



TOMÁS BAIRÉAD PAPERS

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I get a kick out of Copernicus in your add. you remember when nobody would be needed they came from Copernicus' but I must have changed. I am glad to be back to you.



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W' longas a Sean Cappa di.

I am sure long before this date you must be thinking that I have passed on. I am still around but as you can easily understand not too anxious to write. I was planning about checking on you I waited so long for your ~~envelope~~ welcome letter. I could not make out the post mark date on your letter but on the inside you had it dated 14-2-73 Well I received it on April 19th 73. I wonder can you explain why it can be so slow by boat. I used to wait for about 3 weeks for my pension vouchers then I wrote to the Defense Dept & asked to have them send

AIR MAIL. Since ² then I get ^{them} in 3 or 4 days, I
get one every 3 months. I turn them into
a bank right here near me & I have a
check in dollars & cents in a few days.
Well Tony's many things have happened
since I wrote to you. You said that
Michael Conneely old I.R.A. died in Boston
poor Mick died in Chicago. He first went
to Canada & then to Chicago. He was married
to Marie Conneely Poulmacough & his
younger brother Willie ^{is} married to
Norah Conneely a younger sister. I
slept in Mick's house many times. He
was one swell man. He was a city of Chicago
fireman. Mick worked long hours for 3
or 4 days & then he would be off for a good
few days & he always did a lot of side
jobs. He had an old jalopy car they used
to kid him about ^{carrying} concrete blocks in it &
I would not doubt it. His sister Julia
is married to a Bill McCarthy they live
on the same street that Mick lived on.
Bill is a brother of the late U.S. Senator McCarthy
Wisconsin who was

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a stormy petrel in the U.S. Senate for
a long time. He accused many in the
Government of being Communistic this
Bill is a lovely plain man loves to smoke
a pipe. You know Chicago was a 2nd
Pittsburgh to me for a long time I used to
visit there every 2 yrs. not no more.
I used to visit New York quite often too.
Some people used to ask me to visit places
of natural & artificial places of interest I
used to say those skyscrapers etc are to me
brick & mortar. I want to meet old friends
with whom I can converse & nobody liked
it better, & believe it or not I do not want
to go anywhere & have not for a long time
When Mattie Griffin passed away a lot of
Ireland passed on for me. There is nobody
in N.Y. that knows anything about the Ireland
that I knew Lily (Dunne) Clancy was pretty
good but she is getting very feeble any more as
for Matt he was not very interested & could
hardly remember much about it anytime

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Novah Keedy (Tomceens sister) was very good too
but she passed away some time ago. She was
married to a very nice man a Mattie Moffett
(Balivrobe) poor Mattie is a cripple & uses
cutches. I see him at some wakes.

I had a very nice long letter from Marie
Bonnelly the same day I got yours. I send
her a mass card when I heard that poor
mick passed on. I was very sorry to hear
of John McDonaghs death I know I have
told you already about him & me starting to
my cullen school the same day & you &
Francis (R.I.P.) were in the class that I went
into. I dont know if John was in the same class
as he was 1 yr older than me. I slept in his
brother Pats house the 1st time I went to Chicago
Decr 1924. you ought to remember Pat he
used to play football & there never was a
tougher man & stayed that way all his life
he was married to a Rosecommon woman
they did not have any children John had 2
sons Patry & Andy in Chicago. I was in both
their homes. Marie Bonnelly told me that John's
3 sons went back to his funeral I did not know the way.



Was sorry to see about Bridgie Talents death she was a very nice girl. I went to school with her to Tooneeny school. of course I did not know the Acton boy but knows who he was as you know the Actons were not so well liked in my time but I always liked them! I will never forget one day we were marching in Galway & as you know Galway city never gave our kind very much of a reception but I happened to hear some cheering from the sidewalk & there was many Acton cheering her heart out. I think I heard she passed away to ydunad Oss quoisne unpe she was a good looking girl in her young days & no one can deny Jim being a good athlete.

It is great to hear that mat Gaherty is still around. nice to know that Philtak is still in such good shape him & me are about the same age & so is sunny Owen / Kyne How about Tade Keady he must be about 86. Sean Lac is about the same age as me (I might be a few months older)

I do not know anything about John Rielly I know he used to live in Cleveland Ohio. He used to live here he was in the cold see business His brother Mike used to drive a truck for him but he died a good few yrs ago He was married to a Cornamona girl they did not have any family. Since then she

married a John Joyce who was a widower I hear she went to school with John they used to be all good friends of mine some yrs ago I do not go anywhere anymore nor do I feel like going. Well you said in your letter that I would be tired of Ramsh it will be ditto, for you said agus bearract agus fadogul gear uad do seas, canal hionaid