

Police Station
Cunnamulla Q'land
September 11th 1910

Dear Mother, Brother & Sisters

Doubtless ye will be surprised at receiving a letter from me . I will not make any attempt at an apology but beg to be forgiven for my downright carelessness, it would seem as though I had forgotten that ye were living, but far from that.

I was delighted to see by Maggie's very nice letter that ye are all well and Mother still able to go to Mass. On hearing of her great age, I at once decided I should write home and before doing so I became anxious that I should be able to tell Mother something about John, not knowing his address as I had neglected writing to him also, I obtained Lizzie Martin's address from Brisbane and wrote to her enclosing a letter from John and both letters were promptly answered. They are both well. John promised me he would write to Mother before Xmas and asked me to convey to her and all at home his fondest love. I am so pleased to hear ye are well and those in America doing well. I was very pleased at T Moloney calling to see Mother he could tell her more about us that I could write. I am, thanks to God, strong in health but feel very much living away from home. I was in Brisbane for a few days in February last and hope soon to pay them another visit. I may take holidays shortly and go to Sydney to see John. I would like to send Mother a photo but am unable to have them taken here but will send one first opportunity. Lizzie, John & May are all well and are writing soon. I hear from them every week. I do not feel uneasy about them as John & May are so good & give no trouble otherwise I would try and get away from here long ago. Now I am leaving it until it pleases the commissioner to transfer me. This being my first letter for so many years, I will cut it short and conclude with many kind wishes to all friends & neighbours and fondest love to you all and a big X for Mom.

Your ever affectionate son.

Patt McHugh

Transcribed by Margaret Marlow with some adjustment for punctuation, spelling and grammar.

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