

Chicago III

4307 Cottage Grove Ave

Sept 6th 1892

Dear Father & Mother, Brother, Sister & Bridget

It is with pleasure I write a reply to your fond letter which I received a few days ago which I was overjoyed to hear that ye were all enjoying good health as I am myself, thank God, and also my cousins. Dear Father & Mother you will find enclosed here the small sum of two pounds for you to enjoy yourselves the best you can for I can sleep easy when I hear you don't want for anything and never want it Mother while I have a dollar, for I shall never forget you. I mean to let you know that I had a nice time here yesterday. All union workmen turned out here, paraded through the streets two thousand five hundred in number. The horseshoers took the two first prizes to be the best-looking men and the best workmen in the ranks so I will send you my picture in a few weeks dressed in the uniform that five hundred of us wore on that day for I know you would like to see my features again.

I mean to let you know I met the Concanons from Russeltown. Also, Kate that was teaching school in Milltown. Also, John Hughes' brothers from Belmont. I met them at sports we had here and I assure we enjoyed ourselves. They are all doing well. Also I mean to let you know the great John L Sullivan whose name is familiar all over the world is going to fight tomorrow night. He is champion heavyweight boxer of the world. And Jack McKauliff from Cork defeated a German champion last night which all the Irish are proud to have a man to represent the Emerald Isle.

I have not much more news to send you that would interest you any. This city is getting crowded with men a good many of them cannot get work. I assure you there is people here as poor as I seen in Ireland ever but it is a good deal of their own fault. As I am getting near the end I must conclude in sending my fond love & best wishes to all my aunts, friends, neighbours & cousins. I trust Bridget & Mother will be very kind to each other.

Goodbye, Father & Mother, Brother & Sister.

From your affectionate son,

Thomas McHugh

To John McHugh

xxx kisses to Father & Mother.

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

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