

| <u>NO</u> | <u>FROM</u>          | <u>TO</u>                | <u>DATE</u> |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1         | Hannah Carmody       | Thomas Carmody (son)     | 26/6/1883   |
| 2         | Mary Carmody         | Thomas Carmody (brother) | 1887 (?)    |
| 3         | Margaret Carmody     | Thomas Carmody (brother) | before 1894 |
| 4         | Margaret Carmody     | " " "                    | before 1894 |
| 5         | Margaret Carmody     | " " "                    | 20/3/1894   |
| 6         | Mary Carmody         | " " "                    | 2/6/1896    |
| 7         | Mary Carmody         | " " "                    | 6/2/1897-99 |
| 8         | Mary Carmody         | " " "                    | 15/10/1899  |
| 9         | Mary Carmody         | " " "                    | 30/1/1903   |
| 10        | Mary Carmody         | " " "                    | ?           |
| 11        | Matthew Downs        | " " (uncle)              | 31/1/1906   |
| 12        | Mary Carmody         | " " (brother)            | 4/12/1911   |
| 13        | Mary Carmody         | " " "                    | 24/3/1913   |
| 14        | Mary Carmody         | " " "                    | 13/12/1915  |
| 15        | Mary Corbett         | Johanna Carmody (cousin) | 3/9/1916    |
| 16        | Thomas Carmody(Jnr.) | His Sister               | 1/5/1904    |
| 17        | Thomas Carmody "     | John Carmody (brother)   | 8/6/1905    |
| 18        | Thomas Carmody "     | James Carmody (brother)  | 2/4/1911    |
| 19        | Thomas Carmody "     | His Sister               | 1/12/1915   |
| 20        | Thomas Carmody "     | Johanna Carmody (sister) | 22/8/1917   |
| 21        | Thomas Carmody "     | Johanna Carmody (sister) | 1/11/1917   |
| 22        | W.A. Wyatt           | Miss Carmody             | 24/6/1919   |
| 23        | Thomas Carmody(Snr.) | "Advocate" newspaper     | unknown     |

1.  
Endymion

Sept 13, 1883

Elkhorn one  
We are in receipt.

Elkhorn, Wisconsin  
June 26, 1883

My Dear Son,

I now sit down to write a few lines to you, hoping to find you in good health as that leaves me at present. When you wrote before you wanted my likeness, and so I will sent it along with this letter. I got it drawing in this month you can see how old looking I am now Dear Tom I sipe you wont no me and when you answer this I want you should send me yours & wife & family I am in hope I wont die untill owill see them as I cont expect to live very long for I am going in Eighty two  
Dear Tom Mary & Maggie & familys are all will & Johanna. Tom Bridget is gone home to Ireland I sepose she will never come back It is all she left me is two dollars for to burry me She checked 600 pounds in the Bank of Scotland and put out the last of May is his children living near you how is every one we no let us no every thing about our friends in that country Dear Tom let me no is Dan Corbett mother living yet. I spose you have abig family some of them married let me no is Mary & Bridget Carmody well I sepose Maria and Mike went to you Dear Boy Tom it is terrible thing for me to sit down and rite a letter to you it is so long atime and far away but Tom still amongst the living

## PART OF A LETTER FROM MARY CARMODY DOWNS TO THOMAS CARMODY

.....to you and let you now that I received your letter and they picters of the too boys and girl they are very nise I was very glad to get them I hope you are well as this leave us at present thinks bee to god My Dear Brother wee are growing old and maney a time I stop and think of our old home and our young days when we weare happy and new now sorrow and now how far apart we are you and your family in Ostriley  
Sister.....

.....her greave every day and poor Brother Matt is buried in thy State of New york one thousand moyls from Delavan Brother Patt came to Delavan about thirty five yares ago and Buried one of his girls in Rockford where Sister Margaret lives he staid about year and went back to Ireland and Sister Bridget went with him and put him in his own house again Well Dear Brother I will say now more I sind my love to you and your family hoping you are well as this leaves me and my family thank god good by from your

Sister Mary Downs

COULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT 1887 THAT IS IF PATT LEFT IRELAND AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE REST.

## PART OF A LETTER FROM MARGARET CARMODY MANNING TO THOMAS CARMODY

P2  
 .....Comande and Dear Mother god give her soul rest when  
 Johanna sent your picture to me I was so glad to get it you  
 are looking good and more like Mother than any of us  
 She used to say that you and me was black headed like her  
 you remember theye black curly head I had it is white now in  
 10 years Mother was never oneley grey when she died  
 Dear Brother in all those I have never heard much of you if  
 Johanna got letters from you she kept theye news to herself  
 so far as I am concerned I haven't found her nor Mary very  
 loving sisters so you will have to tell me all about  
 your familey I know you was married and got a good wife and  
 that you are well of but that is all you must tell me  
 theye rest how many boyes and girls you have got and what  
 theire names are I hear you had 12 hundred rancers of land Lord  
 save us how do you get a round it would I like to see you all  
 I have foure girls three married. Mary, Maggie, Lizzie, Johanna, we cal  
 her Joeye. I had two lovely boyes one was Francis Mathew we called  
 Frènky. Another was Tommy Frènky was 11 years old when he died  
 and Tommy was six years a three month.....

Written before 1894

## PART OF A LETTER FROM MARGARET CARMODY MANNING TO THOMAS CARMODY

P3  
 ....as I was always used to it in winter our seasons  
 here are theye same as theye are in Ireland and England  
 winter sets in November and ends March theye winter are terrible  
 cold here ground..... frozen a way down and..... of snow  
 but people are used to it of course there is milder climates  
 in theye south and in California. Well Tommy you want to know  
 if my husband is Irish and what.....for a living he was....  
 neare six miles bridge.... place called Monntivers his father  
 and mother is buried in ballysheehan burying ground  
 is in this country as long as I am well what he does for a  
 living he Jack of all trades as they saying is and master of  
 none I wasent lucky enough.....ou that spent 10 years in  
 ...e gold mines Myself and him are alone my four girls are  
 married theye last one got married this June Lizzie not  
 theye youngest second youngest Not one of them live near  
 me one is a hundred miles one 3 hundred.... two live one town  
 ... miles from me theye.... been all to see me this summer  
 but I am lonesome our home is here in Rockford a house and  
 lot Well dear brother I am telling you all my affairs  
 explaining.....

Written before 1894



Rockford

March 20

1894

My Dear Brother Thomas

are you still in the land of theye livin  
 if so I hope you are all well as this leaves me and mine at  
 present I thought I would write to you once more you did not  
 answer my last letter as I didnt get any but I try this time  
 with better luck I hope for I want you should write me  
 a long letter as I hate shorts ones anything new is  
 news to me I still lives in theye same place as when I wrote  
 you last it is our home oneley my husband and me my children  
 are married long a go Well how are you brother dear and your  
 family all I expect they mostley are married is your wife  
 and your self in good health that is theye best of all things  
 with gods blessin well me and my man stands it real good  
 so far for us he is about my age but theye health is what  
 stands for old folks We had a very cold winter in this  
 country they coldest we had in years didnt give up atall  
 and now it is spring there is a big snow in theye ground  
 it is March I expect it is late summer now over your way  
 I cant understand it here it like dear old Ireland  
 I see Mary and her family last July theye were all well I  
 havent Johanna or any of the people in some time theye are  
 all well I guess I never hear from Ireland Mary that time  
 had a letter from brother Patt he wanted money from her  
 he alwayes wants that Bridget and him lives in Quin  
 do you know who lives in theye old place tell me about him  
 when you write how is his children getting along out your  
 way well Paddy had a good time in his young dayes he liked  
 to play they Gentleman god be with ye all

This is Lenten Season commenced 17 of Febuary and ester  
 sunday is 3 of april I live quite near our church oneley  
 three blocks it is cald St James Cathedral Church  
 Well Dear brother Tom there is not much more I can say that  
 would interest you be shure you write when you get this  
 a long letter and tell me all theye news and give my very  
 best love to you all from me and my husband and offer a prayer  
 for us as I as I will for ye so G by Dear brother with lots  
 of love from your sister

Margaret Carmody

Direct to Mrs Martin Manning  
 796 N 1st Rockford

D11

Delavan June th 2  
1896

My Dear Brother it is with pleasure I write you these few lines hoping to find you and family well as this leaves me and family

My Dear Brother Sister Johanna have me your picture some time ago and was glad to see it But I never would now see you if I met you on the streets and you would never know me It is forty five years since you and I parted in our old home Dear Brother there are many a change since let me now if Brother Patt is living I wrote home some time ago and got now answer let me now how his daughter Miria is .. if she is living any where near you remember me to her and tell her to write me Dear Brother let me now if you know anything about Cousin Mary Carmody's if you know where she is tell her to write to me as would be glad to hear from her Dear Brother I will send you my picture and some of the children when you answer this letter Dear Brother I have six boys and one girl and three dead Dear Brother one of the boys is a priest thank God his name is Matt he lives about 20 miles from us and my youngest boy is going to school to the Jesuit College in the city for the last three years I think he is going to be a doctor his name is Thomas Sister Johanna and family is well We see each other often she lives six miles from me and now Dear Brother will close until I hear from you again With love to you and all the family I remain your loving Sister Mary Carmody Downs Dear Brother you will excuse my poor writing this first letter I wrote in a long while that is the reason that I have not written before good by Dear brother write soon as.....

.....Be sure and let me now how Patt and family is and all the Cousins and now Dear Brother I hope you will.....

Delavan Fabury the 6

Dear Brother I am now taking the opportunity to you hoping to find you and family all well as this leaves us at present thank god Dear brother I would have written before now but at the time I recieved your letter I was taking sick and was sick abed three weeks the all tought I was going to die but I am as well as ever now Very sorry when I hard the sad accident and death of your son it must be sad to you all especily his mother I hope god will have marcy on his Soul Sister Johanah and family are all well I have not seen her since October she lives six miles from me Sister Margaret lives 60 miles from me I have not seen her in a good while Dear Brother let me now if you herd from brother Patt or Sister Bridget let me now how all the friends are We have very cold wether here now there is about four feet of snow in the ground and now Dear Brother as think Close Me and my family joining in sinding you all our love and I reman as ever loving Sister

Mary Carmody Downs

Dear Brother you will excuse writing and mistakes I am all most forgating how to write

Direct your letter to Timothy Downs Walworth County  
State of Wisconsion America

WRITTEN BETWEEN 1897 & 1899

6 Feb 1888

(First County Book 23 April 1887)



Delaven October the 15  
1899

Dear Brother you will excuse me for not answering your letter before now. At the time I received letter I had trouble as one of the boys got kild by the train the fifth day of November he worked on the train as Conductor it was afule sadd he was fine young man you have his pictur it is the one that has T C on the back of it Dear Brother you now how to simptise with me as you had the same trouble your self Welcome to the will of god and grant us strint to bear all troubles My Dear Brother we are well hoping you and your family is all well Sister Johana and family well I had letter from Brother Patt last April he spoke as if he was very poore his children out to find him some money he is ther father I wrote to now if Sister Bridget was living or who he lived with but he never answered me Dear Brother you asked what my son was studing he is studing for the law he wass admited to the Barr last Month his Name is Thomas you have his picture T C on the back Dear Brother you will great time reading this letter as I make to many misstakes I am forgetting how to write. Dear Brother I hope you wont b so long about answering my letter as I was yours I will sind you they pice cut out of the Delavan paper it will you all about Timothy Death Dear Brother I will close sinding you my love and all thy family

I remaine your affectionate  
Sister Mary Carmody  
Downs

Direct your letter to Timothy Downs Delavan

Direct your letter to Timothy Downs Delavan Walworth  
County Wiscounsin

Delavan January 30th  
1903

Dear Brother it is about time for me to anser you letter and to let you now that I was glad to heare that you were all well as this leaves me and my family think god Dear Brother I wish you all a happy new year We have lots of snow here now it is very cold Dear Brother you said some time ago that you suposed all my boys ware married the are not John & Frank and Thomas are not married yet the dont seem to be in any hury Thomas is the youngest he lives about 100 miles away from here the last four years he is Practison law he is a very smart boy he went to College seven years and is now Dowing for himself father Matt he live now twinty miles from us for the last to years he said some time ago he would write to you but he has a goodel to do he has the care of a big parish I will sind you his adress and you can write to him your self

Dear Brother let me now how Brother Patts children are Let me now if you hard from Patt and Sister Bridget Sister Johana and family are all well Sister Margaret I have not seen for a year My daughter and family are well Close me and my family sind you our best regards I remain your loving Sister

Mary Carmody  
Downs

"I have loved, O Lord, the beauty  
of Thy house and the place where  
Thy glory dwelleth." Ps. 25, 8.

IN REMEMBRANCE

OF THE

FIRST HOLY MASS,

CELEBRATED BY

Rev. Matthew E. Downs,

JUNE 24, 1894,

IN

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Delavan, Wis.

"What shall I render to the Lord  
for all the things that He hath ren-  
dered to me! I will take the Chalice  
of Salvation and call upou the name  
of the Lord." Ps. 115, 3, 4.

## PART OF A LETTER FROM MARY CARMODY DOWNS TO THOMAS CARMODY

.....by the Bishop he lives about twenty miles from  
us now and can come home oftton Dear Brother we are all  
well think god and hope that you and family are all well  
Dear Brother I gave your letter to father Matt to ried  
and he said he wold write to you some time Dear Brother let  
me now who lives in our home in Ireland or is any of Brother  
Patt Children is at home Dear Brother I think close we all  
join and love to all the famile good by Dear Brother I hope  
wee will meet in the next world from your Sister Mary Carmody  
Downs

Direct your letter to Mrs Timothy Downs Walworth County  
State of wisconcion

Write Soon  
good By

Rev. M.E. Downs  
 pastor of  
 St. Patrick's Church

Whitewater, Wis., Jan 31st 1906  
 Thomas Carmody  
 Tooleen Australia.

My Dear Uncle:

Mother showed me a letter from you some time ago, and asked me to write to you. I have been going to do it for this many a day and have finally launched into that important duty. However it does seem a little strange to have near relatives on the other side of the globe, and to me it seems stranger, that in this our day, when rapid transit over land and sea, may exchange our messages in a few weeks time, that in all this time we have allowed distance and our imagination to sear us out of correspondence. We should know more about one another and have a particular interest in the spiritual and temporal welfare of each other. From the heading of this letter you may know my location, having been here for three years I am doing very nicely & like my people and location very well. Whitewater is a city of nearly four thousand inhabitants and a very pretty place. My church you will understand from the name is filled Sundays by one hundred and seventy five families nearly all Irish or Irish descent. We have a Catholic school also taught by the sisters of mercy. You should take a trip over the waters and see this quickly developing country. I would enjoy a trip through the Australian Continent. Some day I may, but I will have to labor for some time, before I can undertake such a journey. Although I am nearly twelve years a priest, I have never taken over two weeks vacation. In a few years however I will have to force myself to take a few months off and brave the dangers & hardships of the stormy deep. Mother and Father and all the folks at home are well and happy. I live only twenty miles away and can go home often. Father and Mother will celebrate their Golden Wedding a year from next may, and I trust in God they shall retain good health for many years more. You must write us and let us know about you and all your family, and tell them their cousin will be always pleased to hear from them. Remember me with love to all your family and may God's blessing come to them and you. Trusting this letter will find you all well and happy

I Remain your Affectionate  
 Nephew

M E Downs

Delavan Wisc  
Dec 4th 1911  
U.S.A.

Mr Thomas Carmody

Dear brother

It has been a long time ago since I received your letter & paper anouncing the death of your dear wife. I was very sorry to hear of it. Death must come in some way some time.

In our own troubles we can appreciate yours I hope that heaven will comfort you & grant to the rest of you long & happy lives

My Daughter Margaret lost her husband Nov 6th 1910 in an automobile accident

Sister Johanna lost her oldest Son Thomas about two years ago. His wife dieing about 6 months aftir at Spokane Washington

Myself & husband & family are all well at this writing We are now getting along in years. We are thankfull to God for giving us & our family such good health

My sister Maggie is well at least she was the last time that I heard from her - she was living at Elgin Illinois

Father Mathew is still at Whitewater Wisconsin He is well & send you his best regards

Myself Husband & family all join in sending you our best wishes from your affectionate Sister

Mrs Timothy Downs  
125 South 3rd Street  
Delavan  
Wisconsin

Write soon - Dont be like me. I would like to hear from you all

## Do you ever hear from Maria Carmody?

To settle an argument I wish that you would write & let me know what relation Marshall McMahan was to our family  
I have been asked the question several times but could give no dicisive answer

WRITING AND SPELLING MISTAKES ARE DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS LETTERS

March 24th/13.  
Delavan Wis.

Dear Brother

It has been a long time since I heard from you & I thought I would write you and let you know that Sister Margaret died at Elgin Ill. Just a week before Christmas She got a stroke of parallysis while attending mass on sunday.

She lived only three weeks after  
Johanna & her family are all well

My children were not satisfied unless me & my husband would have some more photos taken

I am sending one of each of us with this letter & you can see what we look like in our old age

Let me know if Maria Carmody is their she wanted one & if she is tell her to write & I will send her one

We are all well as could be expected & hope that this will find you & your family all well & enjoying good health

I remain your  
affectionate Sister  
Mary.

Mrs Timothy Downs  
125 So 3rd St Delavan. Wis.

SAME WRITING AS LETTER DATED 4/12/1911

Dec. 13th 1915

Mr Thomas Carmody

Dear Brother

I am dropping you a few lines to let you know that I am well.

I have not heard from you in a long time. I hope you & your family are all well as this leaves me & my family thanks be to God.

I send my love to all the family.

Remember me to Maria Carmody & tell her to write to me.

Johanna and her family are all well.

Wishing you & your family a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

I remain as ever your affectionate

Sister Mary

Mrs Timothy Downs

125 So 3rd st

Delavan

U.S.A. Wis.

SAME WRITING AS LETTER DATED 4/12/1911

Elkhorn Wisconsin  
 Sept. 3, 1916.

Dear Cousin

Johanna Carmody;-

I am writing you for my mother but she will write a few lines too. She cannot write very well anymore. We are all well and I must tell you something of us so you will write to us. I was at my aunt's house in Delavan yesterday and she gave me the letter which told of my mother's brother's death - our own uncle Thomas Carmody. Mother was very sorry to hear of it. Of course it brought back all the past and their early days and she said many good things about him. He was a good man.

Our father died April 30, 1913 so you know my mother is left with us yet. There were ten of us, too, to begin with. One child Daniel died in infancy. Then my sister Maggie died in 1885. Then our grandma and yours - our grandma Carmody died with us in 1888. Then in 1907 my brother Thomas Corbett died and is buried in the state of Washington and lastly my father died in 1913. That leaves my mother and seven of us children living. - The oldest is Annie (Mrs. Connolly) who lives in Chicago and has three grown up children. The next is Patcey-(Patrick) he is a stone-mason by trade and is not married. The next is myself I am not married and probably never will be. I teach school in Chicago (a very large city) and have a very good position. The next is Johanna (Joie) she is a clerk in a dry goods store at Janesville Wisconsin; The next is Alice who is working in a factory here in town. The next is Lenora -(Lena) who is at home here at this writing and the youngest is Loretta (Retta) who as also a teacher but five years ago she married and is now Mrs. Amundsen living at Durand, Illinois. Of the seven children, the oldest and the youngest only are married. Four of us girls have taught in the public schools so we are pretty well educated but we have always been pretty porr. Still we now have quite a comfortable little home and would be glad to see any of you and hear from you. Mother is as lively as can be,- always hustling. I guess all the Carmody's were, for dear old grandmother



was only sick a day. She must have been a good old mother for my mother says she gave your father and all of them a chance to learn and our grandfather died and left her a young widow. Aunty and mother are the only ones left of that big family who once saw the light in dear, old Ireland.

Mother will right a few words, but dear cousin, you and all, sit down and send us all a letter and a greeting from that far away land. Mother was very, very sorry.

I am enclosing a few little things that you may like to read over. Let us hear from you soon. Remember that mother and auntie are old now, but we want them to live a long time yet may God be with you all and bring us together in Heaven.

Be sure to write soon

Mary L. Corbett

Elkhorn, Wisconsin, U.S.A.

Wollubar

Hampton Plains

May 1st 1904

Dear Sister

Your very welcome letter came duly to hand. You have the knack of telling a fellow a lot of news. Those are the letters I like; they are nice and chatty and just like having a good talk together. I wish I could strike it rich, I would buy land down Bunbury way. The land act here allows a person to take up 160 acres and only pay one pound for the lot. Of course no one would be bothered with land on the Goldfields, that is for farming, as it is too dry. A lot of people when they make a rise go in for land down on the coastal districts. When it is my turn to make a home there you girls will be invited to make a trip to the west and visit me. I don't think I have altered in appearance any since I left Mt. Pleasant. I have improved otherwise. I drink very little and I don't gamble at all. Never seen a horse race or had a bet since I've been in the country. I haven't time for these things. I am too busy searching for gold. I hope to root it out some day. There is a great fascination about it; I am never down-hearted no matter how hard my luck is, I come up smiling every time. I have not seen Dave Touhey lately and I don't know where he is but a letter to Bulong might find him. I had a good long chat with him the last time I saw him, I think he told me that he met Miss Egan daughter of Mr. Egan blacksmith who used to live near you some time ago. The mine Dave worked in is now let to tributors Dave may be amongst them. but I have not been in Bulong for some time. Kindly remember me to Mr. Touhey Senior and give to Annie and Jack my sincere regrets for their Severe loss. If I meet Dave I will make him line up and write and I'll tell him he should take a pattern by me and write regularly as I do. Hoping to hear from you soon again Dear Sister

I remain with

Brotherly regards

and love to Pa &amp; Ma

Yours Affectionately

Thomas Carmody

June 8th. 1905.

Dear Brother

Delighted to hear from you old boy. Glad to hear that you are getting on well and keeping up the birth-rate. Give my kind regards to your wife; and my 4 precious nephews. You have not told me their names. Send them along in your next letter. I am thankful to our family for their and your kind invitation to return home. But this is not to be thought of my me, as I have definitely decided not to go to Vic until my pockets are bulging with boodle and I mean to get it here in this land of the golden West or fail in the attempt. I have been roving about a good deal lately. I worked with a party of Surveyors for some time and I also done some underground work. I have just come here from Kurnalpi way I saw Dave Toohey<sup>in</sup> Bulongabout a month ago he is working for the Queen Margaret G.M. Company he has been with them almost since he came to the country. He is looking fit and well. He told me he had not heard from the people for some time. It is not easy to get work on the mines now and there are a lot of out of works knocking about, and there is talk of lowering the wages. A miner's wages is £3.10. per week and surface men £3.0.0. at present. Those are Kalgoolie rates out back a little higher wages are paid. I am doing a bit of leader hunting at present. I have a mate - a young cousin Jack bloke - named Percy Gray he is a carpenter by trade. I always seem to drift back to these Hampton plains; yet I never got anything any good on them. I will anchor here for the winter and make myself as comfortable as I can. Give my love to all at home, just tell them I am coming home some day but not just yet you know.

With best wishes and brotherly regards for yourself and Mary Ann and tell your sons about the unky Tom that they have never seen and is gold digging in Westralia

Yours Fraternally

Thomas Carmody

Wollubai

Hampton Plains

W.A.

Teysville

April 2nd 1911

Dear James

Once again I elevate the pen-handle to send you tidings of my progress in the Golden West. I have blossomed out into a contractor since Xmas. I am preparing slimes for a cyanid plant. The slimes are broken and dried then mixed with sand; or rather I should say sand tailings. They are then put into 40 ton vats; and cyanide and costic soda solution filter through it for a week. At the bottom of the vats there is a cocoa-nut matting. This allows the solution to run through a tap and from there into a receptacle filled with zinc shaving. The cyanide dissolves the gold but the zinc precipitates it and the gold adheres to the zinc-shavings. They are taken out when they are loaded with gold, then roasted, smelted and refined; and, behold, you have a bar of gold. But, of course, I have nothing to do with all this. My job is to bhip slimes at per ton. It does not work out at anything flash - about 3 quid a week; and another couple of weeks the job will be finished.

It is very dry over here not enough rain since last August to boil a billy and we read about Bendigo with 10 inches in a few days. How are you going to vote on the 26th? I think most of the votes on the gold fields will be in the affirmative though a great many of them do not understand Section 51 or 51a or the referenda generally.

Easter approaches, it puts me in mind of old times when we had to repeat the Rosary. I thought it very tiresome to re-iterate the same prayers night after night and to be on a restricted dietary allowance all the time. I used to glad when Easter came, when one could eat when and what they liked without infringing Lentan pastorals or regulations.

Potatoes are very dear here now we have to pay £28 a ton. Owing to Irish blight the authorities prevent landing of spuds from Vic. and other infected parts. The local supply is small, hence the scarcity. Write soon again Jimmy old boy and remember me to Bridge and the bairns

Je suis mon frere, etc      Thos. Carmody

Kurnalpi Dec 1st 1915

Dear Sister

Your letter of recent date duly to hand. It is as usual a good letter with plenty of interesting reading matter- I hope you have a good harvest this year. I believe the grain crops are looking well over here. At any rate it is time food supplies got cheaper, fancy potatoes £40 a ton flour 4 a pound, those are Kurnalpi prices. Some say they are war prices some say any old excuse is good enough to put up prices. Our fellows got severe treatment from the Turk. Some one has bungled badly. It is a pity for our lads are game. It is a pity the English weren't trained men. They are not the Superior people they crack themselves up to be. The Boer war ought to have been a lesson to them. the English were not used to fighting white men for many years before the South African fracas. How this present war will end no one can tell just yet. I will go if they call on the old fellows to bear a hand or gun or something. We Australians are not doing badly in this war. We captured all their possessions hereabouts, and their Saney "Emden" with our Australian cruiser "Sydney" I hope at the next election you will barrack and vote for the Labor Party and remember but for the Labor Party we would have no fleet and no military training. The Fatman importers and Tories do not go to the front when war is on. They let the workers do all the fighting and the Fatman does the Hurrooing.

I would like to see you all at Christmas but "its a long long way to Runnymede Its a long way to go"

Wishing you a happy time of it. I'm well hoping you're the same

Thos Carmody

Kurnalpi

W.A.

Is Mercia a nice name? I think so - you will find the heroine in that Book and Drama the "Sign of the Cross" named Mercia - a beautiful character she is.

Kurnalpi

Aug 22nd 1917

Write soon Jo and send along one of your best  
I am not flattering you when I say you are a  
born letter writer Anyhow thats the way I view them Tom

Dear Sister

I am still at the above address and I am not making a fortune at the gold diggings. Kurnalpi field is a patch on nothing and I have made nothing these last 2 years but at this game one never knows ones luck. There are prizes and blanks. A fellow may blossom into a Carnegie but the odds are against him. The war is not finished yet. I think now our side will win. I can see signs of victory. Was it not sad about William Redmond M.P. .Isaw him speak at St. Killian's in Bendigo many years ago and I heard him at a Forresters meeting in Kalgoolie a few years ago.

Write again soon Jo and let me know all the news. I am enclosing a note for Jim please give it to him. It will save me writing another letter tonight. We are having a long cold winter - plenty frost; and snow not far away. Do you get the Advocate now I you could send one now & again I would like to renew acquaintance with it.

With brotherly regards to you and Mag.

Tom.

Kurnalpi

Nov. 1st 1917

Dear Sister

I thought you had gone on strike but I find our mails were hung up for a month in Melbourne owing to the cold-footers going on strike. I want you to explain one or two things in your letter. Who is Mary Toohey who is going to be married soon. There are so many of the name I do not know which branch of the Toohey family you mean. Anyway boggins of luck to her and the bloke. And another thing I don't understand - its about Harry he told me he stood on the bank an saw Bill Cunneen drown- was it a river, creek or dam that he stood on the bank of?- Why did he not go to Bill's assistance? He can swim I know. I asked him to make this clear but he did not answer my letter. So he has himself to blame if I have formed an opinion derogatory to his courage.

You have not told me about our brother Jack for a long while. What is he doing now and where is he living. Has he got all his businesses yet. Jack seems to have all the brains of the family. Send me his address, Jo, please He might want a Hotel Manager and my acquaintance with hotels is fairly extensive. The war in Europe looks as if it was going to last a long time yet. The Americans will be there in a few months time. They will alter things I think. I would be in the thick of it three years ago but they wont take old fellows or at least a very few of them. They must be strong healthy and have good teeth and no varicose veins.

Your "Advocate" and other papers have not come yet. We have a library here and we subscribe to the Kalgoorlie "Miner" (daily paper) Bulletin, Truth, Reynolds, Steads Magazine and World's News. - We get the Federal parliamentary debates sent free. So you see we are well off for papers. There is no church priest or parson here. I dont think there ever has been. There is boggins of them in Kalgoorlie 50 miles from here. I wont talk about gold I have not seen any for two years. Dad told me he got one thousand pounds worth of Gold in Bendigo the day I was born. I think he got the lot mine and his share.

Tom

Dad thought I would be lucky at gold-digging. So did I but I can't say that luck came my way - In fact I regard myself a Jonah at the game where it be there it be, and where it be there I ain't Say the Cousin Jack-me too. Remember me to M.A and Nora and Kate Tuohy and if ever I go to Bendigo I will come and board with them if I can find the place. Tom

Kanownd  
24 June 1919

Dear Miss Carmody

In reply to yours of the 11th Re the death of your Brother Thomas Carmody, which occurred on Friday Nov 11, about Iwoa, he was on the road to Kurnalpi, to have a look at his camp, when about 15 miles from Kanowna the wheel, of a spring cart, in which he was in with two Cable Boys, broke, he being on top of a load of chaff fell on his head on the Ground & broke his neck. The boys rode in on horse back to Kanownd for assistance on returning in motor to the spot. found Thomas dead he was taken to Kalgoorlie & buried. Tom had been staying with us for many years past, but of late he had not been well, troubled with a bad cold, he had a month "October" in a Kalgoorlie hospital & was feeling quite well when he went out We always found him a very nice steady fellow, we felt his death very much at the time Mrs Wyatt & self send our deepest sympathy to you for the loss of your dear Brother

I Remain Yours Sincerelly

W.A. Wyatt

Kanownd



GREAT STORM IN IRELAND

To the Editor of the "Advocate."

Sir,- I remember well Little Christmas Night when the "big wind" blew over in Ireland. I was ten years and one month old, and I went to a neighbour's house for refuge, as it was smaller and safer than our own. My father cut a fork for every rafter in the house, and laid them up carefully. The house is standing yet, in spite of the "Curse of Cromwell"-the landlords,- Yours, etc., THOMAS CARMODY.  
Mount Pleasant Creek, February 2nd.

TC  
Born: 19/11/1829  
Ages 10 years & 1 month  
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19/12/1839  
Reported as: 6-7/1/1839  
Carmody

The Elmore Standard, Saturday, March 13, 1920.

OBITUARY

BURNED TO DEATH

TRAGEDY AT CARGO

HOTELKEEPER AND HIS WIFE INCINERATED

We take the following report of the sad tragedy which affects so many respected district folks, relatives of the victims from the "Canowindra Star" -

The community of Canowindra was shocked on Saturday morning, Feb. 31, when the news came through that Mr. J. Carmody's Post Office Hotel at Cargo had been burned to the ground and Mr. and Mrs. Carmody incinerated in the ruins. At first there seemed to be a doubt as to whether they were in the building while it was burning, and the first report was that they were missing. This was corrected later on when a messenger arrived and told that the worst fears of their friends had been realised and the charred remains of the unfortunate victims were discovered in the cellar underneath the bar parlor. The hotel was one of those old wooden structures, built in the very early days of Cargo, and only needing a match and a fair wind to complete its destruction at any time. It appears that the family went to bed after seeing that everything was alright for the night, but in the morning at about 4 o'clock Mr. Carmody was awakened by a crackling of flames and rushed out of the room where he and Mrs. Carmody was sleeping, in order to find out what was taking place. Immediately he awakened the inmates of the hotel, amongst whom were his family of eight children. It is supposed that he carried some of them out to a place of safety and then rushed back for Mrs. Carmody, who was recovering from an illness. That was the last seen of either of them.

CHARRED REMAINS FOUND IN CELLAR

Willing hands were soon on the spot but little if anything could be done, as a strong wind was blowing at the time, and there was absolutely no conveniences for fire fighting. The destruction of the building was only a matter of minutes and the caving in of the roof seemed to bring the end with startling rapidity. Meanwhile the scene around the blazing building was pitiable in the extreme, one of the children rushing about the place calling for his parents. A search was made, but they could not be found and although no one would venture to say it, the general conclusion was that they had perished in the flames. When the fire subsided a further search was made in the smouldering ashes without avail. At a later hour the awful discovery was made of the charred remains of two people in the cellar.

HOW THEY MET THEIR DEATH

How the victims met their deaths will never be known, but there are various surmises. The general belief is that when Mr. Carmody rushed back to save his wife, both were overcome by the smoke, and either went down the cellar for safety, or else were standing on the floor above the cellar when it collapsed and precipitated them into the chamber below. The cash box was found close by, but the notes and cheques in it were burned and almost valueless.

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HOTELKEEPER AND HIS WIFE INCINERATED

Another theory is that one or both went in quest of the cash box, after seeing that the children were safe, and had not time to get out. Mr. Carmody banked with the Commercial Bank of this town at intervals, and the money was probably kept in a hiding place known to each of them.

Not a thing was saved, the whole of the furniture, including a new piano being reduced to ashes. There were insurances on the property and contents.

Mr. Carmody, who had nine children was known in Trundle and Orange as a hotelkeeper, in the latter place being in the Exchange Hotel. He came to Cargo from Baldey. Before taking to the hotel business he was a successful wheat-farmer in the Ardlethan district.

Mrs. Carmody only recently left " Grantharn " Hospital in this town, where she was seriously ill for some time.

Wide district sympathy is expressed for the orphaned children.

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The funeral of the late Mr. and Mrs. Carmody, victims of the recent fire at Cargo, took place in the R.C. portion of the Cargo Cemetery, the cortege being one of the largest seen in Cargo for some time, testifying to the popularity of the deceased couple. The bodies were enclosed in one coffin. The children of the Public School and Convent School marched in front of the hearse, followed by the Priest and Altar boys. The members of the Hiberian Society also marched. The scene at the graveside was most touching. Relatives at the graveside, in addition to all the children, included Mr. James Carmody, of Mt. Pleasant, a brother of Mr. Carmody and Miss Carmody also of Mt. Pleasant a sister of Mr. Carmody. Also at the graveside was Mr John Tohill, of Myola, brother to Mrs Carmody.

The sad affair has caused widespread sorrow in the Elmore district where Mr and Mrs Carmody were well known, and deep sympathy is tendered the bereaved relatives. The late Mrs Carmody's aged mother and brother, John, reside at Myola, and Mrs M. Ryan is a sister. The late Mr Carmody has brothers and sisters residing in the Elmore district.

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MRS. THOMAS CARMODY.

Our Toolleen correspondent writes:-

It is with inexpressible sorrow that I am this week compelled to record the death of one of the oldest and without doubt most highly esteemed residents of this district, in the person of Mrs. Carmody, whose long life of 74 years terminated at her residence, Mt. Pleasant Creek, on Thursday, the 12th inst. The deceased lady, who had always led a most active and vigorous life, commenced breaking up a few weeks ago, and with careful medical aid, accelerated by the attentive nursing and care lavished on her by a loving family, she was able to move about up to one week previous to her death, and retained her consciousness to the last, recognising and speaking to all the members of her family and some friends. The late Mrs. Carmody, was a native of Ennis, County Clare, Ireland and landed in Australia in 1854. After about five years, she married Mr. Thomas Carmody, and they settled in Bendigo for some time. About 40 years ago they proceeded to Mount Pleasant Creek and selected property, afterwards accumulating it by the purchase of large holdings, thereby completing the prosperous home they now have. The death of Mrs. Carmody has cast an intense gloom over the whole district, for she was well-known for many miles around, and "to know her was to love her." By her kind, cheery and charitable disposition, she acquired the love and respect of everyone who met her. Her purse was ever ready to relieve the needy, and every charitable appeal met her with the greatest confidence and none ever left her unrewarded. The funeral on Saturday last was sufficient evidence of the esteem in which she was held, being one of the largest that ever left Mount Pleasant Creek. About one hundred vehicles joined in the cortege to the Runnymede Cemetery, following the hearse and two mourning coaches. Her remains, which were enclosed in a magnificent oak casket, were borne to their last resting place on the shoulders of Messrs. P.J. Tuohey, C.P. Erwin, Thos. Kennedy, and P.T. McNamara, where the Rev. Father Ryan, of Elmore, read the burial service most impressively. Messrs. Fizelle and Mulqueen, of Bendigo, carried out the funeral arrangements. Universal sympathy is felt for the widower

MRS. THOMAS CARMODY

widower and family of four sons and five daughters, who are left to mourn the irreparable loss of a fond and loving wife and mother.

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The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Carmody, wife of Mr. Thomas Carmody, took place on Saturday to the Runnymede Cemetery. The cortege which moved from her late residence, Toolleen, was largely attended. A large collection of flowers was received from sympathising friends. The coffin was borne to the grave by Messrs. P. McNamara, T. Kennedy, C. Irvin, and P. Tuohey. The Rev. Father Ryan read the burial service. Messrs. Fizelle and Mulqueen conducted the mortuary arrangements. Deceased, who leaves four sons and five daughters to mourn their loss, was a native of County Clare, Ireland, and was a colonist for 56 years.

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A Fatal Accident.

A sad accident resulting in the death of Patrick Carmody, second eldest son of Mr. Thomas Carmody, of Mount Pleasant, occurred last Sunday morning. Four members of the family, Patrick, James, Johanna, and Kate, who had attended the service at St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church, Runnymede, were returning home in a buggy, and when near the Cemetery, some horsemen galloped past. The horse made a plunge, and Patrick, who was driving, tightened his rein, when one of the rings on the bit snapped. The horse then made off, and the brothers, seated in front, jumped out, Patrick being thrown to the ground, striking his head heavily. The girls remained seated. Others were returning on the same road, and brought the horse to a halt soon after, when the sisters jumped out, Johanna receiving nasty abrasions on the cheek and jaw. The horse got clear of the buggy, and galloped home. Patrick was bleeding freely from the head, and was in a semi-conscious condition. He was at once conveyed into the nearby O'Donnell's Hotel, The Rock of The case was pronounced a serious one, the base of the skull being badly fractured, and the loss of blood very great. He was removed to Mr. G. O'Donnell's where every attention was given the sufferer, but at about 7 o'clock he began to sink, and expired at 1:30 next morning in the presence of the family. The news of the sad fatality was received with profound regret, deceased always taking an active part in cricket, football and social events. He was in his 30th year, and was highly respected for his general demeanor, and much sympathy has been expressed for the parents and family in their bereavement. The funeral took place on Tuesday to the White Hills Cemetery, and was largely attended, the cortege consisting of about 70 vehicles and a number of horsemen. The Rev. Dr. Barry read the burial service.

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