

Email from Ellen Roderick, Sun 02/23/2003 8:57 PM

This is a letter from Walter Henry to Grandpa Henry informing him of the death of their father (our great grandfather).

The letter carried the date of April 2nd with no year. But the envelope showed a "30" so I believe it was written in 1930. (Note: Two other letters written prior to this one will validate that it was 1930.)

Envelope addressed to:

Mr T. F. Henry
8 Mount Vernon St.
Peabody Mass

US America

Carns
Aclare
Co Sligo
April 2nd

Dear Brother,

I am sorry it is necessary for me to inform you of the sad death of my dear Father. He passed to his eternal reward on Monday night 24th March at 9:30. He had all his faculties to the very last, and asked (her) me in a strong voice what the time was one hour before his death. There were people in the house, I mean the kitchen and he called myself and my mother to his bedside, shook hands with us, gave us his blessing and passed peacefully away. His death was not expected for two more days as he was taking stimulants all along to the end. His death was a happy one. He received the holy sacrament of Extreme Unction on Tuesday 18th March, and was fully resigned to die. A cold which he contracted ten days before his death hurried him to his grave. We kept his remains in the house till Wednesday evening and then according to the rules of the Parish Priest we had him taken to the Chapel and on Thursday morning we had Mass of Requiem for the repose of his soul and funeral just afterwards. We spared nothing on him during his illness and we treated all sympathizers who called on us during our trouble as we thought that an exemplary father like he was deserved all the respect we could show him. He had two large funerals on Wed and Thursday (in the house till Wednesday). We miss him more and more every day and my poor mother feels the blow. It is hard on us now but we must only struggle along. I'd write sooner but we were feeling upset after his death. Thanks for wire and letter. Please write soon as my mother will be expecting your letter. We got the wire on Wednesday morning. Best love to your wife and family. Pray for his repose. May he rest in peace.

From Your Fond brother to T.F. Henry
Walter

Up in the left hand corner of page 1 he wrote: "I buried him with Joseph in Kilmarneque (sp?). Pat Dan was at the funeral. They are all well."

(Note from Ellen: Pat Dan, I believe, is Nana Henry's brother.)



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From Your Son brother
To T. J. Henry Haller