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Letter from Peter Hardman & Sarah Hardman to James B. Finley

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Sarah Hardman

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Fairfield
Jan 20

New J. B. Finley
Columbus
Franklin Co
Ohio

Boffardman
Jan 1 1847

Mount Pleasant Greene Co Ohio Jan 19th '47

Dear Brother

after our compliments & best respects to you we
undertak to drop a few lines to you to let
you know that by the blessing of G^d we
all enjoy a common state of health at this
time for which we do desire to be thankful
hoping and praying these lines may find
you in good health & prosperity
the health of the neighbourhood is good at
present with a few exceptions,
Poor Stots Coffren is dead died the 13th of Oct. last
in Macopin Co Ill he died a shouting glory &
Victory the Conjunctive Chills & fevers was his death
his poor afflicted Widow Elizabeth wrote to me
informing me of her great loss & the sickness
of all her family except little Finley & David
Whitmer her 2 youngest boys all was in com-
-mon health when she wrote & family move
when Coffren went all was sick with excep-
tion all on the mend when she wrote
said widow Coffren in her communication to
me wished me to have the same Old Bell toll
in the town of Fairfield for poor Stots which
was done & soon after got her letter 25 strokes
in honour of Stots Coffren & to announce his
death to the citizens of Fairfield & its vicinity
his death is much lamented in Fairfield town &

thead when her letter was read, the Lord bless the
widow & her children
now in conclusion let me say that on the 2d monday
of the present month we held an election to Elect 3
directors for the D. & S. T. Road in Fairfield after we
had met & stated the 1st thing to know who was ap-
-ted by the Governor J. Harshman president of the
board drew his pocketbook handed to me a paper
I handed it to the next man to me one of the board
& requested him to read it he did so & to the great
astonishment of the board & myself it was my ap-
pointment from the Governor how it had so hap-
-end it yet remains a mystery to me, if you have
or can get the information how it so happened
my appointment by the Governor a man that I never
saw & had no idea that Mr. Bell ever had heard that
there was such a man in all the land)
please to let me know J. Harshman was the other
appointed the other 3 of the old Board were re-elected
D. Winter & W. J. Humphreys & C. A. Burrows Harsh-
man & Burrows were the men appointed the 2
former years by Governor Bartley we all expected
the same this year I do most devoutly & religiously
thank that man or men that was the cause of my
appointment I have but one conjecture on the subject
thou art the man J. B. Finley the office in the ap-
pointment expired on the 31st of Dec '47 the office
will be vacant 10 or 11 days at the annual election is
on the 2d monday in January '48

if God should spare my life till the 2d monday in
Jan '48 I should have no objection to have a friend in
Court to gain the board has give ^{me} all my former appoint-
-ments on said turnpike one of the committee to fill
vacancies remove gate keepers & Supt. from Fairfield
to Springfield give us a call when you return
at all times when you can

Rev. J. B. Finley

your affectionate friend
Peter & Sarah Harshman