

Bray family fonds

George Bray to Abraham Bray (GA265-25)

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Rathmines Mill Nr Dublin Ireland July 9 1843

Beloved Abraham every one I have seen wrote

from America this spring as [i.e. has] all spoke of the

hard winter they have had there and you

not writing to me or any one else not even

to your friend Barker of Rochester up to the

time he wrote to me in May he had not

got a letter from you since you left his

house so it led me to fear you was froze [i.e. froze] to

death in the woods and no one would ever

let me know what had become of you but

I cannot make you [inserted above: believe] how glad I was when I

received yours last Monday that you wrote

to Granmother [i.e. grandmother] and feel truly thankfull [i.e. thankful] that

God as [i.e. has] still preserved you in the land of the

living it seems by what you say to Granmother [i.e. grandmother]

that some land you will have if in health

before winter Dear Ab from my very soul I
wish you prosperity but there is some things
I want to know you say you are in the
woods and in your letter to me you say
wood land is sold at 3/- per acre upwards
why according to that you might get 100 acres
for £15-00 but tell me is all and every bit
of this 100 acres full of Trees rocks [&?] same
as what we call woods in England and I suppose
no house or hut of any Kind upon it now
if it is as I think according to woods I have
seen how in the world can you cleare [i.e. clear] it
of trees so as to grow hay Weats [i.e. wheats] Oats and
every thing else you will see by this

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some particulars I wish to now [i.e. know] is there no
one you have heard of that as [i.e. has] bought land
and spent several years hard labour on it

and after all the land taken from him again
and sold to some other person for more money
Something like this as [i.e. has] been told me but I do not
properly understand it but if you do get land
make it as sure to yourself as you can also
in those woods is there any wild animals [i.e. animals]
in them or what sort of creatures are they that
does run wild in the wood are you never
affraid [i.e. afraid] to travel in the wood by yourself
I should be fear^d [i.e. feared], to go in the wood with any
money with me and any one to now [i.e. know] it I think
I should be sure to be robed [i.e. robbed] you wish Granmother [i.e.
grandmother]
to lend you £20 she gets Mr Lazenby to write
and ask me what I though [i.e. thought] about it and how
much I could make up towards it so I told
her if I had £20 I would let you have it
with the greatest of pleasure for I longed to have
you settled in some place and all the money
I could get among us all was £10 Rebecca

had £2 Mother had £1 and I made up the rest
and sent it to Granmother [i.e. grandmother] so I had a letter
from Mr Lazenby yesterday saying Granmother [i.e. grandmother]
would make it up £20 and he would do his
best to get it forwarded safe to you but he says
money orders only leave England on the 3rd and 18
of each month so the £20 will not leave England till
the 18 whether this letter will go before or not

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till the 18 I cannot tell but I think of paying
the postage for it and send it off [i.e. off] tomorrow if you
have to go to Montreal to get the money is
it a long way off when you get the money
be sure to write back either to Granmother [i.e. grandmother]
or me she does not want Jemima to now [i.e. know]
any thing about it - Jemima as [i.e. has] got married
March 4 to John Schofield a Tailor [Tailor overwritten: Taylor] it seems
Jemima as [i.e. has] caused Granmother [i.e. grandmother] a deal of trouble

you now [i.e. know] she had all G M [i.e. grandmother] furniture and when she got married she would neither buy [i.e. buy] it nor give G M [grandmother] any securities [i.e. securities?] for it you see after G M [i.e. grandmother] doing so very much for her she was not content except she might have every thing Sarah [will?] be up her time next Saturday and Granmother [i.e. grandmother] is going to find her a place to be at and set her on business [i.e. business] on her own account Rebecca as [i.e. has] now been living better than 4 months with Mrs Parks Rachel is at home Hannah and Mary goes to school and are 2 fine girls Jacob is a fine sharp boy Mother and the Children are all well I have only been poorly this while back we are all still as usual at Rathmines but Trade his [i.e. is] and as [i.e. has] been very bad for a long time back James Richardson and another young man I think left Leeds in May for upper canada Jemima sent a letter by them and understood they was going to find out you

we all Join in Love to you and may the

Lord bless you preserve you and prosper x

[written sideways in left margin: x you is the prayer of [your?] affectionate
Father G Bray

- worte [i.e. write?] back soon]

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Mr Abraham Bray

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North America