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## Letter from William Swayze to James B. Finley

William Swayze

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My very Dear brother Deerfield Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1820

Wither time Distance or place  
shall erase the name of a family from the mind  
of my self and others in this part of the country  
the name of Finley sounds dear to hundreds on  
this Des<sup>t</sup> & I am sure are your successor but despair  
of filling your place. however it allways gives  
me satisfaction to hear my predecessor spoke well  
of it indicates a loving friendly people with  
I find them to be on this Des<sup>t</sup> & have just returned  
from the north Stillenville comes next the prospects  
appears flattering on Pine Chetiqua Lake & bever  
Nahomen is on the gain so with the circuits  
to the south Brother Brooks was well and family  
when I was last to the south in good spirits  
the preachers are all well are fair are I am and  
in love and union Let me tell you we had  
A Merry Christmas: at old broken stone it was said  
there were a bout fifty came forward to be  
prayed for several profest to find pardon

Just  
1307/1000

William Dwyze

De Canon of Warren County  
Ohio

James W. Penley

*Augustine De O. 1871*



We had also a happy new year at north East it was  
said that on Sunday evening at brother Fullers all  
were taken but one a tavern keepers Doster who fled  
being broken, giddy Day and wife with many others  
of your old friends wishes to be remembered to Brother  
Finley, we have a hard winter snow at this time  
a bout four feet deep My old friend Trudon  
has been in this country more yet - My love  
to father Finley and your loving prayers  
Bro Finley I have not collected any thing for  
the indian Mission yet - but one can hope to do  
something before the close of the year it is hard  
times for money in this country at present  
I shall try to collect those small debts for  
you a gainst conference believe me ever your  
sincere friend and Brother in Christ Wm Swayze  
Rev James B Finley

SWAYZE

A line from you would be very acceptable  
My Love to Sister Finley