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Letter from William Johnston to James B. Finley

William Johnston

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June 27th. 1848 -

Sidney Shelby County Ohio
to James Finley my old friend I will in
form you of my health it is good thanks
be to god for his mercies to me all tho
my mind is in a bad state of trouble and
I hope this few lines will find you in good
health god has spare you through a many
a hard storm and I hope he will spare
you through some more I have got one
thing to requier at your hand and
that is I have got a little grand-son
in the wauls of your penitentiary and
I wish you to pay some attention to him
and go and see him and tell him we ar
all well and that I cant git him
out yet un till I git a portion
out and if that fails I cant do any more
but I can git every body to sine it
and that I will be up a gainst the
first of august James I wish you
to git liberty to rite to me and what
you are doing my old friend I will
tri and tell you how he came their
their was a nother bad boy was learning
the taler trac and per-swaded my boy
to git in to a muddy stone and git
money that boy wanted to run a way
and he per-swaded my boy for two
weacks and the other boy turned state
evidence and he or lockt the door him
self and went in and all the money they got
was a bout twenty cents he is not four
teen till the 28 of next october and

PAID V
to James Finley
Columbis
Franklin County
Ohio



W. Johnson
J. Carey Jun
48

the centner was too long for so young a boy
and for him to be punished so long and the
other boy go clear it is too hard he is
a poor little old boy and to take
a way his credit for ever and he but
a child it is too hard you have bin a
quarrel with me and my old companion
for a great many years and my son-in-
law James Livingston and his wife is
my daughter my name is William Johnson
and my wife's name was Sarah but she
is no more she died last fall and I now
live with one of my son-in-laws who
married the boy's mother my dear friend
please write to me if by getting one hundred
or more sinners if there would be a pros-
pect for me and his poor mother is all
most crazy I am in hope that the
overbill and mister Lee will have
mercy on so young a boy and poor
with all he has got nothing but his
credit to help him through the world
I ask you my dear friend to try to speak
a word or two for me when I come with
the purveyor and do what you can for the
boy's sake and for God's sake
please to write to me as soon as opportunity
will permit you and I beg the favor
of you to go and visit my poor little
boy as often as you can convenient and
talk with him if you are permitted
I have nothing more to say I ask you to feel
for and call your dear grand-father

will come up as soon as I can trust James
to pray to God for help
my friend I raised the boy and he is a good
conscientious man and he is all the company I
have so none more but remain yours

William Johnson
Blacksmith