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**TOMÁS BAIRÉAD PAPERS**

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W Comps I hope  
 you will forgive  
 my wondering  
 terrible & you can  
 understand  
 Please don't mention  
 the George Washington  
 when you write as  
 I can see you say  
 strange things  
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I was so glad to again hear from you  
 but as you said the big job is to start  
 to answer. you said things were  
 changing so fast but it seems that all  
 those changes are for the better! thank God  
 this site that Tom Davoren <sup>used</sup> must be  
 Leskeen they got this when those houses  
 were built in Corcullen soon after the turn  
 of the century. say what happened to  
 Mugs place I think you told me that Tom  
 Davoren sold a part of the place for somebody  
 to build on? Did that go through. Mugs  
 would be 87 this year. I hope he is still living.  
 He was a harmless poor soul. I said  
 not get the breed of cows you mentioned  
 (Cappie Friesans) I don't think I ever heard of  
 them.

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My Daughter lives in the next Parish & she helps me she does all our washing & takes Cooked meals to us every Sunday Thanks - giving day & comes to clean up every once in a while. I am not much any more I have gone down till a good bit for the last couple of yrs when I sit down I hate to get up my appetite is not very good I can eat my regular meals & do but never feel inclined to eat any more. I want to again thank you for all the clippings from the papers. I sure got a surprise to see Tade Keadys son president of the West Galway board by A.A. You said Tades family are taking after the mothers side & that sure is a Lasse in that picture his uncle Pateen Fahy used to be a pretty good player in the old Killanin F.C. before they were affiliated. You remember the day Peter Bonneely broke Stephen Bures shoulder Pateen played that day. I was so glad to see Sean Turks picture even though I would not know him as Sean & Rae & Tom Morris Seams, we are the same age.

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I will have to make this one short as I am quite busy now. My wife slipped on the front room floor on Sunday morning Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 AM my 2 sons & me were sleeping up stairs when we heard her screaming we found her stretched near the front door. She had a broken bone 3 inches above her knee on the same leg that she had her hip broken 7 yrs ago. She was operated on Monday night & her leg is in traction & will be for 6 weeks (the Doctor said) she had 3 weeks in yesterday its pretty tough her leg tied up & she has to lay on her back all the time. We will not have a very happy Christmas for we will notice what is home without a mother. She had 2 operations on her hip <sup>14 yrs ago</sup> but none were very successful. She was able to do all her work at home but she used a cane when she went outside. She has a lot of confidence in this Doctor as we know a great many he operated on very successfully she never had much in the one who operated 7 yrs ago.

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as you said the whole North East mess  
is something terrible & I am afraid it will  
get worse before it ever get better. We had  
2 Irishmen here on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> my son in law  
took me out to it we had a very good crowd  
there. I introduced myself to Sean Kenney  
he is from Ballinaeloe this Tomás MacGalla  
2. must be a brilliant man he appeared on all  
the television stations here & made a very  
good impression. I have had a lot of comments  
on it. Its too bad to see those boys who  
gave so much time in Derry coming  
back the same thing is happening here I  
suppose all over as you said a changing world.  
Morgan Leonard (Passon) visited Ireland he  
& his wife & family visited Tommy Morgan called  
me on the phone before he went back. He do not live  
in Pgh his company that he worked for moved to  
Sevanton Pa its at the other end of the state.  
I heard he enjoyed his trip his wife have an  
uncle (who lived in Pgh once) now lives near Dullin  
they stayed with him. He is originally from  
Cornamona. I think Tommy has arthritis & so  
have J. A