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

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Rev. O. B. May

(Trinitite)

A. G.

C. G. P.

John O. Smith  
Dennis Dr. M. M.

C. G. P.

Dennis Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1833

I ally O. Wallace like shouting aloud  
and jumping into the joys of my salvation  
our Quarterly Meeting is just over. and we have had  
a profitable time even one whom you considered  
as a hopeless case he has bowed at the Mourner  
bench has joined Society and is sitting in  
of whom Mabel & the Harpells and wife  
Deans of N. H. are, your old Sunday School  
class and is now a probationer in the M.  
& Church I of Shadrach's sons have joined  
Society and the <sup>Deans</sup> was up to the Mourner  
bench but did not join Society. A. I have  
joined and there was a number more who  
was down to be baptized who did not  
join.

On Monday evening there was not  
room at the altar and front benches and  
and ~~that~~ word of a place was prepared in  
the center of the house and Mabel was  
down to there and a number of stood  
of with a wailing cry and waited but feared  
to venture any place

I hear from a number of towns  
of the good Lord is speaking to be visiting them  
in Meigs and I for ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> almost think  
that the day of Pentecost had returned. It is  
astonishing what a change has taken place in  
this place in the last 3 months. The  
own



Arunkara & Injial & others who oppose  
the children & husbands who oppose the  
wives have come to the foot of the cross  
pleading for mercy through the merits  
of the blood of the Lamb. O my parolots  
on the happy time <sup>when</sup> ~~where~~ all shall know the  
from the least to the greatest.

I received your kind letter last Sunday  
Evening. I read it with great pleasure all  
and every part of it with the exception of the  
bad state of the family health. I was not dis-  
appointed in the little concern if I could do  
well (say make money) fast I would go but  
to go as a clerk. I have tried it and am satisfied  
my object now is to get to Heaven if I miss this  
I lose all, as a clerk ~~it~~ it will be expected  
for me to use all the usual means used by  
clerks, to be good, this I cannot do consistent  
with the character I wish to fill and which I  
will the grace of God assisting me support  
and I ~~am~~ feel that he has watched over  
me so far in life, when I was his friend  
was my friend, I look back ~~in~~ to my past  
life. I have been disappointed in all my calculations  
of earthly wealth, I once thought it was hard  
and that I was unjustly dealt by, but I can now  
look back and say the Lord has done all things  
well. He has led me by a way I know not. His  
holy name as for the balance of my life I wish  
to devote to the service of the Lord as a clerk  
I would take all my time otherwise to do my duty

I have but just started, have just turned my  
back upon the world and my feet unto the testimony  
of the Lord, and I see that I have many Tem-  
ptations to contend with, and I do not wish to  
throw myself in the way of more, as a clerk I would  
be liable to be led away, under all these con-  
-ditions you may suppose. I have very little an-  
-xiety to go to Clerk for any man I wish to  
be more Master of my own time here and no-  
-where else as a clerk could I devote any part  
of my time to reading. They would always ex-  
-pect me to be on the alert and never upon  
up a book to read that I can never be bound to  
unless I go to Hamilton I will go on the same

I am sincerely sorry that Aunt  
Huff and that ~~your~~ grandfather is in such  
health, but I hope for the better

Give my love to Aunt grandfather  
cousins to all the family. Love affectionately  
Jas D. May Jr. Wm D. May Jr.

My time will be out here on the 10<sup>th</sup> of  
March.

I agree with you that grandfather was  
of the finest kind of old men, he shall witness  
himself out as a Disciple of the Redeemer  
a few more days and he will have the  
words well done thou good & faithful servant  
O may his last days be his best days  
and may he see the Sabbath of that gospel that  
he has preached to others. J.D.M.