

Bray family fonds

Ann Bray to Abraham Bray (GA265-37)

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Providence Place

Silver Street Holbeck

Dear son I embrace this opprtunyty [i.e. opportunity] of writing
to you hoping to find you in good health as it
leaves us all at present I feell [i.e. feel] quite ashamed to think
that I have neglected to write to [inserted above: you] before this time but
I have been so very unsett[illegible] [i.e. unsettled?] in circumstances
having
no prospets [i.e. prospects] how I am to get on now has not got any
better prospects now than I had when I first came
when your father [crossed out: first] died I had 20 pound in the
house and the master gave us 10 pound more that made
30 pounds I do not know if your father told you the [i.e. they] [puld? i.e.
pulled]
his wages down 5 shillings the week [less?] and I fon[illegible]

the 10 [illegible] for the wage [illegible]

[illegible] the master bore all the funeral expences [i.e. expenses]

and paid our passage as far as Liverpool if grandmother

had not been alive I thought of coming to you but I

thought it my duty to stop with her untill [i.e. until] she

dies as she grows very infirm when I come to Leeds

I applyd [i.e. applied] to Holbeck parrish [i.e. parish] and the [i.e. they] relived [i.e. relieved] me 3 times

with 2/6 each time and after that the [i.e. they] took us me and

[illegible] and Jacob with an order to Huddersfield and

Hannah was working at Marshals mill and living

with granmother [i.e. grandmother] and gets 4/6 [overwritten: 4/6] shillings the week

Sarah rebecka [i.e. rebecca] rachel are in servise [i.e. service] the [i.e. they] took us 3 at

the workhouse and we where [i.e. were] all seperated [i.e. separated] it is

a shoking [i.e. shocking] place for [any?] one to be in we where [i.e. were] in

a fortnight and the [i.e. they] would not give me any thing

if I come out but I could not live in such

a place so I left at the fortnight end and has not had

any help since

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So I am now with granmother [i.e. grandmother] the same
as I was at first when I come I have had
very little help from any one yet but the lord
that brouaht [i.e. brought] me into trouble if wee [i.e. we] trust
in him will bring me out and I have no
one els [i.e. else] to trust to now work is very scarce
and bread is very dear flowers [i.e. flour] is 3/2 the stone
potatoes one peny [i.e. penny] the pound and half rotten when we
get them every thing is very slack in england
in [erased: L] ireland it is quite a famine
hannah is a very good girl and works very
hard mary has been very unwell since we
came to england Jacob is a very fine boy and
goes to scool [i.e. school] at M^r Parkers I think of sending
mary to work next summer now she sleps [i.e. sleeps?]
with the granmother [i.e. grandmother] while I am out awy [i.e. away?]

trying to sell alittle [i.e. a little] needles and tapes and cotten [i.e. cotton] balls

or to a days working wich [i.e. which] you know I am badly

able to do as you know I was Lame in my hands

before I whent [i.e. went] to ireland I coud [i.e. could] not write my self

as I could not hold the pen for the stifness [i.e. stiffness] in my

hands John and Jamima gives their kind love to

you your wife and child and hopes you are well

sinse [i.e. since] I come the [i.e. they] have been very slack for work

untill [i.e. until] now it is better the [i.e. they] are not much

comfort to me as I have not much connexion [i.e. connection]

with them

[sideways along left margin] [by Sarah Bray]

Dear Brother I have to inform you that Mr Buttle is dead and Robert

[top margin continued] sends his respects george midgly was going

to see you But he met so many wild

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[different hand] Mr William Butte Lays very ill

yet and his wife at Wakefield yet

William Bechardson his [i.e. is] expected to set

off for england this Christmas and has

manys miles thorough [i.e. through] the woods to [log?]

to find but he was a a blidge [b overwritten: p?] [i.e. obliged] to return

Or he would have been Lost

Gorge [i.e. George] Midgeley [crossed out: hes] is expected on A visit

to england this Summer [crossed out: he I]

they are verey [i.e. very] well at Hudsfield [i.e. Huddersfield?] expect [i.e. except]

James Brays eldet [i.e. eldest] son Gorge [i.e. George] that [worked?]

in the coal pit he is verey [i.e. very] Bad in

[Beaumatchic?]

my dear friend Abraham Bray

you will exques [i.e. excuse] me for what I am

going to ask of you that is if you

have time to do it I have thought

of comeing [i.e. coming] to America But I do not

know is the [Stat?] of Country and

what conductum a worky [i.e. working] man

would be in in that Country

Pleas [i.e. please] to Send me word in the next

Letter you send to your mother

your Ob servent [i.e. servant]

Samuel Fox

Some more at present from

your Loveing [i.e. loving] mother Ann Bray

Pleas to [i.e. do] direct your next

Letter to Ann Bray Providence

Plase [i.e. place] top of SILver Street Holbeck

Leeds yorkshire England

[top margin] [continued by Sarah Bray] cats and such A long way James
Richard

son

[sideways on right margin] is expected home [and?] not [1 word illegible]

my love to my sister sarah

[upside down on bottom margin] and accept the same yourself

[sideways on left margin] from your sister sarah Bray

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Abraham Bray

Zora [i.e. Zorra]

near woodstock

uper [i.e. upper] Canada

[double underlined: North America]