

Phil^a Dec 21st - 1850

My Dear Ann

I am very sure I
have had your sympathy -
beside the deep interest your
own heart experienced in
the affections of our family -
as I have written to our Dear
Ben, with whom you are always
identified I hope you will ex-
cuse my not having answered
your affectionate letter. I can
hardly yet realize My Dear Ann,
that you are my only sister -
and my ever beloved Ben
my only Brother. Alas! how has
our family fallen - once

so full of people, on the
next Sabbath it will be two
years since our Brother
Iac died, and - but it is too
painful to retrace our becom-
ments since that period! but
let me not be ungrateful. Many
many blessings have encom-
passed ^{me} during a long life, and
the remnant of my days are
sheltered & soothed by affectionate
friends - who are very dear to me.

It is longer than usual
since my Dear Ben's last letter.
I hope one is on its way to him
as you are all well - I know
he is always busy at this sea-
son - I hear frequently from all
our friends - Fara Loubb is the

after that he is apprised
of every thing doing here.
and the monotony of my life
makes me a very dull
correspondent - which
you must excuse my
Dear Ann, and believe
me very affectionately
Your sister P. Gratz