

Plymouth December 18th 1878

My dear beloved Father and Mother

I am addressing a few lines to you in order to let you know the certain time of departure will be about 10 o'clock tomorrow. I am bidding farewell to old Erin and sweet Milltown which I am afraid I never will see. Remember me to all the friends and neighbours and if ever it comes in my power to do good for either friend or neighbour, I will do it. I will be expecting I will see my brother Patt and Catherine Lyons this time next year with the help of God.

I remain your ever faithful son John McHugh.

Goodbye and God bless you and my blessing to all the friends and neighbours and Aunt Judy and family. Good night.

Transcribed from the original by Margaret Marlow with some punctuation and spelling correction.

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