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can say but little for father moved from Mackinac
to ~~Michigan~~ when those people lived to Lincoln Co and
consequently I never saw many of them for I left that
country before I was 21 years of age and have been
but little in it since. Price however lived & died on
the Catalina River in the lower end of Mackinac
Co. N. B. his soul I have seen he is doing well & must con-
clude for want of paper and sign my self your most obedi-
ent servant and brother in the bonds of peaceful gospel
Rev. James B. Finley
M. Bradley

James B. Finley
Cincinnati
Ohio
Del
22 July 25

Locking off
Bradley

P.S. Write to me soon direct to Dells, P. O. of Michigan
Florida. I should be glad to see you to write to my oldest
brother James A. Bradley if so direct to Haysville P. O.
Lincoln County N. C.

Alachua Florida July the 14th 1830.

Dear Brother, your kind favour of the 17th of April
did not arrive to my hand till the 10th of July
I am glad to hear from you and more than glad
to learn that you are in health and that the
Cause of God is advancing in the corner of the
Lord's vineyard where you labour & that the
Lord may pour out of his Holy Spirit and with-
out it from on high I am also happy to hear
of the good health of your aged father and
should I not have the pleasure of seeing you
all in this life I can bless God for the hope
of meeting rather parting will not be
known. Our joys will be complete.

When all together there we meet.
The state of religion in my Circuit at present
is not very flattering, though there is some true
or three places where we have good times for the
two ^{last} rounds very few have been the accessories
to the Church for this Circuit the present year
and none have been expelled yet. I have a camp meeting
appointed on the Sawannee River to hold in Nov next
which is the first that has been appointed in this
Circuit or in this part of Florida and I that the
Lord may make it a time of his power in the Con-
version of blood brought down & Lord revive they work
in the midst of the year in the midst of the year make known
in growth remember mercy. As it regards my health it
has been good for two or three months past though I was
very but unwell or so at ten I wrote you in March and three

days past I have had a strong conviction of renewed atten-
-ct of the same giving the Calic which appears to be her
identity in in my Father's Family at least in part
I have not received any letters from my Brothers since
I left them last ~~January~~ I expect my letters have
been miss carried as respects the state of Religion
in this Conference in the general I cannot say
any thing as in one extreme Corner of the way
but from two or three Circuits I have had good ac-
-count particularly from Black River S.C. where
I traveled in 1827 & the work is still going on
in a very pleasing manner sinners are still bringing to the
Cross of Christ & others who have long been faithful
are leaving the Church behind for that alone O my
Soul bless the Lord and all that is with in me
bless his Holy name - as regards my self I feel quite
settled in my mind and contented to spend and be
spent in the quietest of all work ~~the~~ carrying of the
glad tidings of salvation to poor fallen man and
all I crave is to see the work prosper in my surro-
-nding hand & that the Lord would send the heavens and
come down and that the South wind of his blessing
might speedily blow in the wilds of Florida
I agreeable to your request I give the following as the
No of my Bro & Sister & I shall put them down as they
stand according to their ages Francis & John ^{the first} were twins and
they both dyed in their infancy James my 3rd Bro is still
alive has never made any profession of Religion yet thou-
gh he is friendly ~~to the~~ he married the daughter of my Broth-
ers youngest Sister Esther Bradley. Abigail my oldest Sister
joined the Church but never professed converting grace I fear
she is too careless now about eternal things she married a Mr Thomas in
lived near to where father lived ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Bro~~ ^{Bro} joined the Church
and after Father's death professed ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~obtain~~ ^{obtain} the pardon of his sins

but since he says that he has back slid and is no more a me-
-mber of Society. Joseph my 5th Broth joined the Chu-
-rch obtained the pardon of his sins and has been
faithful he now serves as Class Leader in the place
where father served in his life time him and ~~the~~
we both married and live on part the land father left
myself. Jacky McKnutt ~~from~~ ^{the} 6th son of my Father
I was the first of all my Brothers or Sister that pro-
fessed Religion and joined the Church I have 2 Sister
joined the Church but has not professed Religion
she is married and lives in the same neighborhood of
the rest. Rebecca my 3rd Sister joined the Church and
professed converting grace but since she is no more
a member of Society. c Alexander ~~the~~ ^{the} 7th son of my
father has never yet made any profession of Religion
Elizabeth my 4th Sister has never joined the Church
the three latter are all single yet I say let
thy kingdom come in to all their hearts and
of the melancholy death of my Grand
father I suppose you have long since
been informed my Grandfather Bradley lived in a
state of Widow hood for thirty two or three years
and dyed I believe in 1816 my Uncle James Bradley was
still alive last January but in bad health he still
lives on the same place where his father first settled
he has long been a member of the Presbyterian Church
he married in his old age and has raised one son & two da-
ughters their names are Francis & Eliza. Margaret and
Abigail my Aunt. Rebecca Bradley has never married
she has lately moved to Tennessee ~~where~~ ⁱⁿ ~~she~~ ^{she} married to Mr
Stinson and now lives in Tennessee. Uncle Eben Bradley lived
in Tennessee the last account I had of him he was doing
but moderately. ~~After~~ ^{After} ~~Brother~~ ^{Brother} Bradley married a Mr Stephen
and after ~~his~~ ^{his} death ~~she~~ ^{she} moved to Tennessee and there
my aunt dyed she professed Religion I believe some time
before her death as for the other friends of which you write I