

Trafalgar Jan 28th 1855

Dear Sister

I suppose this will be unexpected as I have never wrote to you since we were parted so far from each other many years have past away many changes have taken place and many ~~things~~ we have past through you as well as my self have had to know the loss of your partner. but as all your Sons are up men I hope they do thair duty to help to make you comfortable. I received a letter from you wote by your Sister Ann but I never answered as I new that my money could not be sent to me in that way my Brother in law looked after it and sent it to me it was onely a small sum but better than nothing. I thought hard of you never writing to me when my Father died I think he acted verry unkind to me as he left me nothing that he had of is own onely half of what was coming from my Grandfather but thank God I have never wanted for I have everything that I need to make me comfortable in this world my family is all getting yousefull my two oldest daughters is married they did not marry rich men but steady sober men that is all ways budding

They are pretty comfortable my oldest son
Jacob Charles is seventeen next month he is
as tall as my father was Rebecca is 14 and
is as tall as me George Henry is my youngest
he is 12 to morrow we are all in very good health
I have all ways ad good health this is the
greatest blessing in life I hope this will
find you and all your family well I hope
you have steady good boys and sons of temperance
none of my children never tast strong drink
I never have taken in the house since my Dear
husband died I should like very much
to have a letter from you and to know how you
are getting a long for all things is getting very
dear and let me know what trade your sons
is we often talk of you and think of you and
often pray for you I hope Dear sister if we never
meet again in this world that we will prepare to
meet in heaven thair all troubles cease and the
way is at rest Dear sister I understand that



that most of our friends are dead I was sorry
 to hear that ant Agar ad so mutch trouble
 in her family but they are all gon onely
 M^r Bends Daughter left I should like to know
 if ant Betsy is a live yet Dear sister I hope
 you will not neglect to write to me and
 let me know all botchlers about your family
 how hodd they are I should mutch like to se
 you all but this cannot be. My eldest Daughter
 has two fine boys thair names John Henry
 George Hardy Hall Ann my second Doter as
 a little girl her name is Mary so I must
 conclude and remain your affectioned

Sister

Mary Hardy

Mr Coates
Sunderland