

Dear Uncle

4317 Cottage Grove

Dec 12th 1900

Your welcomed letter received this morning which gave me great pleasure to hear that Mother was still living. I did not expect to hear such a good news coming on Christmas. I would feel lost if I had not her to think of. So now I can enjoy myself thank God. Dear Brother, you will find enclosed three pounds, two for yourself and one for Sister Honour as token of friendship and affection for you all hoping you don't forget to drink my health Xmas night. I would give anything if only I was with you on that night & see poor Mother once again. Dear Brother, I am also sending you one of my photos which I had taken a month ago. You will be surprised to see me look so fat. I am also sending one to Honour & Mary Sheridan. I was very much pleased with the nice letter you wrote me. I am glad that Bridgett McManus got such a nice fellow and do wish them every success in life.

It seems to me there must be some talk going on about me and her since I was home. Patrick Godwin Sister Honour & yourself speaking of her convinces me that such was the case. I would like to know the particulars. I have no news to send you. I suppose you know that Dan McHugh went to South Africa to fight the English. He has not got back yet. I understand he is still living but his whereabouts are unknown as yet. I am proud we have one hero in the family which will never be forgotten by the Irish in this country.

Michael, Mrs, baby and all are well. Peter is a fine young man and is all right. Patt is back to Seattle from Klondike and is doing well. It would take about 5 days to reach where he is but we think nothing of it. I am very much surprised Father, Patt McHugh never wrote to me since he went away. I don't know what is the matter with him. I suppose he has forgotten me. I did not write to Brother John in 18 months and I am ashamed to write now. He certainly was a good brother to us all and he should not be forgotten. You ought to write to him once in a while.

Now that I have not much more to say I will close with best regards to all the neighbours, friends, aunts, relatives and accept the same yourself.

From your affectionate brother and son.

Thos McHugh

Kisses to Father & Mother.

Goodbye.

Merry Xmas & happy New Year.

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

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