Transcription of Letter – Frances Gifford to John Gifford (step son)

Rose Hill Jary [January]/ 6th 1814

My Dear John

It gives no greate pleasure hear from you and yous of Decber [December] 16th was an acceptable New Years gift do not blame me for I have wrote twice to you by Lieut Fraser you Pappa is no better than when you left us but nether [neither] was his right foot is drawn almost out of place he cannot stand on it anymore he Suffers all the severe pains that you know he has so much of but retains his sense perfectly and longs to see you and whe are all thankful that your life is preserved during the Lat [last] severe engagement you Sisters and their fammilies are well Fanny has been for his walks Confined to the house with a sore Throat and is getting better ~~already~~ slowly she is always talking of you and wants very much to see you – why have advertised the farme it is to be sold at public auction on the first Monday in feburary I wish it may fetch its value there appears a prospect of peace I wish it may take place and the Shedding of blood may be at an end you little know the uneasing we have had respecting and feared very much that you weare [were] no more I hope you have got warm Clothing suitable to the Climate fanny begs if you have an opportunity you will get her a paire Mawqessoons [moccasins] suitable for the winter if she leaves to see you she will be able to play the battle of Prague handsomely you Papa, Mrs. Littlefield and Fanny send theire love to you from your affectionate Mother

Frances Gifford

PS at the request of your \_\_\_\_\_ I add a postscript beging that you will get him as well as Fanny a paire Indian socks of mawqesons [moccasins] your sister wishes them very handsome I love you My Dear Brother as well as ever and always take your part and long to see you and hear you relate the particulars of the battle of the 11 of November. I am going on with my music and have learnt the Hull and Decator Victories. I have spent a very dreary winter so far and quite long for the spring I pity you and hope you don’t lay on a board this cold weather

From the navy \_\_\_\_\_\_

Frances H Gifford

Jany 6th 1814

Frances Gifford to John Gifford

His step mother she was a Miss \_\_\_\_ from New \_\_\_\_\_