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Respected friend and cousin I must inform you that I am just returned from a visit to some of our friends in the Ohio my husband has two sisters in Butler County and we have both brothers and sisters Children there and one of his sisters Agnes Birmingham showed me a letter which you had sent to my brother Francis son Francis Alexander Cunningham when he was at Washenton City and to see if she could get any information that would enable him to give a satisfactory answer I told her all I could and he possibly <sup>have</sup> written but I could <sup>not</sup> satisfy my mind with the hope of his writing I wanted to be shure it was done tho I do not know wheather I can do it so as to be any satisfaction to you but when a person does the best they can it eases there mind in some measure and I will first tell you first my father had three brothers John Francis and Robert my father Paul Cunningham was I think the oldest his brother John ~~was~~ was deprived of sight I think from a sore spell of sickness he had my father and his brother Francis both moved to north Carolina my fathers wife died rather on the road or very shortly after his arrival there her name was Ann Lattimore before he married her she had one Daughter only a few weeks old when she died then he married my mother Sarah Currueth and had nine Children by her six boys and three girls my sister Sarah the first wife Child married a Robert Posten in north Carolina and had eight Children but they are both Dead and some of the Children and the rest moved of to some place I cant find out where my oldest brother John was wounded by the British at a mill called Ramsours <sup>my father</sup> was there with him the battle was in the evening and my father no pains in hunting both among the Dead and living but never found him till some where about day he thought of going to where they tie there horses and there he was almost gone with the loss of blood I was so small at that time that I can remember nothing of only as I heard my father tell it but I can remember of seeing my mother wash and probe into the wound and take bits of ~~his~~ bones out of his hench bone but after mothers death he got out of patience and wanted to go to D<sup>r</sup> Russel in Carolina father being moved at this time to tenesee and father consented

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and he went but never returned my brother James followed school teaching till after he married and then settled in tenesee and lived there for sometime and his wife died and he moved to Alabama and married again but had no Children by her she died several years before him he died two years ago Brother Alexander the next oldest was all thro the war but got along without being materially injured till nearly the heels of the war when my father moved down to the frontiers of tenesee and the indians broke out and him and brother Francis joined what was called the minute men when there was any one or any mischief done they were ordered in different directions and were not both together the company that brother Alexander was in met with the indians and he got shot in the head and ~~but~~ somehow both parties took the alarm and both sides thought they were whipt and both got off the ground as quick as possible and brother said when he waked up he looked about to see what had become of the men but he could see no living man on the ground but himself so he thought of where they had tie there horses and he started and found them and after he got home in dressing the wound there was several flakes of the skull bone came out he went back to Carolina married and lived there till he had a good many Children then moved to Alabama and died there twenty years ago this Paul Brother Francis married in Carolina and died there about forty five years ago and left six Children and this was the youngest that you wrote to at Washenton City my next Brother Robert was a very sickly boy and did not live to any great age I do not know what age he when he died his Complaint was the Rose my next Brother Paul when he was about eighteen ~~was~~ joined the minute men and had several brushes with the indians and when he was twenty I think he married and he was ordered out on a scout and followed the indians into there towns and had a smart skirmish with them and he had shot his grand was loading her and there came a bullet and knocked the musel peace off his gun and mashed the bullet all to little bits and he fetched home peaceses of it in his hands that festered and came out and father tried to get him to quit and not go no more but he said some <sup>one</sup> must go while the indians kept coming to kill people so and there was a whole family killed just below us and he was ordered out

and the second evening they came on there trail and followed sometime but it came on rain and they lost theyer trail and the indians got behind them and came upon them while they were making a fire to dry themselves and got ~~and~~ there guns and ~~the next~~ <sup>the next</sup> ~~morning~~ <sup>morning</sup> they got there guns fought till they were near all killed or wounded the next morning there was ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> of the whites that did not <sup>get</sup> started with the first that followed and came on the Dead the said my Brother was shot ~~with~~ in three places one just above his eye another in his throat and another in the left side of his breast and he had two crowns and the head taken two scilps and stript him ~~nause~~ <sup>nause</sup> they didnt strip any other but him and the men just gathered them up and threw them into a sink hole and that was all the honor he received at his burial but that will do him no harm when he is balled up in the morning the next mothers Children was sister Ann she married a Thomas Anderson and lives in three miles of Knoxville in tenesee he has been dead six years and she is getting very frail my next sister died when she was twelve or thirteen and I am youngest of the nine my mother died when I was three years old and now I am of my seventieth I married John Andrew Cuninghams son David and we have had eleven Children there is four dead and father married a third wife and she had a son and a daughter but she died when she was but three years old and my half brother Samuel went to Texas with his family and I can hear nothing from him nor brother James nor Alexanders Children the all there that is alive somewhere uncle Francis Children is scattered some in Carolina some in Missouri and I cant find out where Dear Cousin if you ever get this you will have to exercise all patience you can and where I have left out words try to supply with something that will make sense and I want you if you ever get it to write back as quick as possible for I do not expect to be long on this side of the blood that is if you think you can get sense enough out of it to answer it by and if you will direct to Russelville Putnam County Indiana I think I should have told you the name David Cuninghams so I must conclude by wishing you well here and hereafter your friend and Cousin David and Jane Cuninghams