

Rebecca Gratz to Bernard, Howard, and Hyman Gratz

[undated, 183x]

My dear Bernard & Howard & Hyman, cousin Sarah permits me to write a few lines in her letter to mother to tell you how much I love you _ and how sadly I miss you all _ where ever I go my friends pity me for being so lonesome without you all _ and that makes me weep _ and then we begin to talk of you all _ and as the endearing good qualities of each are spoken of my sorrow disappears and I feel nothing but affection and joy _ that I have seen and know you so well. I fancy I can see Bernard taking hold of little Hyman's hand when ever he thinks there is any danger near _ or nursing & caressing sweet Cary? when [...] is too tired, or engaged to attend to him [...] saying how very happy poor Sarah would be if she could be helping him _ and I must not forget to tell Howard that the seat at table he was always so careful to keep for her, she can hardly bear to sit in now he is away, and she often has her eyes full of tears when she goes to it _ but we do not mean to be sorry any more when we hear you are all at home with dear father but think and talk of you, and hope you will remember us. Till we meet again, we shall always love you, and pray that God will bless you, and make you good and wise men. and now my dear Boys, good bye. you all owe me a kiss, for not one of you gave me one the morning you went away. except my dear little Cary. and he did not know it was for good bye
do not forget your affectionate aunt Becky

[Address:]

To

Mrs. Benjamin Gratz

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