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28-29-30
Poplar Ridge, Near Lattas Ross county Ohio April 1st 1880
My old friend James.

It is my melancholy duty to inform you of the death of ^{my} wife. She was taken ^{sick} on the 21st of March and ^{died} on 22nd. It was short notice but ^{trust} she was prepared for the call. ^{she} had lived to August she would have been 70 years old. She joined the church 45 years ago, and never was called to ^{account} ^{by} the church for any act, or word spoken during her long membership. She left behind 14 children, and upwards of 50 grandchildren, and all who are ^{old} enough to ^{know} right from wrong belong to the temperance cause, and many of them ^{are} members of the church. It is not contended ^{that she was} one of those "faultless monsters the ^{world} never saw" she had her frailties in common with others.

My children and Grand children are very kind to me, Effie Core Maria Morgan, Polly Core & my son, some of them have ^{been} with me, ever since the melancholy event. I am still afflicted with rheumatism to such ^{a degree} that it is with pain I write these few incoherent lines to you. She ^{was} buried in the Sharon burying Ground, her funeral sermon was preached to an unusual large congregation by the Rev Mr. Austen. I must stop on account of pain and ^{of} course you excuse my scribble. I need not tell you how much I am your friend.
John McDonald
Rev J B Finley.

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Rev J B Finley
Near Eaton
Preble county
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