

Bray family fonds

George Bray to Abraham Bray (GA265-34)

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Rathmines Mill Near Dublin Ireland Sep 2 1845

Dear Abraham I received yours Augt [i.e. August] 18 and was

very glad to hear you was something better and I hope

with care if it be the Lords will you will enjoy

health and strength again we are all very glad
and thankfull [i.e. thankful] to God you have got a partner to care

for you and I hope you will always remember the

greate [i.e. great] kindness you have received from her friends

I am sorry you do not contrive to write oftener we

think 5 or 6 [inserted above: months] too long (which is the case
sometimes)

between hearing from you and as I wish to put

you to no expence [i.e. expense] I hope you will not be always

waiting before you write to get an answeare [i.e. answer] from

me send us all the news you can how Sarah and

you is in health and how you get on with the

farm and the cattle and any other thing you
may think you will gratify Mother or me
and the Children I am as well in health as
I have been for sometime back I have only
Just got better of a very bad pain I had on my
left side x the cough is still very bad with me
at times Mother is geting [i.e. getting] her health pretty well
Rachel is quite well Hannah Mary and Jacob
is geting [i.e. getting] fine and big and in good health
I think you never need to fancy you will ever
see me in Canada West suppose I had Money
to bring us all which would [inserted above: take] £30 or more
what could I do I think I should do badly
at cutting down trees or building stick houses
and I heard of no cloth making were [i.e. where] you are
so I think we must be content with writing
to each other as often as we can and tho [i.e. though]
so farr [i.e., far] from each other I hope our love for each other be [inserted
above: the same]

[Written vertically in left margin: for 4 or 5 weeks]

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for each other as if we was ever so near we are
pretty well off for work at present in the Mill
but things as [i.e. has] got a greate [i.e. great] change here 4 Mules
when [i.e. went] to Kilmainham Tynan and Rainbow
went with them but Tynan as [i.e. has] left and gone
to America since they have also got a pair
New Mules with 500 spindles each Saunders as [i.e. has] left
here and gone on them so we have another
man here on his Mules we have no more
power looms yet but there is some ordered
Cloth Milling is done up at this place they [inserted above: have] 6 or 7
Machines at Kilmainham that nearly does all
their work but we have the Miller here still
and him and his [inserted above: son] does a little Trade is very
good in England I have [inserted above: been] Middling quite
here this while back and if I am spared in health
most likely I shall stop another winter in Ireland
but I wish to leave all my concerns in the

hands of him that rules and governs all [events?]
we have had a very wet summer here
but they [inserted above: say] crops is good but late the last week
or two as [i.e. has] been very fine harvest is now
begining [i.e. beginning] very strongly the Potatoe [i.e. potato] crop was
never know [i.e. known] to be better but I must conclude
as it is geting [i.e. getting] late we all Join in sending
our Kind love to you and Sarah and may
the Lords blessing be with you is the prayer
of your affectionate Father [space] G Bray

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I have had no news from Deighton
since I wrote last to you [space] I sent
your letter to Leeds a fortnight since
to day they would get it I have been
expecting an answeare [i.e. answer] back for more
than a week back and I have got none
yet I think there is something wrong

among them they do not want me
to now [i.e. know] Jemima did not write
to me since before M^r Lazanby [i.e. Lazenby]
died I must try to make Sarah or
Rebecca write to you by the
next mail which will be Sep 18
but I cannot waite [i.e. wait] any longer this
must be off or it will be to [i.e. too]
late for this mail Sep 3 so
good bye I am in a hurry
GB

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Mr Abraham Bray

Zorra Near Woodstock

Brock District

Upper Canada

North America

[written sideways on right] Post paid

[written upside down under address] advertised