

Bray family fonds

George Bray to Abraham Bray (GA265-21)

April 17, 1842

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Rathmines Mill [inserted above: near Dublin Ireland], April 17 1842

Beloved Abraham about 3 weeks since Jemima

sent me the letter you wrote to me and I was very glad

to hear you was well in health but I was very sorry

to hear you was so low in money as not to be able

to pay for a letter indeed I should have sent you

many letters before this time but when I used

to be fretting [i.e. fretting] about you not writing your Mother

as often said to me may be he as [i.e. has] not as much money

as will pay for a letter I have sent you several News

papers this year if you have tried the ma[inserted above: r]gin bottom

of the last page you have found a few words in some

of them try all you get in the same place we had

thought of sending Sarah about this time with you

Aunt Rich, & Mary but I got a letter from her last

week saying she could [inserted above: not] get of [i.e. off] to America till

back end of summer as she had near 20 Pound of money

out yet as trade was so very bad it was hard to

get money in at all they was all well Granfather [i.e. grandfather]
is in good health and looks well Aunt Marys Brother
Joseph Crowther is at Glenham Orange County
State New York she says about 60 miles up the River
is it the North or Hudsons River they go up to get to
[page ripped] you to answe [i.e. answer] this letter as
soon as ever you get it if you can I want to see if
we can get one from you in 8 weeks from this time
and send word which is the best and cheapest way
to get to you from New York by water or railway
I suppose you will now [i.e. know] the different fares or at least
will now [i.e. know] what you paid I will tell you what I am
thinking of if nothing come to prevent my plans
that if your Aunt goes in Augt [i.e. August] I wish to send with her

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Sarah and Rebecca if I can get money at all
to send them I have thought this way if I could
only send them as far as were [i.e. where] your Aunt goes
and if you was doing any way well this summer
you might send for them from there for to think
of us all going together I think we shall never

be able all to go together why I wish to let the girls
go you now [i.e. know] this is a bad place for girls to marry
in we have already had some trouble with Sarah
to break her of [i.e. off] from keeping company with a young
man that was after her beside things is very bad
here I do not now [i.e. know] how soon a change may take
place here and it may be such a change as I shall
not be wanted for they have been talking hard
about taking the mules to Kilmainham and
if they do most likely I should not be wanted or
be put on what I can earn and that will be
very little as work is now so you see sooner
I can get the girls somewere [i.e. somewhere] to do for themselves
the better Sarah as [i.e. has] talked sometimes if she could
only get to New York she would try to get a place there
now you will see a little what we are thinking of
now if we can get them of [i.e. off] [on the?] [1 word illegible] think
I should like your advise [i.e. advice] about the Sea Store
if your aunt does go I think we cannot do better
than make an offer to let them go with her
we are all well in health Sarah is at the same
place also Rebecca is with Rev Mr Fox Rachel as [i.e. has]

been at home all winter Hannah goes to school
and is a fine reader Mary is getting [i.e. getting] a fine Stout
girl and a great talker Jacob is a very sharp Boy
and runs about finely

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Jemima wrote you a letter about 6 week ago
I suppose she told you she is now her own
Mrs in the Bonnet trade a few weeks since
granmother [i.e. grandmother] was very poorly but when Jemima
sent us your letter she was better which is the
last account we heard from them we Still hear
very bad account of trade been bad in England
trade is very bad here I never saw us
in work as we have been here this [while?]
Saunders did not go to America [edge of paper torn]
fact is he cannot get till Tom [edge of paper torn]
money to go with we have got an [edge of paper torn]
new Miller from Leeds 3 Week [edge of paper torn]
I think I have nothing more to say a[edge of paper torn]
only to comend you to the keeping [edge of paper torn]
Father of all my mercies Dear [Abraham?] [edge of paper torn]

remember you at a throne of grace [edge of paper torn]
Lord would keep and preserve you [edge of paper torn]
evil and leave you in [inserted above: the] way to [edge of paper torn]
for his names sake we a [edge of paper torn]
our Kind Love to you and hope ever
to remain your affectionate Father
[underlined by different hand: George Bray]
[different hand: Geo. Bray was Grandfather
of my husband – Geo. Bray
of (Listowel of Kitchener, Ont-) –
Jacob B. was Father of my
husband.

[underlined: Florence Murray Bray]

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[written sideways: Abraham Bray

Mr Wm Barker's

Factory Block Rochester

Monroe County

State New York

America]

[written opposite: [underlined: Mr. Abm] Bray

Woodstock

Brock District

Upper Cannada [i.e. Canada]