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Letter from Moses F. Shim to James B. Finley

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Cassaloussa Iowa
Jan 14
Fairfield

Rev. James B. Finley
Columbus
Ohio

How off
Shinn
Jan 20
1847

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Oshaloussa, Mahaska Co, Iowa

Dear Brother

From a knowledge of you in my boy days and from the place that you at present occupy I am induced to address you this letter the object of which is to obtain for a brother on my work some information he wishes to demonstrate the fact that he was not a convict in the penitentiary in your State from 1827. To 1836. he supposes that there is a roll kept and wishes the roll examined and a certified statement of the examination. (If a man of his name should be found on the roll between the time above specified he wishes the age and complexion given and also the County from whence he came I will here give you his name Joab Bennett he is a son of Joseph Bennett Shelby County Ohio.

You Brother Finley if you will attend to this matter I would be glad to have the result of the investigation (with the expenses I will forward it in full yours

Moses F. Shinn

P.S. You may wish to know who I am I was raised in Hillsboro son of George Shinn convinced that I was a sinner in the Town of Grandfield under an effort of J. W. F. I am now & have been for 6 years a member of Rock Run and Iowa Conference we are trying to do in this what you do in Ohio you will address me at Cassaloussa P. O Iowa M. F. S.