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## Letter from Elizabeth Finley to James B. Finley

Elizabeth Finley

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Rev James B Fiddler  
Portsmouth  
Ohio  
favoured  
by Mrs  
Jennings

Elizabeth Finley  
1836



Guyandott Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1836

Dear Uncle James

I have just crawled out from the & got my self  
 sufficiently thawed & recovered from a state of torpidity  
 to write you a few lines Uncle it is with fear & trembling I shall  
 attempt to address you by letter. Conscious of my own inability to discharge  
 the duty I have taken upon my self in a way calculated to give you  
 the least pleasure or satisfaction. My Dear Uncle I believe for the  
 first time in my life I am trying to write to you, it was not for  
 a disposition to do so, knowing anyone imperfections in letter writing  
 I should rather decline hearing many witty things than write mi-  
 an stupid ones. I hope you will look at the ~~letter~~ before you  
 pass a sentence of condemnation upon the act,  
 With inexpressible pleasure we received yours while reading your  
 letter I thought for a moment I had the exquisite pleasure of  
 enjoying the delightful converse of thy that held no ordinary  
 place in my affections. but alas I was doomed to meet with a  
 sad disappointment there was no Uncle there.  
 We enjoy good health & are pleasantly situated in this village  
 Dear Sir we would not be inter that you should be pleased  
 with a visit to this place I am certain of one thing that is to even  
 hear admiring the picturesque scenery of Guyandott I can  
 assure you of one thing my admiration is not inexpressible  
 as yet. The streets are well paved with mud it is not necessary  
 to black our shoes & c. We received a letter from John a few  
 days since that are no longer in Piqua they ran of Deer with you  
 their first grand entrance in to the city of Lima had stock & bare

They sold out the Drug Store to Joe Ashby of Piqua  
& went in to the drug goods business John writes the prospect  
is good at this time Religion is in a very low state in  
the bounds of Brothers Circuit the Subject of Abolitionism  
appears to be the leading topic. The members of the District  
are cotious for a Separation from the Ohio Conference &  
Fetich has engaged very heartily in the work she takes up  
her cross in female Meeting she has not attempted to pray  
at public pray Meetings as yet. She wishes to be remembered  
to you with much affection. Matthea Pratt wishes to see you  
very much indeed she says above all men he wants to see  
you & grandfather Findley the most do write by the lady  
who gives you this I have nothing worth communicating at present  
excepting to assure you of my amatterable affection for my

Dear Uncle James

Your ever Affectionate Niece  
Elizabeth Pelham Findley

James B Findley

PS The lady who gives you this is a Sister Jennings  
that lives in the lower part of the house with us  
I have the bottle she sent had while rewriting  
I have had it for a week. Write by Sister Jennings  
and oblige your ever sincere Eliz

Faded handwritten text, possibly a list or notes, including names like "M. B." and "B. B."



Faded handwritten text, possibly a list or notes, including names like "D. B." and "E. B."