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

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May 2^d 1818 Chillicothe. State of Ohio

Dear children, Three weeks yesterday since I left home
 your mother was poorly, on my last Rout. I was sent for
 before I got had finished my round on the Circuit, the
 neighbors had collected several times to see her expire, Before
 I arrived at home, she had ~~not~~ recovered. I was able to be up
 a little, she continued to recover fast while I remained
 with them, I have had no account since, & my mind out
 present is loaded with uneasiness Robert has sold his land
 at six hundred dollars, & I have sold the part on which
 I live for seven hundred & fifty dollars. The land where
 Samuel lived & all that 300 acres are left to her by an
 Act of patents, & no prospect of any need to them, who is
 yet in goal. I have a thought of starting the first of Au-
 gust to Wabash to Mont Carmel, as Thirde & M^r Corwell
 has offered me land at the first cost of entry, & I expect
 of some lots, which I doubt in a few years will be of value
 to some body. Joseph has had a strong inclination to tra-
 vel a year with Bishop M^r Kendal, but I think it im-
 possible for him to go, for that purpose. My object in a
 visit to the Wabash, is to procure land for Joseph & Davis, &
 I do not think it probable that Robert may enter there, but no
 one can tell, I think his Reason is somewhat impaired
 altho when I was at home, his feet had ^{not} been so hard as to put
 him off his feet for 11 weeks. If I continue to ride, I shall give this
 fall to move immediately to the Circuit - that I can not
 have the pleasure of being at home I would have been im-
 mensely glad of your company to visit the Wabash, but if I
 should not go to after conference, it would ^{be} so long from a
 Circuit, that would not suit so well, from your last account
 I think it probable that John has moved, & I do not
 suppose a place could be obtained in this State that
 would have suited as well as Chillicothe. If he is not
 moved he had ^{not} think of it. And I do not suppose he
 received a larger bounty ~~than~~ to have gone to the
 West, than any where in the State. Immigrants
 from England, Ireland, New York, Philadelphia,
 & other more, Charles town & are all purchasing
 there. I would be extremely glad to know which way
 John has staid his course - we will shortly be dis-
 parted, that nothing but the last trap trumpet will
 collect us together



The Rev James Finley
 Fairbairnville

1818

your Brother Williams family well. Is trying
to sell his land. what he intends doing I know not. ~~Samuel's~~
Samuel's & Thomas People well. when I was at home
if John & family has not ^{Remember} moved us indiscriminately
to them. I let ^{them} remember Chellicothe. & Carmel on the
~~the~~ Wabash as opening a pleasing prospect - The
family joins in love to you all without exception -
I will ^{to write} fail not as soon as possible. direct to new market for
letters & lodge ^{at the} effectually, frequently by air, or good while they
come to hand. Be assured we remain your
affectionate Parents &c. Robt. W. & Rebecca Finley

If you should carry into execution this fall your in-
tentional visit, you will be with us about the time I will
return from Wabash; that if we should be spared to see that
period we can talk our affairs over. I hope you will immedi-
ately write, ^{let} us have your counsel on the subject - I will
be under the necessity of establishing the corner between
Poorden & me this fall, that if you cannot come, some other
method must be taken -

I have enjoyed a good degree of health this sea-
son, preached as much as usual, & I hope not altogether
in vain. We have good times on the circuit, the Lord hath
bless'd remarkably at Quarter meetings. There has been
a good work among the Indians from seven to fourteen
years of age, I have formed 22 classes, formed them
into separate classes, given them leaders, & there is no room
to doubt but a good number of them is savingly conver-
ted, I would rather meet them, any classes on the circuit

My dear childrens Let us make sure work for eternity
may we never find Rest for our feet, till we stand on
the mount of god in glory. Not much good has been
done in Chellicothe. The Preachers all at variance,
at perfect points, Doctor Tiffen excluded from Co-
nection last Quarter meeting - & the Quarterly re-
subsided, but hindling into a ^{some} revival, & I expect
like Amos. it ^{will} burst in a shower of desolation.

Your Brother Joseph, grows to be deliver'd from
the wicked Neighbor hood where he has to reside, is
very zealous, & lives with god by the day. Robert is
very Pevish, & yet appears to feel for ^{his} soul, but his dis-
order frequently impair him, that is hard struggling
to bear with him, get grows in knowledge - Francis

Remains the same, & as apt to learn any thing as ever
I think, I have walk'd closer with god this year. Gloried
more for eternity than ^{any} part of my life. It may appear
strange perhaps in my old age to think of moving, the
reason, I do not expect to be able to ride much longer, &
the advantage ^{of} for myself & family is all I seek for
here, I only live to enjoy more of the comforts of religion
& feel its vital power to govern all my actions, & to grow
up for heaven -