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Letter from Robert W. Finley & Rebecca Finley to James B. Finley

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Salmon Bondy
Care of his

Rev James P. Linker
Barnsville

New Market O. 21st May
25 1/2

May 16. 1819 State of Ohio

Our most affectionate Children, thro' the tender mercies of god we have a standing among the living, & probations for eternal glory. your aged parents are sliding down the declivity of time to the grave & to try the awful realities of eternity. your Mother is as usual. on my last visit I was taken with the fever, that has proved fatal to many, for three days. any Recovery was doubtful. But the Lord hath Proved to my life to endure more toil and fatigue. I repose an aliance to god. but few joining meeting. on my last visit I found 2 Clapes. where Satan dwelt - There is more than a Common Desire on the Circuit. that you should attend a Camp meeting on the fall on my next Circuit. I will appoint, or have one on the Sabbath before Conference, on condition that some of you will engage to attend I have wrote Brother Jacob young on the Subject, & directed the letter to Barnsville. There will be a Camp meeting at Xenia at that time, & more members than can be employed in the work of the Lord, if I can only have a moderate share of preachers. I will appoint one at the same time, and no doubt many souls will be converted to god, & saved for ever. that otherwise may be left to perish. At our meeting last fall the Lord give you a daughter that I hope will be a Star in your Crown for ever. If you go to Xenia you will be like Bess in her Glories to thrive, and I think you had better before, & post come to me. Consult Brother Jacob young & write me as soon as possible. And invite for me. Brother Mathan. father Ellis, & Muel Henry &c. I want the full to visit my friends in Grantuck, & feel too frail to travel alone. If you can go with me from Conference let me know it in your next. Samuel is still at the salt works. Robert has been to see him. It has returned, it is uncertain when he will return, but likely not for three months. Robert has been at that & Women, she thinks

she can exercise, that she has cured hundreds, he has had one since
he came home, which likely occasioned by fatigue as he said his horse
at the salt works, & had to walk from ~~the salt works~~ ^{the salt works} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~mouth~~ ^{mouth}
home, that fatigued much, the woman, perhaps he might have a fit or
^{more} your Mother has joined meeting. I have failed on much left
winters this Spring, but I think the inward man grows day by day
to be a Christian every whit, to enjoy the whole spirit of Christ, to live in
heaven's love with God. Peter's Gospel is dead & gone to heaven
in triumph to shout among the angels. William and his family
well. William is very popular and useful, especially about home, a-
mong the Germans - nothing new has transpired in the Neighbor-
hood, but that old William Hugh is dead a Squire, & Peter mar-
ried to old Maura's daughter, & she has been blessed with Comfortable-
ship under her father.

We send our joint compliments to Brother Alexander & family
& inform them I intend to write to them when at home again
and that I expect a visit from him next fall, if you con-
clude among you not to attend my camp meetings in the fall
which I hope you will not be so graceless as to do, I shall expect you
to call at my house on your way to Conference and I'll meet you
on the Sabbath.

Brother Luke told me he was lately at Johns, they were all
well, that John was doing well & very popular - Joseph
Hugh & family likewise well. Robert sends his best com-
pliments to you, Hannah, Peter, Alexander & all his
good friends without exception. We shall now bid you
all farewell, God bless you all, we remain
your affectionate parents till Death & afterwards &c
P. & Rebecca Finley

P. V. Day to bring ^{me} a head of the quality of the one
I got from you & the same form.