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Letter from Robert W. Finley & Rebecca Finley to James B. Finley

Robert W. Finley

Rebecca Finley

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to give our best love to you all
Robert and Rebecca Spindley
fare well my children a loving father will
remember your duty you so well
and if it does not neglect a letter I do
expect

Recd James R. Spindley
Stentonsville
Ohio 1812

New Market O.
20. Jan. y.

January the 10 1812 Concord Township
Dear and well be loved children I am yet in the
land of the living and my health is as usual
my limbs well much more from the use of
to the use of this is the trouble of my body
but my mind is as far as your sweetening con-
soling with you all telling you of the comforts of
which is my joy in reflecting what a unworthy creature
I am that the Lord may take so much notice of me as
to provide for me so beautifully for me I feel quite
assured to the will of God I don't see as ever I feel
best resembling at God for his afflicting hand
but still striving to thank the Lord that he has
felt so mercifully with me the greatest trouble
is that can not serve him as I would wish to
do but still I am resolved to be a beggar at the
throne of grace while I have breath and you
in that precious times is never spent in vain
I strive to pray for you all that that the Lord may
keep you in humility and give you to see your
nothingness I still endeavour to hold myself
and my children and grand children as
a needy family and has that confidence that
the Lord will save them and save their
souls and make them usefull in the church
your dear old father left me on Christmas morning
he was happy both in soul and body and I have
not heard from him since when he comes
home it is a little better with us all
he gives us a good advice and preaches for us
an then goes a game fencer is a living
at Williams this winter and is a going to
school he can learn anything that he
sets his mind to I want you to let me
know if there is any probability of his
moving from the river a game speering
Samuel and Joseph has lost there last
Samuel is gone to C. to see if

if there is any probability of getting it
back again though it will be no more if
john thinks he will not want him to
send me word a meeting place I want I
Joseph and Frances to go to school to him
at the least nine months I think if
nothing happens that I can pay for these
schooling and schooling that long I get a
a very sober boy and he wants to go to
school Frances can read to the school
well and takes a great delight in it he
is learning to write very fast and he
is as proud of it! Joseph has not rep
more and can family worship and lectures
a cordially. Robert is very sober and
stick both week day and Sunday I have
good reason to believe that he is a Christian
Samuel is a very much improved man
he ceases the worship of good in his
family and he has accidentally he has
paid of a most at his sets I have even
to believe that God will bring all his
children in to the ark of safety I need
children let us lose to him let us
be busy in prayer for our selves and
our children and the church of Christ
and that the wickedness out of the land
supper anniversary in our house in
September last it was a good times and
and there was a large congregation
the people a pleasure to be every

learn children left this morning and this
morning father his wife is living
very last one of calves family is dead
Joseph Penrice is living extremely last
is going better Polly Lingam was
very but but is getting better she had too
general from Cynthia was is living and
the other died and a great number more
are sick the take it with a chill of cold
I can not inform you anything about
your father I have seen I have not
not seen him since last March your
brother Isaac is a living in his house
glad and is doing well Cynthia and family
is well your uncle I got eccligin
last fall and hold out faithful father
family preached at your uncle
churches a bright a month ago and you
uncle church seems to be very sober and
has been so for some months I your sister
Anne has put out all her children but
the least one is living with rather new
Betty Russell died last summer a short
pleases to go she died at some Devos
with came to see me and she told me all
concerning her father father Chapman
is yet a live and every day are case a
short for glory! William's family is all
well but Anne is was laid with the Devos
died in my neck but is getting better
at your as parents and children
Green