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## Letter from William M. Finley to James B. Finley

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Dear Auncle James:

I for the first time in my <sup>take</sup> life I <sup>use</sup> my pen to communicate to you by the way of a letter - It is with some degree of reluctance and yet with pleasure that I attempt it - In consequence of your being somewhat of a linguist I will have to be on my Pied P D B.

Since I last had the pleasure of conversing with you I have had many conflicts both of spiritual and temporal point of view but through the fostering and benign care of Divine providence I have been enabled to stand through them all.

Some months ago I thought it best to change my location I deliberated upon it. calmly and dispassionately - at last I came to the conclusion of going to the west - I have now and have stopped on flat Rock Shelly County Indiana near Richard Trakes they are all well but aunt, and she is mending - I have visited Auncle Joseph he sits by the fire and chews his Tobacco and says not much to now person but Aunt Hannah is a hoisold I indelibly she treated me on the broad leaf.

I thank my stars that I ever left Ohio for since I have been here which has been six weeks I have had as much I can do in the practice of physic I have charged 75 dollars and it has not been sickly - I think if I have my health I will in a few years be enabled to try me a farmer - the people in this country is generally able to pay their way - I am in a dense settled country and not much opposition - but I have been very successful and I find by what I can hear whispered amongs the people I am becoming very popular.

I have seen Brother Eddy and you may be sure I was very glad to see some person from Ohio that I had seen before.

With due deference to your honor I want to consult you on the propriety of leaving a state of slavery and giving its matrimony that is providing I can find a fine beautiful and accomplished young damsel that I think I can with propriety confide in. ~~Notwithstanding~~ I think that I have judgment and experience enough of my self to decide this matter but I always think it best to consult the wise and experienced on these great and momentous concerns - these above remarks may in some measure be considered promissory - I have not yet got any particular damsel in view.

So I have the honor to be your sincere friend a humble

Woolley  
April 18. 1838 James P. Woolley

W. W. C. F. indelibly



William Atterbury  
April 1838

My dear Sir  
April 23

1838

Rev. James B. Smalley  
Rutledge Warren Co  
Ohio

(by the way of Cincinnati)