

Incomplete letter believed to be written by Eliza Mary or John Patrick Joseph McHugh (children of Patt McHugh) to Kate McHugh (widow of John McHugh), Michael McHugh and Honour Godwin (nee McHugh) and their families.

Brisbane

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Dear Grandmother, Uncle, Aunts and Cousins

It is about time I wrote you a few lines. I have been putting it off but as Christmas is drawing near, I could not let it go any longer. I was pleased to see by Uncle's letter that you all were well – we are all in the best of health – and that Grandmother is still able to walk to Mass every Sunday; may she be spared to continue doing so for many years to come.

Now that the election in America is over, and things are more settled, I suppose another of my cousins will be there when this letter reaches you. I am glad those already in America are getting on so well. Uncle Thomas is very kind indeed and he deserves to have the best of luck, for he always remembered you all in a practical way. It is a great pity that most of the young people, as soon as they are able to work, have to go away from home. Wouldn't it be nice if there was enough work in Ireland to keep them at home and together?

Transcribed by Margaret Marlow.

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