

Walnut Dale Farm

Port of Dalhousie Jan 7/61

My dear Niece Jane Bradt,

Knowing myself to be
fast advancing (beyond the years
allotted[?] to frail man) "to that
bourne from whence no traveler
has been found to return" _
and having [having] recently
perhaps for the last time to
friends and nearest connection{?]
Now in existence , but few any
more left, and as you as one
in that, catalouge[?] are now less
dear to me, it is, that I address
to you, these few lines in sincerity
and affection of heart_ when Ive_
count the scenes of my host[?]
life, In happiness and in sorrow
it seems indescribable [?])that I am
here yet, among gods creatures
and it is that I feel a grateful

grateful thankful [?] for
the lenity shown to me, on
this earth_ When I look back
upon my prolonged years. I
can bring to memory, your Mother
and her offspring[, one of which you
are_ and a dear little girl was
you, after your Mothers decease(?)
with your brother James and sister
Mary you became the [?]
of my Fathers house, and had
the care of your poor aunt Sally
who was entitled to be[?] endeared
to us all_ and after the death
of your, grandfather,_ Aunt Sally
and the children removed to my
log hut in Louth _ after this
time(?), you will have all in [?]
pertaining , to yourself, and your
own family, [?] in this
world, destiny_ and I trust in that
world[would?] to come in [?] , which

May the almighty in his
infinite {infinite} wisdom, put it, in all
your hearts to prepare for_ as
that day must continually come
to all of us._

I am sorry to tell you your aunt
? Clark, does not at this time enjoy
good health, her constitution being
broken in her endeavours in making
me, and others dependant [dependent] on her,
exertions[?] comfortable_
your poor Uncle George, after much
suffering, has gone from among us
no doubt will. gods mercy to a happier
place of abode_ he is now seldom
absent from my mind._

Your cousin George a, and[?]
lost their dear little girl, agusta[?] recently
the child was taken out to the [?]
Springs in The States, to see her mother
who had gone out, for the benefit of her
health_ and after three weeks [?]

the child came home a lifeless
corpes [?] caused they say, by water
on the brain, Doctor Tom [John?]our son,
went out to see her, and every
thing was done, for her_ but gods
will, took her to himself_ a fine [?]
was she of 10 years of age of manners_
“Gentle and of affections mild”_
We had many of our old friends
to call and see on New Years day_
The most interesting among them
was a group of our little Grand-
children_ surrounding their grand-
mother_ These children, where{were] your
cousins George,[?], James[?], and
Tom[??] was too
far off at [?], to be with us.
otherwise they would have numbered
a score and how many more to come
I don't know, it would have been
pleasing, to us had some of your young
people been among on the[?]
perhaps, to see their old uncle John

see their old uncle John for
the last time,_
Thank god I have enjoyed
better health for the last six months
than for six years previous,_ but
do not, expect it, to last much long-
er_ Why dont you and yours
venture, to come and see me, now
and again, it would be pleasing
to us all_ and you very well know
I cannot come to you, or would do
so with pleasure, at the events we
have, expected your daughter, Jane
to come down, and spend a little time
with us_ urge her to come, I think
it would be beneficial to her health
and she could thereby make our
acquaintances_ Our young people
are but few, at home, Just now
Sally, become an old maid yet
with us, and our youngest son Tomy[?]
who goes to the Custom[?] House, at St Catharines

and [?] at night_ [?]
a [?] in size, and the girls
say a good looking Chap_
We have one of the young[?]
spending the holidays with us_
he is a [?]or by [?], and
wants work_ [?] engaged by Timy[?]
[?] our farm_
Your cousin George lives nearby
us, working for a living in supply
the [?] and [?] navigating
the canal with [?] which is [?]
just now_
at Dalhousie, at a
 , and house to live in, which
he and his little, Irish, dumpling
F , is filling, up with children
? ? has 3 children have
lost one-and Jane Mc
four, but nor herself in good health
Their husbands, are industrious, work-
Ing more, and make their wives and

children comfortable and [?]
[?] ,by this you will observe
our children are all at present
independent of me, earning their livly [?]
for Themselves, exception is Sally, who
works, but no doubt would like to
be married, but in my, view she is too
good a girl, for that [?]
change_

We are in expectation of a
visit from,[?]at [?]soon
I hope we shall not be disappointed
she is now the mother of 10 or 12
children_ of course having lost
some of them, those Irish, sons inlaw
of mine are fond of large families
much good may it do them_ the children
too_

Sarah Davidson writes me now and
then, and her letters are [?]
me to read_ I am fearful you
are by this time tired of my letter
then

will only add that your brother
J.W.O.[?] seems a great wonder in
Just now, the girls [?] he is in
search of a wife, I dont believe it,
[?] Clark and all join[?] me in
wishing to you, yours and your
children, many many happy New Years

Believe me

your affectionate uncle

would write to her, I had always
done so_ but never received any
answer_ I [?] the [?]

well, on which she was born, and

where the house their [?] in Niagara-

J Clark

I should like to see her-

but she may [?] have

that feeling for me