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## Letter from Samuel Findley to James B. Finley

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1847

Rev. J. P. Finley  
Chaplain to  
the Penitentiary  
Columbus  
Ohio

By Mr. Sparracoe

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Antioch - C. C. Ohio - Oct 13th 1847  
Dear Brother,  
I have personally acquainted with you  
I take the liberty of introducing myself to  
your notice in what I conceive to be the cause  
of humanity. There is a Joseph Sparracoe  
in the Penitentiary, whose wife <sup>mother,</sup> father, and friends,  
are extremely anxious to have released. He has been  
serving as a convict, now, for nearly one year, out  
of two the term for which he was convicted. His father  
the bearer of these lines is one of my nearest neighbors -  
He is well known in this vicinity for more than  
20 years, and I believe universally respected as a man  
of upright peaceful and Christian deportment. Such was  
the character sustained by his numerous family, until  
the occurrence of the unhappy affray which occasioned  
his present commitment. It is the universal opinion of  
his friends here that the provocation was quite as  
extraordinary, as the issue was unexpected by ~~all his~~  
~~family~~. Information has reached his wife and family  
that he is badly injured by a casualty in a stone  
quarry. It is said that his wife is almost inconsolable -  
My request of you is, if you please, to accompany the  
bearer, to the fort and make as favorable a plea,  
as you think, may comport with duty, in behalf of a  
son, a husband and a father. I would not desire the  
dismissal of any man from the house of confinement



if I believed the security of community would thereby  
be at all hazarded. This would be a false clemency -  
But I feel the more earnest in this case - because  
I firmly believe the reverse would be the fact -

I have been laboring in the ministry for 33 yrs  
and have a son Wm J. Findley laboring in the  
same responsible office in Chillicothe - who attended  
a ministerial association in Columbus - ~~and~~ During  
the past season and has given me a favorable  
account of your courteous and friendly disposition  
and I would say, if you were any thing else you  
ought not to bear the name of Findley -

Your compliance in the present case  
will much oblige a brother in the  
faith and patience of Jesus Christ

Saml Findley

Rev J. B. Findley

Chaplain of the  
Penitentiary of the State of Ohio