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## Letter from John P. Finley to James B. Finley

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Dayton Ohio June 22<sup>d</sup> 1815

My dear James { I have a little while past dismissed the  
children and feel disposed to drop you a line although  
much hurried for time. Through the mercy of God we are  
still alive and have our faces fixed towards the heavenly  
hills. We are still wading through afflictions of different  
kinds, I pray that we may bear them better than we have done  
hitherto. Last week I visited Father's family and William's, found  
them well. I have been in distress for the situation of our Church.  
I truly believe that the Lord is about to chastise us for our  
unfaithfulness by removing the Watchman from the walls of Zion  
and the great light from the City. Bro. Blackman is dead  
his death is not so much to be lamented as the manner of it  
a week or two past he was drowned in attempting to cross  
the Ohio at Cincinnati - he and his wife had been visiting Bro.  
Collins and on his return having gone into the flat The  
in hoisting the sail frightened the horses so that they both leaped  
out into the water and drew him with them he sunk, rose and  
swam 1 or 2 rods some young men on the shore flew into a  
skiff and in their anxiety to save him broke an oar after  
they had got almost to him - he sunk and was seen no more  
for seven hours - Bro. Sparks of Lawrenceburgh is dead  
Bro. Parker the last account no life expected for him Bro.  
Pavy in the same situation Bro. Lakin broke down and left  
his circuit. Bro. Oglesby I was told yesterday lies for death  
at Cincinnati - I hope you will call and see us when you  
come to Conference, I wish you to let me know whether you  
will come before or after Conference be certain to do this and  
be as certain to bring Hannah with you. If I thought you were  
settled for life I believe I would try the ensuing year to come  
near to you, Williams McQuitty & Curry are both married  
The first to Polly Barngraver and the other to some Jersey  
girl I have nothing more to write Pray for us and remember  
our love both natural and supernatural Farewell

James B Finley

John Finley



Since I wrote this letter I received one from you I hope  
 you will come to my house before conference as I wish to go with  
 you - Bring Hannah with you or you will meet with a warm  
 reception from Sally Farewell, I am John Finley

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Rev James B Finley  
 Reverend Preacher  
 Barnesville  
 Ohio

Dayton O.  
 July 17th

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Try to recollect if there is one Hannah a Preacher in the circle of  
 your acquaintance perhaps 3 years ago