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To James Wheeler. Rev Samuel Allen. Powers and Thomp-
son. I hope you will excuse me of writing short letters
I will try to make it up by writing oftener
From your friend Squir Grey Eyes

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Rev. A. B. Finley
Columbus
Ohio

Kansas Mo
8 April

Squir Grey Eyes
District Minister
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Wandott Reserve Mo. I. Apr 3d
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you answer, soon Dear Brother I wis to make
some appolligge of my not complying sooner
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of persons who are member of the church
in the Shawnee Nation and Delaware and
also the Keecuppos I can here venture to state
to you that there are 48 Members Shawnee & 42 of
Delawares & 30 of the Keecuppos, and My friend
there is about 120 yet Members in the Wandott
Nation I will freely now give you the names
of our people, who are leaders of the church
Old Father Hicks & James Bigtree Leon S. Clarke
Little Chief, (Preachers) Baters Carly Head, David Young
John Talloman, George Spick Buck, William Jockoo
John Baumeter, White Crow, John Pipe & Class
Leaders, John M. Armstrong & Shorter, Dear Brother
I am happy to state to you that wee have
the grate privilege to enjoy in meeting with our
labouring Nations to worship our heavenly Father.
My Dear Brother, ther were greate many of your
Old Brothers and Sisters with whom you sto
meete in the Glous of our Lord at Upper
Sandusky were exceedingly happy to here
from you, you acceptable letter was read
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Brother it is some what difficult for me
to remember which ^{whome} you were intimately acquainted
that are now not living, but I will endeavor to
give the names of the old persons who have
died since we have emigrated to this country
or short time previous. Old Peacock Walpole Sirahes.
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like to learn how I am pleased of our lot to fall
in to the Church South. I cannot with good
grace say that I am altogether suited
simply from various reasons, that differ from
what I have bin taught. One thing is this that
the South Missionaries do not strictly instruct
the Indians with Matrimony. I find many of
our our Preachers of different tribes are living
with their families with out being Married
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meeting My Old Brother in this lonely world.
There are great many of our old friends here who would
be happy to see you here, for instance Old Father Hicks
and Wife. Bigtree. Old Mother Sharlow. all your old
acquaintances. Brother I am sorry for our boys
who has had the pleasure to go back to Ohio that
have not given you a call when passing by your
residence. I can assure you you have yet worn
friends in our Nation. My Dear Brother, I am yet
spared with the enjoyment of good health and still
trying to preach to the people knowing to be good
for my self and to them. However I am now getting
Old and feeble which may cause me soon to finish
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