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## Letter from Sarah Clopper to James B. Finley

Sarah Clopper

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Pittsburgh August 18 1834

Dear Brother Finley

Having an opportunity  
 to write you a few lines I hope you will excuse  
 I have to write in West Sister Park from your  
 City was glad and to take this letter as I wish to  
 make some inquiries of Mr. Lilly my son in law  
 has put any stone over my beloved child grave  
 Mrs. Lilly two years ago as I came from Wash  
 I stopped at Cincinnati expecting to see you  
 I felt very sorry that I could not see you indeed  
 when I was there my mind was very much  
 engaged I thought I should never see her more  
 I bless the Lord that I have a strong hope  
 we shall meet in our Father's house were all  
 trials and tribulations shall be wipe away and  
 I do feel a fore taste of those joys at the  
 right hand of God for ever more true pray  
 for me that I may come at more the conquer  
 that we may sing the song of Moses and Lambs  
 when I was in your City my intention was to  
 a <sup>house</sup> monument erected over my dear child's grave  
 but Brother Smith informing me Mr. Lilly  
 had been there and had bought ground of  
 him and Ellen Lade there and he intended to  
 have it done, I omitted it I wish dear Brother  
 you let me <sup>know</sup> <sup>if</sup> <sup>he</sup> <sup>has</sup> <sup>done</sup> <sup>any</sup> <sup>thing</sup> <sup>near</sup> <sup>her</sup> <sup>grave</sup>  
 ever since the death of his wife he seems as if  
 he was deranged, I hope you will excuse me  
 to make an inquiry if you ever seen my

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beloved father Ashburn, I sleep with  
a Negro boy who I know well he has been in  
my Mother's house for Months and men a person  
shake at him in that way it hurt my feelings and was detested  
to let you know as the person said of a friend  
it to be so and I want it to be so I detest for I  
loved him the same as a father and I believe  
he speaks of my Mother in his journal her name  
was Habel

I hope your City's health and  
hundreds have flock'd to our Zion means  
blest with good Preachers <sup>here</sup> and I hope the Lord  
will give us a Pentecost is my sincere wish  
If we never meet in this world that we may  
meet in the happy regions of uninterrupted felicity  
where parting and pain and affliction shall  
be no more for we shall ere long be summoned  
one way and ye the way of all flesh to try the  
realities of another world Now let me close  
with assurances of my best wishes for your  
happiness and your dear Wife connected with  
you by the ties of Nature grace and gratitude  
I am yours with due consideration and affectionate  
Respect my love to your Wife happy to hear  
from you Love Sarah Clapp