

May is 5 ft. 4 ins. We are still attending school. I will bring my short letter to a close by wishing you, Dear Grandmother, Uncle, Aunt and Cousin Merry ~~Christmas~~ and a Happy New Year.

I remain Dear Grandmother,

Your loving grandson

John

With love from all to all. xxxxxxxxxxxx
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Dear Mother, Brother, & Sisters

Now that Christmas is again coming near which I cannot let pass without writing you a few lines. It is also near the Anniversary of the Death of your Father & I hope mother by this time you have partly freed from your great grief as you alone would feel it above all others. Of course death is a thing we must all respect particularly when people get advanced in years. May the Lord have mercy on poor Father's Soul. I was pleased to hear that John had written home & I hope he will write this time. I am sure Thomas will not forget as he has been so

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Join'd by my children in join'd
to you all. wish you a very happy Xmas

Dear ever Affectional
Sister
F. M. H. P.

So good although may God reward
him for it; I had a long talk with
Maggie O'Toole after she returned from
the Old Country. she gave me such
an account of the Country side that
I felt as though I was back in the
bosom of you all. And was so delighted
to hear such a good account of how the
people & things in General are. and
particularity of you dear mother looking
so well. Martin Slattery was here a few
weeks ago. & is quite well. I gave him
the Home paper & we were pleased
to see that our old friend M. Nally.
is still taking such a prominent part
in the long battle for dear old Ireland.
I am looking forward to meeting
James Fitz Gerald soon. I hope he
enjoyed himself in the Old Country.
Thomas Martin is also in good health.
& still in his old position. Dear Brother
Michael enclosed herewith you will find
P. O. order for your favour. It's needless
to say what its for & I hope that you will
have a few Half Gallons with my old friends
on St. mas day. Those whom you know to be
my friends. I will now Conclude.