

Bray family fonds

Sarah Bray to Abraham Bray (GA265-23)

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Dear Brother I take up my pen to write a few

lines to you as I have an oppurtunity [i.e. opportunity] of sending

it by your old friend James Richardson and

another young man the first thing is that

instead of going to America I have got to York

shire I have been here these ten months I suppose

you have heard that I am an Aprentice [i.e. apprentrice] to the straw

bonnet business Rebecca is housemaid at Mrs Parkes

Rachel is at home Hannah was A fine little house

maid when I left home and she sometimes writes

us A letter and she can write very well jacob is

A fine little fellow he is like [Jonas?] used to be

jemima is my misstress [i.e. mistress] and she is married now

and she has got A tailor for her husband father and

Mother are quite well grandmother is still with Mr.

Lazenby they are well and they send their respects
to you gm [grandmother] says that if you are in want of any
thing that she can do for you she will do it with
the greatest pleasure father says that since your

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letter came that he has wrote A letter and two
news papers he has sent them to you and he hopes
you will write as soon as you can you will want
to know how [trade overwritten: 1 letter illegible] is here it is very dull
[general? er overwritten: ne]
some say that it is getting brisker and others
say it is worse [s overwritten: c] we are all pretty busy at our
business our Brother is also pretty busy at his
business you will see that we are all stichers [i.e. stitchers]
together he his [i.e. is?] master for himself and his
name is John [John overwritten: illegible] S[inserted above: c]hofield he is A
Brigghouse man
you mind Jemima is proud now that she wont
have to sit behind the door and mend old

breeches I mean that she is not A [i.e. an] old maid

but I think I had better stop my nonscence [i.e. nonsense]

for I think that I have said enough [1 illegible letter crossed out] now

Dear Brother as I have got to Leeds you will

want to know how I like it I like it better

than I did at first for I have got more used to

the people and to the smoke [1 illegible letter crossed out] of the

atmosphere

your friend Robert Buttle is out of his time

at Mr Clarks and about three weeks [word crossed out: of?] after

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he was loose his master told [inserted above: him] that he had no

work for him so he went to Bradford and as he

got no work he came back and went to manchester

and for ought I know he is working there now

Mrs Buttle is in [inserted above: a very] precarious state of health at present

though she is much better that she has been Mr

Buttle is pretty well at present and is pretty

busy at present they often talk about you and they
say they would like to [inserted above: see] you William and g[inserted
above: e]orge Midgley
and their father Mother and sisters often talk
about you and Timothy Firth often enquires how
you get on he his [i.e. is] also loose and set up Master for
himself he says that he gets on pretty well also
now Dear Brother I think that I have not much
more to say [crossed out: to?] at present but I hope you will
[inserted above: write] soon for we all want to know how you are getting
on Dear Brother I hope that you are not only [inserted above: doing] well
for this world but that you try to seek first the
kingdom of [letter crossed out: g] God and his righteousness knowing
that all things necessary shall be added to
you for what will it profit A man if he gain
the whole world and loose [i.e. lose] his own soul

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Now I must conclude hoping this sermun [i.e. sermon] will reach
you in safety father Mother grandmother jemima
and John join in love to you accept this with mine

Rebecca and Rachel Hannah Marys and jacobs good

Bye for the present hoping [i.e. hoping] that if we never see

each other again in this world we may meet

where sighing and sorrow shall be no more

gm [i.e. grandmother] says that we all [crossed out: my] may have to go to

America yet for she does not see any like-

liness of things been [i.e. being]any better here [goodbye?]

belive [i.e. believe] me to be your affectionate sister

Sarah Bray

My residence is at

Mr. John Schofields Tailor Redmans

Buildings near Holebuck [Holbeck?] [inserted above: bridge] near Leeds
Yorkshire