

Police Station

Rauea St

Brisbane

May 27<sup>th</sup> 1905

Dear Mother

I received your fond letter in due time. You can never imagine how painful it was to me to read of poor Father's death as it was the one wish of mine through life to see dear Father and you once again but now it's at an end as God has willed it otherwise.

There is one consolation in feeling sure as I do that poor Father is a shining light in Heaven with his dear little Angel Terry as his honesty through life must have earned him that reward. Mother I can fully realize how hard it must be for you to part with dear Father but I feel that you are satisfied that you will be met by him in Heaven. When I was handed your letter, I felt that I was about to read of your death owing to a letter which I received from Father Diskin telling me of your painful illness, but thanks to the Almighty that you are again well and that you have lived to see the last of poor Father's peaceful end. It's folly for me to mention my regret at not writing oftener to you & poor Father, but when we meet in Heaven as I hope we all will, I might be able to explain my negligence & the difficulties of the past. Since I came to Brisbane I managed to get into communication with Brother John and a few weeks ago had a very nice letter from him promising me also that he was writing home to you which I hope he has done as I know the pleasure it would give you to hear from him.

James FitzGerald of Ballindine left here for home on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant and promised me that he would call on you and personally convey to you my never fading love. He will be able to tell you more about me than I could ever write. I also had the great pleasure of meeting poor Martin Slattery he was here a few months ago and is quite well and happy he has a family of two boys and a girl he is quite a steady sober man and about 14 stone in weight he promised me that he would write home to his brother Jim. Now that John & May is writing a letter to you, I will conclude with love & kisses from your very affectionate Son & Daughter.

Patt & Eliza McHugh

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Michael enclosed is a p.o. order £5 in your favour on Milltown P. office to be given to Mother.

(Transcribed by Margaret Marlow, 19.3.2021. Some punctuation, spelling and grammar corrected.)