

Chicago

Aug 27th 1900

Dear Brother Michael

I received a registered letter from you also two others previous & the one registered I am sure I answered one of them. I also received your picture, John & Kate's. Ye are looking fine. Dear Brother, I hope you don't entertain an idea that I have anything against you, not in the world, but certainly I was angry with you the time my letters were not answered but you were not to blame for that. Dear Brother, I assure you I cried my fill when I read your letter. I think that my dear Mother is so bad. I would give anything to see her once more. If not that I am afraid of losing a large portion of my business I would start right now to see that one that I love so dear. But I hope God will spare her a while yet. You will find enclosed here the sum of three pounds to assist you in keeping the old people happy and if anything should happen for God's sake bury her decent and I will pay the bill. It brings many a tear from my eyes writing those words.

I hope you will write soon & let me know how everybody is. I went to visit Kate Tracey. She is a big fine-looking girl. She told me lots of stories about Milltown. Michael McHugh & wife wishes to be remembered to all of you and said that you treated them very kind. They just come back after being away on vacation for two weeks. I would like to take a rest for I have been working very hard lately. I would like to know how Aunt Mary is and old Tom. She was very kind to me when I was a boy. Also, all my aunts & cousins. Let me know if Patt Burke & Henry are in England or if they are married. I am told Martin Charles is grey. I haven't got a grey hair in my head yet. I weigh 178 lbs. Now I expect to hear all news from you and don't delay the answer.

Hoping ye are well & happy as ever.

Your affectionate brother.

Thos McHugh

With best wishes to Father, Mother Bridget & the children.

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

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