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Letter from William P. Finley & Jenny Finley to James B. Finley

William P. Finley

Jenny Finley

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William P. Child & Mary Kinley

Dear Brother & Sister They Great Distance
Which we are from each other renders our
personal intercourse altogether out of the
question But Glory be to the God whom we
serve that we are not so far separate but
we can have intercourse otherwise. I ~~have~~ ^{here} stood
and shed a tear of filial affection for absent
brother and sister with whom I once could
converse with but now are gone. perhaps no
more to meet with ^{them} until we meet around the
blessing bar of God to give an account for the deeds
done in the body. Your place in my affections is
brighter & brighter I feel the loss of your company
is greatly lamented But we must resign to
the will of God I have been looking for a letter from
you for some time but have been disappointed The
reason I know not but expect it a want of time
I have seen some sore trials since your Depar-
ture from home but I thank God I am still supported
by Divine grace & feel I think more bound for the Kingdom
of heaven than ever I have been in all my life I have
had some good times in the woods behind the old logs

of his ~~own~~ ^{own} school but how I can't say I am now
teaching school for three months have told my father
conditionally I expect to buy up by Father Mr
Quincy I still feel an impression of mind to
preach the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ I hope
that one day I shall be able to take up my
cross until I obtain the crown Brothers James
remember your calling is of God to sound the
glorious trumpet of Salvation to fallen man
and try to walk as becometh the servants of Christ
Let nothing molest your peace but rejoice
evermore pray without ceasing and in every thing
give thanks for this is the will of God concerning you
I now must conclude by praying that God may
keep us and our wives and children may stand at
last in the arms of Jesus yours ever loving her love to
you both and likewise Betty tell her to be
a good girl and try to serve God and her well
will think ahead of her It appears to me the
more I write the more I want to write but my
paper will not allow Therefore I submit you to
the mercy of God and blessings of heaven hoping
if we never see each other in this world of trouble
to meet where parting shall be no more
in the Kingdom of Heaven to praise our God for
ever Which may God grant for Christ sake amen
is the unan. witness of your affectionall Brother &
sister until Death

James B & Hannah Finley Wm P & Jenny Finley

Jenny wants you to give her love to her Uncle & Aunt
and all her cousins tell them to serve the Lord
and be true until Death

Our friends are generally well but wickedly inclined. I fear
if Divine ^{mercy} ~~both~~ not influence they must inevitably perish our
clap on while Pak is growing up, but glory to god that does
not in the least disturb my peace of mind. As I know in whom
I have believed Your old friend John Davidson is still in favor
of Methodism. He was at meeting with me this day And bore
the power of the words preached by Brother Robbins
who now reads this circuit. I hope the Lord will give him
seats to his ministry. I have told you about every thing
that comes to my recollection but about your own
business your things are old at vendue by

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a praying for you both that you might however
survive Death serving God and at last get home
to our fathers Kingdom where parting shall be no more.
I have something else to tell you which fills my
heart with thankfulness to God on the birth of this
instant Lenny had a young son was extremely
bad she wished for you here she calls him Peter
Patterson. Truly she is now upon the recovery and
blessed be God I think she is striving to meet me
on the shores of eternal Deliverance. What happiness
it will afford the mind to think of seeing all our
friends or apart of them however upon the shores of
Eternal happiness!! Lord grant it may be so soon.
Brother John has moved to Benia to teach school
and I fear has lost in a great measure his religion
there is some reports going upon him that if true
his religion is gone Betsey is gone with them and
I hope impeached with absence of her Duty to God
Likewise Sally. Samuel I think has no religion
at all but wants to quit society Joseph Hough
seems to be going too and Hannah seems to be still
muddled at times I have prayed for them all but as
yet been unsuccessfull but I leave them in the hands
of God and return to other particulars.