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Washburne
July 19

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Rev James B. Sperry

Waverly

Warren County Ohio

Dear Young
man

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Rushville Warren County Ohio July 16th

1827

Dear Sir,

Through ^{Merely} divine I am still in the solemn train moving
with a rapid velocity to a country from where born the
every traveler will not return. My health is better than
most men of my age enjoy my family is well and we are try-
ing to get ready for a better country & of my children
have gone to the eternal world I think they are in Paradise
I have but 2 left & they are bending their knees toward
the Celestial Region when I think of this circumstance I
think I am one of the happiest men on this globe I am
married & live with a devoted wife we have had 5 child-
ren & in heaven & I on the way & that my heart would
praise the Lord for all his benefits to liberally confer on
my unworthy family I have sold my property in this country
I wish to look ^{you} out a small well improved farm near
some good market town with a good spring on it & with
improve good orchard of grafted fruit 50 acres of land will
be as much as I want good meeting house good society &
good school on all desirable things but can not get every
thing we wish for in this world I want good soil & healthy
situation I can pay 4000 ~~next Spring~~ & do Spring come
a year 400 in one year from the last mentioned
payment making in all 8000 We have good times
on this circuit Old Methodism is on the march gain-
ing peculiar compass daily the Methodists are gaining
every day in numbers in truth in education & influence
but in purity & holy living we are sadly deficient

The poor Madams are trying their best in this Circuit
Myers Newman & Shingler are traveling & reading, convention
at articles & little scraps of abuse they did often had calling
form a little Society in Somerset which is the only one
they have got in the Circuit they got 11 members
I moved away the next week & some come back on my next
Round & another note to know on what terms we would
receive him. Old Dad McBeech joined them a little while
but when he found the cause they were pursuing he backed
out & come home again to the good old Church this has
almost did them for they feared highly of McBeech
a man of deep belly, great trials, full of trials
of 40 years standing & what an accusation to the new
Church but he has left them & then Jay is
turned into teachings. W. Collins came as a delegate from
a little Convention Cincinnati to a General Conference
of United Brethren held near this place in order to
for some kind of a union with them and after the
discussion had gone on for some time a plain declaration
was made & Dad you have all heard of a Snake in the grass
it is true I did not see a Snake in the grass to
say but I saw the grass shake and I think there
is a Snake there. I wish Dad Collins be careful of the
Matters. Ever. We have been much engaged in forming
Sunday Schools in the Circuit & think we have
near 15 Sunday Schools, Children Every Sabbath in
our Sunday Schools & all things more harmonizing
I beg to God I am determined to hold up my main
Sabbath & make full use of it.

Let Sister Fairly know that I still love
to pray for her & I intend to meet her in 9 days
Remember me to Bro. Brock's family &
to the Morris. I am there in love
I.B.F. Jacob Young