

London, March 1755

To my nephews, John and James Inskeep

-- I have had a great desire to write to you for a long time, but never had an opportunity till lately, not knowing where to direct to you, or who of the family was living, for being at variance with my brother, James Inskeep, I never had an opportunity of seeing letters which was sent to him by you and your father, who I understand has been dead ever since the year 1729.

-- I am the daughter of John Inskeep of Foofard in Staffordshire, and sister of your deceased father, and have living one brother and two sisters. My brother who corresponded with your father and you, has let me have several letters which he received from you in order that I might write to you. His wife is dead and he only has one son, whose name is James. My sisters are Catherine and Margaret, which are married and have children. Catherine lives in Staffordshire, and Margaret in London. I have a brother deceased in Staffordshire whose name was Jonathan, who left a wife and four children, the oldest of which his name is John Inskeep.

-- I would be very glad to hear from you, to hear if my sister Ann (Ann Inskeep Hussey, wife of John Hussey, mother of Christopher Hussey), your aunt, is living, and who else of the family and what her name is and where she lives.

-- This is the whole act of our family in England, who are in good health at present. Some of my children are grown to maturity and have a great inclination to see their relations in that part of the world if they could have the pleasure of hearing from them, therefore, it would be a great satisfaction to receive an answer from some of you; you signified in your letter to my brother James Inskeep, you will hold of all opportunity to do. Me and my husband and children and all our relations joins in love to you.

From your affectionate and loving aunt,  
Isabell Jones

-- P.S. My eldest son is a pretty good scholar and has a great mind to come abroad if he could meet with any encouragement. Pray let me know w't commodity is best to bring from London. Please direct this to Mr. Jones at No.6 Bloomsberry Market, London.

-- To John or James Inskeep Living in Burlington County in the Township of Eversham in New Jersey or else in Gloucester County, West Jersey near Philidelphia.