



TOMÁS BAIRÉAD PAPERS

GP2/75

Galway County Council Archives

As I do not have much 710 Bellvue Ave,
news from here all the news for
me to from there now. I will send Pgh. Pa. 15226.
more next time to Conjam Ock. Sept 29th 1971
to Sean canai dil no picead GP2/75

to tomas a sean canai dil

I thought you

delayed my last letter a long time
but I believe I have beaten you in
delaying mine. I was very sorry
to hear of the 3 deaths you mentioned I
think I had heard of Tim Sullivan &
Tom Keelers before I got your letter. I
liked all 3 Tim was a wild young
man before he went into the Army.
His father borrowed a scythe of me
once & Tim used it & when I got it back
it was bent in all directions he told me
afterwards that when he started to mow
not knowing how he put the blade into the
handle in the ground. he had to get his
younger brother Michael to help him pull
it out. We had Peadar Fatch from Sluema
a prisoner in our village one fine day Tim
was guarding him he said if the Cuss's eyes
were dry I would kill you. He meant for

after the game we had a meeting of the United Ireland Committee we are planning on a Communion Breakfast for Oct 31st. We were pretty active here about a year ago. We then sent \$800 to Sean O'Siochain J.A. a secretary for relief in the 6 counties. You asked me which I would support if I was their Provisional or official I.R.A. I knew with the information you send me I am still very much in the dark & therefore could not give you a direct answer. I will say that the I.R.A. have made the 6 county question better known & of course I still believe that Ireland never got anything from England except where force was used & we got some concessions but I still remember the great Sean McDermott's remarks D - My own own concessions give us our country. I took great interest in that letter I would have to agree with it. We had too many leaders & no leader. There was a lot of reasons for it we believed that the Politicians had let us down in the signing of the Treaty of Surrender. By the way I had an invitation from

Putting out the turf to the roadway from the bog. Johnny Keeler was OK he did not belong to our groups but we could always rely on him to be on our side. It was sad about Paddy Glabertys shocking death Paddy was OK in my book a great Sean family. I now remember Martin Blaney he was a fine looking man & was well liked. Do you know what ever happened to Pat Keene our old monitor. I cannot remember where he went to? who is in the old home now? who is at Yeogehans. It seems to me from all the vegetables you grew you would need a large share of the home farm. I did plant a number during the 2nd W war but I planted some wild flowers yrs ago where I grew the vegetables they are easier. You told me some time ago that you did not expect Galway to win this year & you were right. My son-in-law took me to the Irish Center last Sunday morn 10 AM to hear O'Keefe's wonderful broadcast of course I was a bit disappointed at the result but I expected the team that beat Cork who had beaten the great Kingdom to begin

I always understood that Patrick Ford was Johns (Shelburne) brother's illegitimate son

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The Treasurer office to attend on Saturday
& Sunday at the Mansion House July
10 + 11th 59th The Commemoration of the 11th July
1921 Truce. Do you know if there were many
invitations from that Section of the Country?
I was sorry that I did not try to go after
wards. I had only about a weeks notice but
if I tried I could have made it. I would not
be a total stranger in the Mansion House
I attended an I.R.A. convention there on
Sunday June 25th & the 4 Courts was attacked
on Wed morning June 28th. Ancient History
Mattie Griffin told me that his Mary who was
back from I.R.A. this summer, told him in a letter
that there was a lot of damage done in Galway
McDonaghs Corbetts ~~Patrol~~ etc? I could not
then find out who did it. I wonder if you
saw her her cousin Mary O'Donnell from Tipperary
(spidal) she is Mat Walshs widow from Gorthaulla
was with her Terry Griffins wife is back there
too she is from my wifes home town near Gort.
I could not understand your embarrassment about
the Radio talks on Irish books? Were you one
of the Commemoration writers. I am sending you
the Blancys pictures from Sundays paper that is
getting pretty feeble he has passed the 4 score he
is 14 months older than Masee.

We got the game real clean from Ireland no static but lots of cheering