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## Letter from James Comstock to James B. Finley

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Germanstown Dec. 15, 1848

Rev. and Dear Brother

Your friendly Epistle Dated the 11, Instant came to hand last evening and I hasten to reply, and first I will say through the mercy of God we are all numbered with the living amid changing scenes and dying thousands, and are in the enjoyment of our usual health, and it is general time of health in this section of country, & in the next place I proceed to notice the introductory part of your letter, you write that you having written four letters to me since we last met and have received but one from me and intimate that there is something wrong and appear to be at a loss why I have not answered you or having refused to keep up an Epistolary correspondence, In answer I will say I have received but two letters from you since I last saw you and I immediately answered the first and my wife (which you will acknowledge to be good testimony) says she is sure that I answered the last one, so you see I am the proper party to feel injured if any, as by the above testimony I have waited some two or three years for an answer, And perhaps you may think as you have sometimes expressed yourself, that is a right Yankee turn but be that as it may I intend always to write as often as my friends write to me — Enough upon this subject

As to news I have nothing of importance to write — Pertaining to religion things move on about as usual Some join the Church and some are expelled, I resigned my Trusteeship of Methodist E. Church last spring and therefore do not know exactly what the financial state of our church is but I suppose that it is in debt about 4 or 5 thousand dollars, I was informed a few days since that Mr. Moses B. Walker called on the Trustees for the claim which you held against the Church, what they have concluded to do I do not know, I believe they are waiting for an opportunity to send the money to lift the note which is due to the Preachers aid Society, I heard Brother Gunkel say if he could find any one authorized to receive it, it should be paid



We often talk about you in the family circle & among other things my wife with true Kentucky grit mentions mentions that Brother Finley was the cause of our coming to this land of Shrou and smedcase and then left us, barking out. However there is no hostile feelings harbored against you. We should all be glad to see you the children often talk about Brother Finley and they would not only be willing to kill the Chickens of which you manifested a desire of picking the bones but would be glad to kill the fattened calf.

My Dear Brother time looks very short to me and I am striving to make my calling and election sure, and I am thankful that through all the seasons and seasons that have wrent the Church that I still stand on the old platform of Methodism, and have a hope through the Mercy of God of outliving the Storms and afflictions of life and casting my Anchor withing the veil where I hope to meet all the Ship's Company who sail with their Savior beneath, I thank my God for the hope of meeting many that I have had the privilege of Christian friendship & fellowship in my pilgrimage on earth. My Parents are gone my Sisters are gone two of them, ~~I trust~~ I have two bosom companions I trust have safely landed there, and host of others, and I feel when I look around and see the few that came upon the stage when I did that are left, like one of the few trees that have stood the tempest when the forest trees have been bourn down & lie prostrate on the ground, I hope your labors will be abundantly blessed here that when your called from labor to reward that you with a glad heart may say here am I and the Children which thou hast given to me In haste I must subscribe subscribe my self your friend & Brother in Christ

Rev. J. B. Finley

James Comstock

N.B. My wife & Family presents their best respects to you Call on my friends in your section of Country Present my best respects to them Write Soon L. C.

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