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John P. Finley

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Saving Brother { I have only time to draft a few lines to you
by way of remembrance and to manifest my good wishes for
you and yours - I have had some distress both of body and of
mind since your departure from this place Sally has also
been sickly, but we have reason to praise God we are yet num-
bered with the living and enjoy the assurance of God's love
peace of conscience and joy in the holy Ghost I am more
than ever bound for heaven and this moment feel that
Jesus is mine Oh, the goodness of God to our family we who
were in the gulph of iniquity are called to fill important stations
in the church of Christ when God might have cut us down
as rebels against his holy law instead of calling you to travel
daily to promulgate the glad tidings of salvation and me in
my little circle to proclaim a bleeding Jesus It is owing to
tender mercy of him who rules above glory to his blessed name
forever and ever I hope to praise him when I die & shall
salvation as I fly - Our Father was here to see us not long
since he was in great spirits he had taken 140 persons into
Society on trial and I think he said there was 32 conversions
in going once round his circuit - We have had a smart
revival in this place Sister Hannah Haugh is converted and
joined society - Sister Elizabeth Potham is dead she is gone
to the city of rest she ceases from her labors and her works
do follow her, on the 12th of this instant her happy spirit
took its flight she died in triumph praising God as long
as she could whisper a word and when she could no longer
whisper so as to be understood she motioned with her head
as a sign to those around that she was happy in Jesus
Oh, that my last end may be like unto hers, I do not
expect to see you this ensuing Summer or fall unless you can
come to see us My situation will be such that I cannot get
far from home - The Trustees have bound me up in school
ligaments so fast that I shall be obliged to stay close at
home - I wish and long to settle on a piece of land of my
own and believe that Providence will yet open the way for
me to station to my satisfaction

My land suit is not yet determined I expect it will be
tried next week - I am preped for time - Farewell my
loving brother may heaven smile upon you let us be faithful
and meet in our fathers house above Sally Joins me in
sending love to you Hannah & Betsey

I am your sincere, tho' unworthy Br. in H.
Rev. James B Finley March 30th 1812 John P Finley
Green County - Ohio

At James B Finley
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Fairfield circuit

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