

## **Bray family fonds**

George Bray to Abraham Bray (GA265-28)

March 31, 1844

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Rathmines Mill Near Dublin Ireland Mach [i.e. March] 31 1844

Dear Abraham I received yours of Dec 25 and Jany [i.e. January] 28

on Friday Mach [i.e. March] 15 and was very glad once more to hear from

you Mother and myself is pretty well in health Rachel is

at home and his [i.e. is] well Hannah Mary and Jacob all go to school

and his [i.e. is] geting [i.e. getting] [inserted above: on] very well Rebecca is still with Mrs Parkes

and I think is doing well so much for all at home you will

wonder when I tell you I was at Leeds Feb 17 the Master

sent me on some business Granmother [i.e. Grandmother] was as well as

could be expected Jemima and John I think is doing

pretty well Sarah is living in Mr Lazenbys sellor [i.e. cellar] under

his house she was well but had very little work but was

expecting she would have work shortly as the fine whether [i.e. weather]

came I saw Joe Armatage he as [i.e. has] left working at the Mill

he now [inserted above: keeps] a Strong Shop in dinising row of Meal and

Flour

and other things him and his family all looks well I saw

John Peel and wife he [inserted above: is] still Milling at the felting cloth

Sam is [i.e. his] son is loose and had no work so he is working

at the Milling with Father N Burstall Keeps a Shop at Johns

place they are all well I went to P Thorntons I think

they are only doing poorly Ben and James are both

married but Still works with Father I left Leeds on

Monday night and went to Deighton and stopt [i.e. stopped] there till

Friday moring [i.e. morning] when I left for home Granfather [i.e. Grandfather] uncles

and aunts are all well I saw Aunt Sussanah she is still

Keeping a Mans house in hunslet Joe Gledill I saw

at Deighton he is like yourself a farmer at Heaton but

it as [i.e. has] done him up he says he as [i.e. has] lost more than £100

by it he is going to give it up in May and says

he does not now [i.e. know] what he will turn too [i.e. to] next he

wishes to be remembered to you and thinks he was

the cause of you going to America Mrs Welkinsons is

all as [page torn] you left only W<sup>m</sup> [i.e. William] is married  
and as [i.e. has] now 2 Children

[page torn] [work?] at Present John is in America

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I sent of [i.e. off] your letter to Granmother [i.e. Grandmother] the day I got  
it I made

no comment on it only I said I thought you would [inserted above: be] hard

put to it to get on they have sent it back M<sup>r</sup> Lazenby

wrote a few lines saying they was all well and sent their

united love to you I was in hope Granmother [i.e. Grandmother] would  
propose

sending you a few more pounds to help you on but there

is nothing said about it and I dare not say ought about money

for you as Granmother [i.e. Grandmother] pleaded poverty very much

while I was there she said these 2 Girls as [i.e. has] clean

done me up or I would have sent the children

some presents – now I have a deal of things I want to

now [i.e. know] you are now working for yourself and Mother

says self is the worst master you ever got as self

will say you have never done work enough she is

affraid [i.e. afraid] self will work you too hard and give you  
too little to eat when you say you have chopt [i.e. chopped] one  
acre are we to understand you have cleared it of  
trees large and small and the roots digged [i.e. dug] up and can  
you sell the trees large and small and if you can  
will it pay for chopping [i.e. chopping] cutting and digging them up as  
trees is the only crop we may say you will have  
on the land this year and if you cannot make some  
money on this crop how are you to pay £12 next  
October beside I suppose £3 or more for intrest [i.e. interest] I hope  
you will be particular in leting [i.e. letting] me now [i.e. know] these things  
as you have got the land I could like to hear  
of you been [i.e. being] able to get on with it and if the Lord  
is pleased to prosper me this summer and if I get  
a few pounds and you be fast and wants a few  
pound I will do what I can for you only I think  
there is great difficulty in sending money safe to canada  
if the bank of Ireland will do same as the bank of  
England you say will do which is the nearest place

you could get the money is there a place in  
Woodstock you could draw it but if [you?] [page torn]

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to go 100 miles to draw it the cost there and back  
will be 2 or 3 Pound let me now [i.e. know] the exact time  
you have to pay the next £12 and what place  
have you to pay it at when you bought the land  
and paid the £15 what securty [i.e. security] did they give you  
if you miss a pay day is there any danger  
of you loosing [i.e. losing] all you have done and paid are  
there any taxes you have to pay you will be  
tired of me asking questions I cannot help it  
I have not half done yet on your land is there  
any place likly [i.e. likely] for a quarry to get Stone at  
or do you now [i.e. know] if there is any clay likely to  
make Bricks in it – is there any coal to be  
got or his [i.e. is] geting [i.e. getting] near were [i.e. where] you are have  
you

a river in your land or how near are you  
to a [river?] are they good roads made or are  
you [near?] a road let us now [i.e. know] how you have got  
your house furnished I wish I could send you  
a bed and Blankets and a [i.e. an] Iron pot to stew  
a dear [i.e. deer] in if you durst catch one J Richardson  
had wrote to some one at Leeds just before I went  
and he said he had seen you that you had  
got 20 acres of land some cattle and were on  
the point of been [i.e. being] married how it is he sent that news  
to Leeds I do not now [i.e. know] as you say nothing about 20 acres  
of land to us if you do get marred [i.e. married] I hope you will  
let us now [i.e. know] what place of worship is there near you  
are there any Baptists near you dear A I must  
stop may the Lord bless you and what you have  
taken in hand is the sincere prayer of your  
affectionate Father we all Join in love  
[page torn] [you?] George Bray

[written sideways on left margin: I should have wrote sooner but the mail

only goes beginning of the month but

I suppose it will go twice in Summer]

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[page torn] letter and sent it of [i.e. off] on new

years day if you have got it you will

see Mr Lazenby got your letter and in

that letter you promised to write to me

in a month as I did not get a letter as I thought

I wrote to you at Woodstock post not paid but

shall pay the postage of this I want you

to write me a letter in every month this

summer and tell all the particulars

you can you need not pay for any

[address section: Mr Abraham Bray

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Upper Canada

North America

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