

Letter from Mary McHugh in Australia, possibly written in 1905.

The letter has on the reverse what looks like the beginning of a reply from a McHugh family member, presumably in Milltown Ireland.

Police Station  
Police Station Roma St  
Brisbane  
27<sup>th</sup> May [1905]

Mr Patt McHugh

Dear Grandmother

We received your very welcome letter in due time and were all very sorry to learn by it that poor Grandfather had passed away. We are sure from what Father says that he is in heaven now and also dear Grandmother, Father says you are so good and patient that you will bear your trouble with resignation and receive the reward even in this world. Dear Grandmother, Father regrets very much that he did not write oftener during Grandfather's life but, like many things of the past regret, is useless now, but I am sure he will keep up a more regular correspondence for the future. Mother, years ago, often wished you were out here living with us. Almost on the same breath, Father would say if you were out here you would not be happy as everything would be so strange to you and most likely you would be wishing yourselves back again in dear old Ireland.

Dear Grandmother, it was well that you had so many of your own around you during Grandfather's sickness and death and also to see him pass away so peacefully. That in itself was a very great blessing. Dear Grandmother, kindly remember us to uncles, aunts and cousins and tell Cousins Maggie and Kate that John and I will write to them later on. Dear Grandmother, I will now close our letter with fondest love to all hoping you are in as good health as can be expected.

We remain your loving grandchildren.

Mary and John.

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Mr Pat McHugh Drim.

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He said ye are grandly sit at front of the town in a grand place. I would like very much to have a long chat with ye, but I hope some fine day or another I will see ye old \_\_\_\_ . I am sure you are a big girl by this time. He was also telling us that ye are beautiful musicians.

Mr Patt McHugh

Roma St.

Transcribed by Margaret Marlow with some adjustment for punctuation.

17 May 2021.