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## Letter from E.H. Taylor to James B. Finley

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Dear Richmond Jan 22<sup>th</sup> 1836

Dear Brother Finley

We have heard of you by the hearing of the ear and have  
read some of your glowing communications. Published in the  
Abstract and Journal we read with much interest especially  
as they were the production of an old and intimate friend  
but your face we have not seen for many years

Oh how many millions have since fled from their mortal  
shells and in both the Ministry and Membership of our  
Branch of the Church and among many of our acquaintance  
My very Dear Mother left the mortal in full prospect  
of a glorious immortality 19<sup>th</sup> February 1834 fifty one  
years a member of the Methodist E. Church her life and  
conversacion was holy in the language of our Apostle her  
exit was unto peace and the end Everlasting life

In the Pittsburgh Conference we have held our home since its  
organizational organization and we still live and blessed be God  
we live to enjoy the grace of God the light of heaven and  
a prospect of immortality  
we have been climbing the hills descending the valleys  
and have seen our Zion low and clothed in garments of  
mourning and at other times we have seen her appear  
fair as the Moon clear as the Sun and in strength and might  
terrible as an army with banners

Since our last interview glory to God we have witnessed  
the happy conversion of hundreds of Redeemed souls  
and I am well assured that this is the great business  
of every Minister of Jesus Christ to win souls to Christ  
and to be successful in this glorious enterprise

Must not only be intelligent but they must be Holy  
ye this must be their motto they must preach by  
a chaste conversation and a sanctified life as well as  
when they ascend the consecrated place —

I am this year traveling what was called Cross Creek  
Circuit near Richmond we have no special service  
some have found Pardon since the commencement of  
this Conference year and some among believers are going  
growing in grace and the knowledge of Christ.

Mrs Taylor often speaks of you her health at this  
time is moderately good and we have a fine family  
six children four sons and two daughters

I still feel very partial to the Ohio Conference and think  
of returning if you would grant me the privilege  
that is if your Conference would agree that I may be  
transferred Bro young has invited me to return sometime  
since however and I should move my family into  
that Region I feel my self now liberated there and  
I should prefer to go to the Ohio Conference and as  
you are intimately acquainted in the Miami Country  
if I should go I would be glad to get a home if possible

for my family some where in the Miami Country  
where it would be likely to be healthy and I  
should be glad if you would let me know by  
letter whether you think I could there will be room  
for me there and if I could get a comfortable home  
for my family in the above named Country for twelve  
or fourteen hundred Dollars Mrs Taylor joins in most  
sincere affection to you and Mrs Finley  
Rev. J. B. Finley C. W. Taylor



My old Friend Mr Finley I have never been pleased with  
this Conference either with preachers or people so well as with  
the Ohio that is I love them in a less degree..and as I think  
you and Jacob Young are our special friends I wish you to  
deal plainly with us and tell us what you think the  
decision of Conference would be in relation to admitting  
Mr Taylor there if you should think it at all likely  
he will be to in that country probably in the ensuing  
Summer we begin to feel that we want a home and  
if you see any that you think would please us you  
will oblige us by letting us know. your old Friend  
L Taylor

Pls write without fail on the Receipt of this Letter  
Direct to Richmond Jefferson County Ohio E.W.T.

Edward Taylor  
& wife  
1835

Wm. W. Young  
3/12/35

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Rev. James A. Finley  
Chillicothe  
Ohio

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