County
Waynesville N.C.
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Jacobus M. Finley

Penitton. Circuit S^{ts} Conference July the 29th 1836

Dear James B Finley Dear Cousin,

After a absence of several months I again address you a few lines to let you know that I am still in the land of the living and kept to enjoy a tolerable degree of health for which I try to feel thankful to God my Heavenly Father. My Dear Susan is not with me at this time as I am now just arrivd in a new field of labor which lays on the North side of the Savannah river in the very highest part of the State of S^{ts} in a hilly part of Country and in a healthy region of course, but as my family are near Fayetteville N.C. We are now seperate nearly 300 miles which you will be deplored as it will take so much time to move them to this place.

I have not received any thing from you for six months or more and I suppose I must as usual write the 2nd or 3rd time before I get an answer. This however I may be near-ly right as it may take two or three of my scraps to be worth one of your Epistle, but as we are not dealing on the terms of the Merchants & Speculators you might let I me have an answer to my productions be they never so indifferant. I still hope that some event in kind Providence will ~~let~~ get Supper up to see

each other faces in the flesh, should they not be
the case however we shall meet in faithful on
the lovely shores of our heavenly Canaan where we
will not be separated by hills and plain & rivers
but "There all together we shall meet
Together for to sing
Together for to praise our God
And ever let our King."

And as for my self I feel that I am thus far
on my way and I find that I am more than
here to fore tired of this world and of many
of the people that are in it but as regards
the length of my stay I calmly submit
to the will of God and waight his time
and means of removal

Our Conference has just closed and the Preach-
ers are just starting on their new Stations
the past year has been a year of much
Affliction amongst the Brethren yet there
has been but three Deaths and one of these
was dead at the time of the Session of
the Conference twelve months ago. as to
the work in general I think the Success
the past year has been greater than
for one or two previous years though
I do not know what is the state of
the Ministry compared with the return of last
year. Our Missions to the Slaves have
Succeeded well in almost every case and there
have been many cases of the manumission of
Plantations giving from \$50 to \$150 to sup-
port the Missions amongst their Slaves.

At our Conference we Elected the Follow-
ing Brethren as our Delegates to General
Conference viz Wm. C. Kennedy Wm. Caples,
Charles Betty, Samuel Dunwoody, Nicho-
lous Tally & Malcom M. Pherson.

James Fenley the second, is a lively Boy and can
talk quite plain for a child of his age
Should you see Brother Gideon Lanning at
General Conference you may give him my
love & tell him that my little Boy that
he Baptized is doing well.
give my love to Cousin Hannah and
to all the Dear Friends. Write to
and Direct to Anderson C. H. C. &
son Des S. C. B. What Andrew told
me at Charleston that he had seen
you and that you talked of coming
to the Southard and see us all some
time, I hope you will find it in your
power to do so may the Lord of all
grace & consolation be with you and bless
you in all things pray for your servant
in the Kingdom & Patience of Jesus Christ.

Rev James B. Fenley. J. C. Bradley.

P.S. All the Friends are well and doing well as far as I have
learnt though my Uncle James Bradley is quite frail &
does not promise to stay much longer here. J. C. Bradley.