

4317 Cottage Grove  
June 29<sup>th</sup>. 1899.

Dear Father & Mother  
I hope you will pardon  
me for not writing to you  
for such a long time.

but it was neglect more  
than anything else. I hope  
it won't be so long again.  
I am sure by this time  
you must think I have  
forgotten you altogether.  
Dear Mother you will  
find enclosed here the  
small sum of \$ three  
Dollars. It is for you to  
spend with your self.  
That is the reason I send  
it in your own name.



Mr. Patt M<sup>c</sup> Hugh  
Police Station  
Herberton. N. Queensland

And. If. you should want  
money anytime to buy clothes  
or. to use for. any. other purpose.  
get. some one to write to me.  
and. I will send you the  
same anytime I thank  
God. that I don't want for.  
anything and I hope I never  
will. I suppose by this  
time you have seen Michael  
Ryan. from Kellgivera.  
He should. be home last  
week. If. I could. go I  
would. be with him for.  
nothing would. give me  
more pleasure. than see  
you. all again. I told  
him to call. & see. you all.  
I know. he will be so &



very nice young man. and  
my best friend. I know  
you will treat him kind.  
I am afraid he will marry  
one of the pretty girls in Mills  
before he comes back. There is  
also another great friend  
of mine going to be home  
the middle of July, and is  
going to see you. I want to  
know how you all look.  
I hope Mother will be looking  
young. I see Patt. Clark.  
He is well and working.  
Father Patt. was here on  
a visit to see us, but he  
not write lately I guess he  
must be gone to California.  
He wanted me to go along,  
but I failed to do so. He  
is a fine looking man.  
He read mass in Chapel where



I go to Mass. I did not  
hear from Australia for  
a long time I am going to write  
to John soon. I wrote to Pat.  
some time ago. But he never  
answered. I hope yourself  
& Father are getting your  
Health good. and Michael  
I am sure is tired working  
having such a large family  
I suppose Honour has about  
thirteen now. Well Mother I  
won't say much more for  
Michael Ryan will tell  
you how I feel. and anything  
you have to say to me I hope  
you will write for he will  
tell me everything now I will say  
Good Bye with best love to  
all from your Affectionate  
Son Thomas A. O'Hara  
Write soon