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Upper Sandusky April 13th 1841
Rev. James B. Finley.
Dear Brother

I received yours of March 30th on the 8th inst - and according to your request hasten to answer it -
I was glad to hear from you and to hear that you were well and talked of coming to see us all next summer. I have not been well for some time. I have a bad cough and pain in my breast. The nation generally is well and though some of those who were formerly members of the church and on the road to Zion have backslidden still there are a number who are still faithful to the good cause. I have to regret that there has been no revival for some time I think that there has been rather a decrease than increase in the numbers of the church for the last three years. During the last year some faithful members of the church have died. Mrs Bigtree formerly Mrs Pipe old Synontah and Mrs Brown widow of our brother Samuel Brown have all died and gone to rest. It is true, too true that Sumnerdewat is no more and that he was murdered by white men for the sake of a little gain. The other two persons were little Nancy or Nancy Coon (as she was sometimes called) who was an old and

faithful member of the church, and her husband who was not a member. He was brother to Summenduwat's last wife formerly called Mary ^{the} ~~right~~ ^{right}. They were out hunting and were murdered when they were asleep by two young men who had camped with ^{them} and rose in the night and murdered them with an axe. Summenduwat had collected a good many furs and they took them their horses and blankets and even dogs, to their homes which were only seven miles from the camp. They were taken soon after and imprisoned in the county jail but made their escape and only one of them has been retaken. He is now in jail at Wooster. Summenduwat's loss is very much felt in this nation. He and Nancy Coon were regular in their attendance at church but their seats are now vacant. We trust however that they are now in heaven filling higher and more glorious seats.

^{Mr} There is more danger of the Wyandotts selling out than there ever was. It seems to be a general conclusion among them that they will sell out and for that reason they are not making improvements as they would do.

Miss Armstrong and some others of whom you spoke in your letter are ^{well and} still trying to serve God. I shall be pleased to see you if you come out next summer and hope

that you will come.

I remain your
brother in Christ
Isaac Barnes