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## Letter from Sarah Gossett to James B. Finley

Sarah Gossett

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Carthage Ohio January 21<sup>st</sup> 1849

Dear brother Gandy. I take this opportunity to write a few lines to you, to inform you of my misfortune and troubles an account of my son being convicted of Burglary being found in the cellar of a smoke house but four which nothing was taken, when ~~he~~ he was very drunk, or as one witness says crazy, but that witness could not be had on the trial but I now have the affidavit of that witness and likewise the affidavits of others, some members of the Methodist church to prove his former character. I have been a member myself for forty four years in good standing in the church, now my request is that you will go and see my son John Gossett, and converse with him on religion and ascertain whether <sup>there</sup> has been any reformation in him since he has been there, and what has been his general conduct. ~~some~~ brother Adam N. Piddle thinks that a statement from you if his conduct has been good will be of great service towards getting his release from confinement. brother I wish you would see my son as often as you can and pray with and for him, and I want you to send me an answer as soon as you can how his mind is on the subject of religion and what his general conduct has been no more at present but remain your sister in the church till death

James B. Gandy

Sarah Gossett

My Mother please to show John this letter  
and tell him that I have been very sick, but  
I am some better, and that my greatest consolation  
would be to hear that he had got religion, tell John  
that I will write him a letter soon please send me an  
answer as soon as you can

James B. Findly

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