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To Susan

Patterson step sons, have had their land divided and
run off by an order of court two of the shares lay
lay joining us and boys, the youngest goes lay from
the branch in our claim running west including most of
the orchard thence south to the corner of Thomas fence
it is ~~to be~~ sold in 6 or 7 years and if we could I
should like to buy it its the best piece of land ~~in~~
in that track it would suit us better than any person
else, and would make our four large snags and
increase our timber as it is. Most all of Woodland

I sent with Joe Joseph Stanton for what money
might be in Davids hands I have not heard that he
has returned yet if he brings money I suppose I had
better pay that note Blair has — if there is any over
I shall keep it till you come in

I dont think it is do to leave things so relaxed with
regard to support for the Mission. There must be some
body whose business it is to collect and carry out

I heard from Robert Finley he is yet much affected
He went to Samuel last week

Sister & Pecham is much pleased with the thought of
going to Sanduskey

all things continue on the same in the neighborhood in the
Circuit A Elliott Drives on Lake like some places
He is much esteemed in others not so, he is certainly the most
singular man I have known

Ridgeville May 11th 1833

Dear friends

through the love and mercy of our God we are
all well, and yet have hope of joining a vision
of immortal glory when we shall rest. If in
this world only we had hope we should be of all men
most miserable.

I can say that I now feel as much given up to God
and dead to the world as I ever have at any period
of my life. I have more liberty in preaching and more
power with God in many places on the circuit we have
good times and flattering prospects in Dayton the
prospects are more flattering than they have been
But there is some trouble and some falling away
William Blair Thos Morrow and Lefer Wore are all
expelled for getting drunk at the election, the all
acted most ridiculous — Jude McLean gave whiskey at
his sale several got drunk and this has made considerable
noise in the country in general much is said and much
more than what is true
These things pain my soul, but dont discourage me
I know there is a reality in Religion. my heart is free
I never felt more established than now

I intend to give the Judge a talk about his conduct
Guthens is making a waggon for \$50 all complete
Jane Finley is living at Goswicks the one all well
Samuel Finley has returned, lost one horse on the way
I have not seen him but understood from Mr Collett
that he has not money enough to meet them or see their
demands against him I sent him word by Collett
I am back

James is not as fleshy as he was Charles is very fleshy
and harty signthas the one were shes expect to go
home as soon as planting is over, Mother Straws is still with us
and has been ever since you left home except about
3 weeks

Received
May 13th
A. James B. Finley &
Wp Sandusky

John C. Brook
May 12 1823

Wp

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Give my love to all your family that I know
especially to Adam Brown

Write to us often and give us a fine account
of your prosperity

Your positions and business I shall send the
first opportunity

A. James B. Finley

J. John C. Brook
L. H. Brook

to Meet Me at Int Meeting next Sat at Kinia if he pays
Me I will pay it to Blair

I never got but \$5 of your Intorage that from paint
consequently have not been able to pay Ball. I have
paid B. Lowry \$11. Dr. M. Sathrop \$20 and have 13 more
to pay this with the balance of Lowry I expect to
pay this Sat

I wish to know your mind about building if you
think to stay where you are another year and
travel even if I don't move. Nothing ^{slowly} to be done to
any advantage or purpose

We must come to some conclusion this summer
what is to be done either sell or rent or build
and live on it is for my self I am in a strait
Between two I don't want to locot. Nor do I see
how we can break up with ^{out} two great sacrifices
I wish ~~to~~ I could see you and its probable
I shall be out sometime next month we have met
our hands sufficient to load ^{two} waggons
if Elliott comes on as B. Fowler wrote him
I will get Mr. Lorrain to fill my appointments
and get a light waggan and come out

But at this time its impossible to get any person to
go out for any consideration, the spring has been
so wet there is little or no corn planted yet we are
planting the New piece on the hill by the mill is
planted the rest ready

Mr. Mayor want 50 bushell of corn for which he will
give plank if we build this will be a good chance
I believe I will let him have it as we have