

Bray family fonds

George Bray to Abraham Bray (GA265-27)

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Rathmines Mill N^r Dublin Ireland Dec 31 1843

Beloved Abraham I once more feel

a desire to write you a few lines and

the Lord only now [i.e know] whether you will ever

get them or not for I think it very unc

ertain [i.e. uncertain] where you are at present but the

only way I can do is to direct it same as

I did the [inserted above: other] in July last I wrote to you,

the last time I heard from you was in

Mr Lazenby's letter you wrote to him

on receiving the £20 and in that you

said you would write to me in about

a month but if you did as you said

I think it a long while a coming we

hear very good accounts from the

United States and think sometimes you
are gone there again – work is very
bad at our place there as [i.e. has] be [i.e. been] no light
=ing [i.e. lighting] up this winter and not work enough
for the day light and they are very bad
to please I have often thought this winter
that my time was now very short at this
place but I am here yet and if I have
to go I hope and trust the Lord will provide
Mr Lazenby sent me Bains Paper I got yesterday
and he now gives a very good account of
the revival of the woolin [i.e. woolen] trade in Leeds
and other [places?] in yorkshire

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its about a month since Sarah wrote to us
Granmother [i.e. grandmother] was only poorly Sarah was well
and was gone to Peice [i.e. Piece] on the Mules at Willams
Old Factory Holbeck I expect Jemima and

John is well but we now [i.e. know] very little about
them as Jemima as [as overwritten: not] [i.e. has] not wrote to me
since before Sarah left her last July we
have [inserted above: heard] nothing from Deighton these 5 or 6
Months back – Sarah told us Mark Lumby
was dead [space] Rebecca is Still living at
M^r Parks she was at home last Tuesday
she was quite well and had got 10/ for
a Christmas box Rachel and Hannah
Mary is all very well Rachel and Hannah
as [i.e. has] got at school for reward each a very nice
Pocket Bible in Gilt [i.e. Gilt] – Jacob is a fine
Boy he can leap and run like a deer he
as [i.e. has] learnt all the Alphabet Mother is
thinking of sending him with Hannah and
Mary [y overwritten: y] to school Mother and myself his [i.e. is]
Pretty well in health at present we are
all in health and as [i.e. has] plenty of provisions
and raiment [i.e. clothing] to put on O how thankfull [i.e. thankful]

ought we to be [be overwritten: to] to the giver of every good
for there is no thing that is good we
receive either temporal or spiritual
but is given to us from God O that
we may be Kept humble and give him
all the Glory

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Dear Abraham I very much long to hear
from you may be [i.e. maybe] things go on very
crooked with you and you may think
its no use writing till you have some
good news to write about tho [i.e. though] you are
disappointed in your expectation these
things ought not to prevent you from letting
us know your every cercomstance [i.e. circumstance] you
Know we have a God to go too [i.e. to] with our every
want [inserted above: "?] the earth is the Lords and [inserted above: the]
fullness
thereof and who can tell but he will hear

our prayers on your behalf in the word
of God we read of none that sought help
from the Lord but always found him a
very present help in their times of real need
May the Lord bless you with a Knowledg [i.e. knowledge]
of your self as a poor helpless sinner and
to Know the precious Lord and Saviour Christ
as a real friend of poor seeking helpless sinners
is the prayer of your affectionate Father
we all Join in Love to you wishing
you an [i.e. a] happy New year George Bray

[different hand] Dear Abraham my love to you and wish
you a happy new year Hannah Bray

[George Bray's hand] What place of worship do you attend
is there any Baptists where you are
we want to now [i.e. know] a deal of things
if we could only get you to write

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Mr Abraham Bray

Woodstock Brock district

Upper Canada

North America

Recived [i.e. received] [~~crossed out: may 12~~]
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