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## Letter from J.H. Creighton to James B. Finley

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Recd of  
Longtown  
New York  
May 49

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Westfield Chautauque Co. N.Y.

May 7. 1849

Dear father Finley

It was with great  
delight I recd. your letter of Ap 20<sup>th</sup> I had it  
over & over again The good Lord is still with me  
& His mighty Spirit warms my heart daily  
I am searching after him in his word & my prayer  
is "Open thou mine eyes to behold wonderful things out  
of thy law". Since I have been here I have  
seen the pleasure of the Lord prosper several have  
professed religion & we are now about building a  
new house for the Lord - have a thousand dol. on  
subscription, & can sell the old house for several  
hundred, Last winter I attended a quarterly  
meeting at Portland (6 ms. east) - The love feast  
was one of the best I ever attended - Near the close  
a venerable looking old man whose head was white as  
snow, rose up, with his eyes overflowing with tears  
and praising God for his goodness & mercy & long suffering  
kindness, - especially, said he do I praise God that He  
ever sent James B. Finley this way more than thirty  
years ago to rouse me from sin & folly to serve the  
living God. His name is Asahel or Asal Peck  
a local Preacher. I need not tell you I enjoyed  
that love feast, Father Peck & Mother Stone are  
the only surviving Methodists that lived about here  
in your time the rest are all gone.



I like this country in many respects but I am not so healthy here as in Ohio neither does it agree so well with my wife — consumptions are quite common here, most of the preachers that fail in this Conf. have pulmonary or bronchial affections I narrowly escaped last winter — had some spitting of blood & other symptoms peculiar to this cold climate. On this account I would like to be transferred back to Ohio. I wrote to brother Jamison on the subject — he says he will write to bishop Waugh requesting my return.

I suppose as I was sent merely to fill a vacancy here, that a vote of the O. Conf. will not be necessary to my transfer.

If you feel to approve of my return & would address a line to bishop Waugh to that effect I would be thankful. He may be addressed at the Pittsburgh Conf. (Brownsville Pa.) which meets June 20 or direct to my care at this place & I can present at our Conf. July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please inform br L. Dewey that the name of the stationed preacher at North East, is M. Himebaugh — His Mother <sup>Mrs. Stone</sup> is in good health for so old a person — so I was informed a few days ago by her son Ira Dewey. I intend to visit N. East before long when I shall call to see the old lady, forget me not in your prayers.

Yours Affectionately  
J. F. Houghton