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Letter from David Reed to James B. Finley

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Miss
D. Mead
W. Myrna
Aug 21

Miss James B. Finley
Columbus
Ohio



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Guyandott Va. August 16th 1849

Uncle James

My Dear Sir I received
your epistle during the Session of the
Pittsburgh & Western Virginia Conferences
in Wheeling & would of answered it
before this, but since Conf. I have
hardly had a moment to call my own
having had to visit my friends in Ohio.
I have returned & have just commenced
my first round of g. meetings. You
see by the published appointments of
the Western Virginia Conf. that I have
been returned to Com. Dist. with the
same men which I had last year
I feel no disposition to impune
the motives by which the Delegates of
the Ohio Conf. were actuated in
acting for this new Conference if
a Conference it may be called. But
I am equally distant from acknowledging
it an intelligent or judicious act
if it had really been a Western Va.
Conf. as it appears to be, it would

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be a different thing. But as it is I
am informed that it has created great
dissatisfaction in the most intelligent
Societies ~~is~~ embraced in the Territory
formerly embraced in the Pittsburg
Camp. If the Territory embracing the
City of Columbus & the Valley of ~~Ohio~~
embraced in the Baltimore Camp
~~was included in it.~~
Why then we would have a conference
having at least some redeeming quali-
ties. But as it is we have not an
it in the Camp. able to give a con-
stant support to the speakers necessary
for the work with ordinary families -
I am very fearful that the Conference
will fall to pieces beneath its own weight.
The young men sent to this Dis. will
do the best they can. But to a great
extent we are without churches. You
know the Saints have taken them
without "judges or juries" & every personage
has been seized upon by them.
I have been loading the two years
no part with my goods packed
up in Ohio waiting for a "jubilee"
but now we have abundance of goods
& intend going to haul-hauling.

Hannah has prevailed upon her Mother
& Mary to come & live with her.
My Father is gone to the Eastern
part of the State of Ohio to my Sisters
& I have sold out the most of my
possessions in Ohio. I don't know what
I shall do I cannot tell my mind is
very much perplexed at present.
Our people in this Dis. are
well satisfied with the action of
the Gen. Camp. on the Property question
the rejection of Do. Finney &c.

We regretted very much
to hear of your ill health
but hope by the blessing of the
good Lord that it will be
restored.

We hope to hear from
you soon, my address will now
be Parkersburg Wood Co. Va.
I remain as ever yours
in the best of health

David Street
Thos Jones B. Finley