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## Letter from George Wells to James B. Finley

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Rev James B. Finley

Dear Sir

Think it strange to receive a letter from  
one that time has long since obliterated from  
your memory. Indeed I was young when you  
traveled through this part of Ohio Preaching the  
gospel. When occasionally you took shelter  
under my fathers humble roof (William Wells)  
my father (in his lifetime) always spoke of you  
with great respect, as well as my Brothers & Sisters  
who were older than myself. The object of  
this letter is to invite you to pay a visit to  
this place and Preach once more for us before  
you take your Journey to the better Country. Though  
if you should come there would <sup>be</sup> very few  
faces that you would recognize for nearly  
all that heard you preach in those days have fallen  
a sleep. I have thought for some time if you  
in your old age could travel over the ground  
(from <sup>here</sup> to the lakes) where you in early times planted  
Churches or if not planted by you you watered  
those that were planted by your Brethren shortly  
before, it would have a very good effect. I think  
there is a great departure from the simplicity  
of the gospel. (at least on the whole of the Western

reserve. The doctrine of infidelity as Preached by  
Abby Kelly. Abolitionism as proclaimed by  
Goodings and many others together with Spiritual  
Wrappings are leading many very many to  
ruin. if you should find it convenient  
to come please come to my house and  
make it your home while you stay at this  
place yours very Respectfully

Geo Wells