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

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to every member of your family from  
the oldest to the youngest.

Please write to me when you have  
time

Your Resp<sup>t</sup> Aff<sup>n</sup> Nephew  
John F Finley

Wm F Finley

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Per James B. Finley

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Wm F Finley

Bloomfield N.J. Sept 24 1829

Dear Uncle

About one and a half year  
since I wrote you a long letter but  
as yet have not received an answer  
from you I presume the letter miscarried  
a few days since Mother received  
a letter from you by the son of her Uncle  
we rejoice that though you have been  
afflicted that your anxious Aunt's heart  
is on the mend. and hope it will still  
continue to improve.

Mother came out here last  
spring one year since her health is not  
very good. she has thro' all winter  
suffered one last fall one in the winter  
and one this fall. she is now convalescent  
she is not well satisfied with the country  
thinks it to cold & windy.

Elizabeth lived about 60  
years from us in Trenton, being let  
her health is not good it has been  
quite bad for the last 5 years  
her constitution is completely broken  
and she moves like a woman of  
fifty. she has four children living.  
she has lost 3 of her children. Mr. Hule  
talks of moving to Arkansas this fall  
or next spring. but I think a doubtful.

Three years since on acquaintance  
of mine who had just returned from  
Oregon states that a man calling  
himself Saml Finley from Ohio was at  
West Milford Station he supposed

him to be 35 or 40 years of age  
whether this was known I am not I  
do not know. I wrote to David Reed &  
Robt. Finley but never receive an answer  
from either of them. Perhaps the letters  
did not reach them if you have an  
opportunity please let them know of it.

Sometime in July we were surprised  
by arrival of (Lucius Quintus ~~de~~ <sup>Cincinnati</sup> ~~de~~ <sup>de</sup> ~~Somerset~~  
Cincinnati de Somerset Finley) what a  
man!) a son of Samuel Finley who  
had started for California but concluded  
to return to Indiana. I received a  
letter from him a few days since  
his father and family are all well  
they live at Laport. Indiana

William Lewis in Indiana is doing  
very well. himself and family are all  
well. he is now engaged in the practice  
of medicine.

I am practicing medicine I  
have a very good practice. matter of  
a living my boys for I have four  
are growing up very fast. and it  
makes me feel rather old when I  
look at them. the three oldest are going  
to school. John P my oldest boy is very  
studious and like the most of the man  
would rather sit over his books than  
to work. I intend to give them all  
trades. train them up in habits of industry  
and with good education they will  
make their way in the world.

Bloomfield the place in which we live  
is the County seat of Davis County situated  
on the ~~extreme~~ southern line of Iowa 60 miles  
west of the Mississippi. The town is now  
and appears improving. all of the country  
is desirous to be one of richest in the  
State. Many of your old friends are  
settled in this part of the adjoining County  
to Chapin A. Bonner. The late Col. Clark (by the  
way is he not crazy by species). Ebberts Brooks  
Go da arae. Arneys from Logan &  
Champaign. besides many others to  
numberous to mention.

Oh truly rejoice that all your  
family are well and doing so well  
and should be very much to see  
you and them. You are living in the Patriot-  
Schield. The sorrow deep by your children  
Grand children. As a S. Schield I should  
suppose cousin Ely would be full like she  
was at least one hundred years old  
and you would be something like Isaac.  
that in a few years more it would be impos-  
sible to number your posterity.

Mother is living with me  
she talks some of going back to Ohio  
it is very hard for the old to form  
new ties and acquaintances. Man is begins  
to look a little old. I suppose I look older  
than when you saw me last. but I  
certainly feel as young as I ever did  
and if I should live to be one hundred  
years old. I think I should feel as though  
I was only 25. Give our best wishes