

Chicago

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1891

Dear Father & Mother

I received your last letter which I was overjoyed at the news of my brother's recovery. I am happy that I can ask for my fond mother but before I received your last letter I had no hopes that I could ever ask for her again but thank God that the Lord has spared her for another while. I assure you that I was very much troubled about ye when I heard of the disease she had but hope ye shall all live in health and happiness until I see ye once more.

Father & Mother you will find enclosed here the sum of £3 pounds for you as comfort yourselves the best way you can. I am proud that you have a good son & Daughter Bridget as I call her for I always thought well of her to attend & do all in their power for you. Brother Michael you must not take notice in what people says in regards to you & Brother. If people in Ireland had to earn their bread as hard as they do here they would have but very little fireside talk. I hope I will always have means to assist you if ever required for I love you dearly. You always acted as a brother which I cannot forget.

Dear Brother, I mean to let you know that Patt McHugh got married. He has a nice girl & he is doing well. I suppose you have heard it by this time. Also I mean to let you know I had papers from Brother Patt last week. I will write to him as soon as I hear from home again. I sent my picture & Michael McHugh's to him & John. I expect a letter soon from them both. I would like if I had Mrs McHugh's address from California. I would like writing to friends in this country. Work is dull here at present for people are coming from all parts on account of the world's fair & half of them cannot find work.

Michael & Winnie are doing well. Also their store is only a mile from me. Also Maggie Jennings from Dav--- is working within 3 hundred yards of the shop I work in. We have nice weather here. The summer was very cool with the exception of a few days. I hope Sister Honour, Tom & family, Aunt Mary, Tom & family, the Milltown people and all my aunts & cousins as they are too numerous to mention are all enjoying good health, not forgetting Patt Higgins, Mrs, John & sister.

Please let me know all particulars the next time. I must conclude in sending ye my fond love & best wishes.

From your affectionate son

Thomas McHugh

To John McHugh

xxx kisses to Mother. Bye Bye.

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

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