

Letter from Joseph Wright to Robert Byers Jnr

Transcription

14 Montpelier Hill
Dublin
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Joseph Wright

Dear Brother

I now take the pleasure of writing to you hoping you and brother William are in good health as this leaves us at present thank God. We had a letter from your father and he is in good health and he expects your brother James home every day.

Me and Maggie and Roby [their son] was down at Virginia last July to see father and he was very glad to see us. We were in Dublin when you set sail but we did not write until we had been in Dublin a week. John is out at the war in Burma but I think that it is nearly over. Then he will be home. We are expecting a letter from him then we will let you know how he is going on.

Ann Jane and her husband are living here in Dublin. Mary and Bruce are still in Leeds and her brother is married and in Leeds.

Now dear Robert as for ourselves. Since father died we have been knocked about a bit and lost a lot of money with trade been so bad in Leeds that we was forced to give it up, and I wrote for a place and got it at once. But the pay is small and things are very dear here and rents is out of the question altogether and the factory is losing money fast. And there is some talk about it giving up.

Dear brother I hear there is some factories there and we could like to come if we could get. I am strong and could work at anything until I got a situation at my own trade which I have no doubt would not be long. So dear Robert if I could only get over I would send for Maggie and Sonny when I had been there a time.

Hoping you are doing well and like your place. Please write at once when you get this. We both join in sending our love to all and wishing you a happy New Year.

Yours truly brother J. Wright

Notes:

Who did Ann Jane Byers marry?

Who are Mary and Bruce?