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Letter from John P. Finley Jr. to James B. Finley

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to every member of your family from
the oldest to the youngest.

Please write to me when you have
time

Your Resp^t & Affⁿ Nephew
John F. Finley

Wm F. Finley

60

Per James B. Finley

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Oct 12 1829

Wm F. Finley

Bloomfield Sept 24 1829

Dear Uncle

About one and a half year
since I wrote you a long letter but
as yet have not received an answer
from you I presume the letter miscarried
a few days since Mother received
a letter from you by the son of her Uncle
we rejoice that though you have been
afflicted that your anxious Aunt's heart
is on the mend. and hope it will still
continue to improve.

Mother came out here last
spring one year since her health is not
very good. she has thro' all winter
suffered one last fall one in the winter
and one this fall. she is now convalescent
she is not well satisfied with the country
thinks it to cold & windy.

Ely about one about 60
miles from us in Trenton, being let
her health is not good it has been
quite bad for the last 5 years
her constitution is completely broken
and she moves like a woman of
fifty. she has four children living.
she has lost 3 of her children. Mr. Hule
talks of moving to Arkansas this fall
or next spring. but I think a doubtful.

Three years since on acquaintance
of mine who had just returned from
Oregon states that a man calling
himself Saml Finley from Ohio was at
West Milwau Station he supposed

him to be 35 or 40 years of age
whether this was known I am not I
do not know. I wrote to David Reed &
Robt. Finley but never receive an answer
from either of them. Perhaps the letters
did not reach them if you have an
opportunity please let them know of it.

Sometime in July we were surprised
by arrival of (Lucius Quintus ~~de~~ ^{de} ~~Somerset~~
Cincinnati de Somerset Finley) what a
man!) a son of Samuel Finley who
had started for California but concluded
to return to Indiana. I received a
letter from him a few days since
his father and family are all well
they live at Laport. Indiana

William Lewis in Indiana is doing
very well. himself and family are all
well. he is now engaged in the practice
of medicine.

I am practicing medicine I
have a very good practice. matter of
a living my boys for I have four
are growing up very fast. and it
makes me feel rather old when I
look at them. the three oldest are going
to school. John P my oldest boy is very
studious and like the most of the man
would rather sit over his books than
to work. I intend to give them all
trades. train them up in habits of industry
and with good education they will
make their way in the world.

Bloomfield the place in which we live
is the County seat of Davis County situated
on the ~~extreme~~ southern line of Iowa 60 miles
west of the Mississippi. The town is now
and appears improving. all of the country
is desirous to be one of richest in the
State. Many of your old friends are
settled in this part of the adjoining County
to Chapin N. Bonner. The last I hear (by the
way is he not crazy by species). Ebberts Brooks
Go da arae. Arneys from Logan &
Champaign. besides many others to
numberous to mention.

Oh truly rejoice that all your
family are well and doing so well
and should be very much to see
you and them. You are living in the Patriot-
Schield. The sorrow deep by your children
Grand children. As a S. Schield I should
suppose cousin Ely would be full like she
was at least one hundred years old
and you would be something like Isaac.
that in a few years more it would be impos-
sible to number your posterity.

Mother is living with me
she talks some of going back to Ohio
it is very hard for the old to form
new ties and acquaintances. Man is begins
to look a little old. I suppose I look older
than when you saw me last. but I
certainly feel as young as I ever did
and if I should live to be one hundred
years old. I think I should feel as though
I was only 25. Give our best wishes