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## Letter from Samuel Bradford to James B. Finley

Samuel Bradford

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Celina's  
Dec 1

Dr. J. B. Finley  
Columbus

Left 8 1/2 hrs. Dec 4

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Celina Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1848  
Dear Bro Finley

I wish I could be in  
your company as formerly & not to have  
to do with some things that I did ~~not~~ like  
however I am thankful that things & occasions  
are so favorable with us as it is on last  
evening ~~to~~ use the cisterns of Celina bought  
a town keeper's Bl. of whiskey & knocked  
the head in then set it on fire & the blue  
blazes did ascend while the the town  
keeper promised to keep no more whiskey  
it was a sink of drunkards the Lord ~~did~~  
& all but to day all is still & he the  
the town keeper appears to be in his  
right mind last night after burning  
the whiskey we sent round & got up  
a temperance meeting we had a  
full house & 17 signed the pledge of  
abstinence & some of the best men in  
town signed it — But we are not blessed  
with the means of grace as I would  
like to have I intend to come home when  
I get the mill in operation & I hope it  
will support ~~the~~ what few days may  
yet be a letter in I thank the Lord my health  
& my wife also is good she is much better



than she was in Calumet & I  
work every day & I never felt better  
in health if I can not see you let me  
hear from you soon give my love  
to all my friends - Yours &c  
S. Braden