

Letter # 1: A letter written to James and Jane Bennett from Jane's brothers Wm and Richard Greggor. An attempt to keep the spacing, spelling and punctuation has been made during transcription. There are several folds where the paper has split and been taped which creates some difficulty in the transcription. Keep in mind that this letter is written by two brothers which will help in the understanding of the family updates given. The original letter is in the possession of Merrill Wallace.

St. Merryn Feby 21 1864

My Dear Brother and Sister and family I was glad after a long peariod of time to receive a kind and loving letter from you also to find that you are all getting on so well. Now I find you wish to know the best means of getting over your Money I have been to Wadebridge seen Mr. Coleave the trustee he says that you must send home to Me What township and the bank you will have it sent to and I will deliver it to him and he will forward it immeadiently and I shall send on the order to you in a letter I have also endeavoured to send you as to the family affairs as to who is living and so on First Jameses Father is still alive but very feeble his Mother been dead 3 or four years Jane still lives home with the old Man Gershon died about 6 months since John and family is all well. Thomas and family is all well lost his oldest daughter Grace and family is all well Bate and family the same had the second son married yesterday to John Olds daughter the Shoemaker Now I believe I have mentioned all Jameses own family the all desired to return their best respects to you and wish you health & happiness As to our family I first begin with Brother John there is about 10 Children 3 of which is Married the live St. Minver all well we seen them about a week since Thomas and family is all well still live in St. Allin No more family. Henry and family is all well Live down in the parish of Feock all well Mary is in a dropsical state of health I fear it will end bad as to the rest of the family the are all well William and family is all well Susan is intending to send a small Valentine if we have room to her Cousin Mary Ann I have 5 no more than when you heard from me last Richard and family is all well We have 6 Children and I do not know that we have finished as yet. Joseph Griggor is dead he was Captin of a vessel died in Newport sudden left a wife and two children became helples to Padstow Parish (page two)

*Betsy Griggor is still living with Mr. Hawkin Polmark
Eliza is married to a shoemaker residing in Padstow
James is in service and Martha is home to Shop with her
granmother Hanna Salter still living
as to your uncles and ants uncle Henry Brenton is still
living all well ant Betty is dead, he married Eliza last Thursday
Joseph and family is all well 9 Children, 4 Married
Henry and family is all well 5 children. Mary and family
is in Ireland Betsy and family is in America both dead
left several Children we do not hear from them
Ant Fanny Moscumb and uncle Henry is still living with Elias
and Mary the ware Millers at Porneten Mill near Wadbridge
gave her best respects to you. Uncle John and ant Jane Brenton
is all well still keeping the Publick House to Churchtown
Uncle Richard and family is all well with the exception of Jane
Blythe the oldest daughter She is left a widow with 8 children he was
a Captin doing very well She has salireys from Q (?or2) or the Clubs
Fany Bray and Richard is very well as to the rest
of Ant Salleys Maidens the has turned out bad the have
7 Base Children between the two one has 3 and the other 4
and Henry Martyn is somewere in the West knocking about
you say you never heard from none of the Frenbaths family
and about the Spoons I do not know the directions the are
some ware about Coburg I think the young William lives in
Port Hope the young Stephen Ivey is home from America stoping
at Towan with his Brother ?Las thinking of going out this
spring I was thinking of sending out a letter by him to see
what became of them We hear that uncle william Frenbath
is dead a few months since, I have to say that
Luke Bennett and John Tremonth sends their kindest respects
as we all of us join in with Brotherly love and wish you every
Comfort that this World can afford you. So as soon as you
receive this I wish you to forward a answer ameidently
I Received the Newspaper as you wish to know all right*

*So We Remain your affectionately Brothers Wm & Richard Greggor
To James and Jane Bennett
We hear that John Hellyar in America is dead died about 2 months ago
The price of wheat now with us is low about 15 (a symbol is here) Bushel Barley 9 (a
symbol is here)Oats 7
at 24 gallons Beef 7 and 8 pre pound Pork 5 Mutton 7 Butter 1 (a symbol is
here)Potatoes from 12 (a symbol is here) to 6 (a symbol is here) cages 224 for a shilling
So I Conclude
by wishing you good boy from Joseph Brenton*