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Letter from Elizabeth Finley to James B. Finley

Elizabeth Finley

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Rev James B Fendler

Portsmouth

Ohio

favoured
by Mrs
JenningsElizabeth Finley
1836

Gaugandott Aug 11 1836

Dear Uncle James

I have just crawled out from the & got my self
Sufficiently thawed & recovered from a state of torpidity
to write you a few lines Uncle it is with fear & trembling I shall
attempt to address you by letter. Conscious of my own inability to discharge
the duty I have taken upon my self in a way calculated to give you
the least pleasure or satisfaction. My Dear Uncle I believe for the
first time in my life I am trying to write to you, it was not for
a disposition to do so, knowing my own imperfections in letter writing
I would rather decline hearing many witty things than write my
own stupid ones. I hope you will look at the letter before you
pass a sentence of condemnation upon the act.
With inexpressible pleasure we received yours while reading your
letter I thought for a moment I had the exquisite pleasure of
enjoying the delightful converse of that that held no ordinary
place in my affections. but alas I was doomed to meet with a
sad disappointment there was no Uncle there.

We are all in good health & are pleasantly situated in this village
Dear Sir we would not be silent that you should be pleased
with a visit to this place I am certain of one thing that is to every
heart admiring the picturesque scenery of Gaugandott I can
assure you of one thing my admiration is not inexpressible
as yet. The streets are well paved with mud it is not necessary
to black our shoes & c. We received a letter from John a few
days since that he are no longer in Piqua they are of Dea Withers
their first grandchild in the birth of Leina bed Stock & bare

May sold out the Drug Store to Joe Ashby of Piqua
& went in to the drug business John writes the prospect
is good at this time &c Religion is in a very low state in
the bounds of Brothers Circuit the Subject of Abolitionism
appearing to be the leading topic. The members of the District
are petitioning for a Separation from the Ohio Conference &c
Felicity has engaged warmly in the work she takes up
her cross in female Meeting she has not attempted to pray
at public prayer Meetings as yet. She wishes to be remembered
to you with much affection. Father & Mother wish to see you
very much indeed she says above all men he wants to see
you & grandfather Findley the most do write by the lady
who gives you this I have nothing worth communicating at present
excepting to assure you of my inalterable affection for my

Dear Uncle James

Your ever Affectionate Niece
Elizabeth Pelham Findley

James B Findley

P.S. The lady who gives you this is a Sister Jennings
that lives in the lower part of the house with us
I have the letter she sent had while rewriting
I have had it for a week. Write by Sister Jennings
and oblige your ever sincere Eliz