

Chicago

July 17th 1892

Dear Father & Mother

It is near time I would write to you & not to keep you uneasy about me. You must not be uneasy about me for I was never feeling better in my life, thank God. I have not words to express with what pleasure your fond letter gave me to hear that all of you are in good health. But I am very sorry for all that has died since left home. May they rest in peace. I had a letter from Brother John a week ago. He is well. He told me he had a letter from Patt & Michael. Patt is well & also Martin Slattery is doing well. John feels bad for Mother being sick so he says he will send her some assistance soon. The country is bad at present or else he would advise me to go. So I am well pleased where I am so far. There are a great many out of employment here at present. I also had a letter from Wm. McHugh, California. Dan McGrath & Mary Monaghan is married. Dan is wed to a girl from near Addergool & Miss Monaghan to Branick, John McHugh's brother-in-law. Also I mean to let you know that Cousin Michael McHugh got married a few weeks ago. He has met with a very nice smart girl. Also a respectable family. Her name is McGuire born in this country. I had a nice time at the wedding, so between here & Ireland all my friends will be soon married. I mean to let you know Dan McHugh is with Delia. He did not come to Chicago.

Dear Mother & Father I trust you are getting along comfortable. If not let me know for I never intend to see you want for anything while I am able to earn a dollar. I intend to write to you in a few weeks. I have not time to present you with anything for I am very busy at present. I trust Michael, you will let me know all particulars next time. I have not much more to say. Trusting ye are all well. I hope Bridget & the children are well. Also Sister Honour, Tom & family & old Tom are well. I hope Sister is not angry for I not writing for I have nothing much to say to her. She knows I love her as a brother would a sister but intend to write soon, please God. Also let me know how is Mrs Higgins & John? I suppose they are broken-hearted yet. And not forgetting my Aunt Mary, Tom & family & all my aunts & cousins, Cloonacross & Milltown people. Also Jonny Heneghan & family. As I am getting near the end I must conclude in sending my fond love & best wishes to ye all.

Goodbye from Thomas McHugh

To John McHugh

xxx kisses to Mother.

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

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