

(as you are a Brother and the only one in circumstances that could afford to comply with the favor) of soliciting your kind aid in lending me the sum of £10. Dear Brother if you would do me this favor it would be the means of getting

us out of our present crippled position, & render us able to get on in a way that we would be in better circumstances as my large Family is now growing up; and if I should receive the same from you I will as an acknowledgment for such kind favor, put an headstone in memory of our parents whose mortal remains now lie mouldering among the many others now and lately buried in our burial ground belonging to the Methodist Chapel. Hoping you all enjoy good health, we now all unite with our kind love - and believe me to be your affect. Brother
Gerrard Ham

Camden, 21st April
1856

Dear Brother

I once more take the pleasure of writing to you, without however receiving any reply to the 3 last Letters I sent you in the course of the last 2 years I have to trust and hope you will not neglect answering this as I have been, and am still, very anxious of hearing from you. I have to inform you that I have a Family of no less than 10 Children, viz, 8 Boys, & 2 Girls, the oldest of which is in his 20th year, and the youngest 10 months, and as I have the pleasure of saying