

4317 Cottage Grove

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1901

Dear Father & Mother

I hope you will pardon me for not answering your photo which I received on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March with shamrocks. I was delighted to receive them. I suppose you will be surprised to know that I got married April 17<sup>th</sup>, to a girl from outside Oughterard. Her name is Delia Coyne. I have known her for a long time and I am sure we will be very happy. I hope you will give us your blessing.

We are both going to have our photos taken soon and I will send you one. I hope Mother is improving. I understand Uncle Patt is unwell. Michael, Mrs & family, Winnie & Peter are all well. Also we heard from Dan. He is still alive fighting with General Pitha in the Transvaal. Also Patt writes very often. He is back in the states again and doing very well. He is in Seattle, Washington about three thousand miles from here.

I was very sorry to hear that James Slattery lost the post office. I am glad you were not the cause of them losing it on account of keeping my letters. Now that my wife is going to write a short note and also I will write soon again. I will not say much at present. Hoping to hear from you soon.

I will conclude with best wishes to all as ever.

Your Affectionate Son

Thomas McHugh

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