

Letter from Margaret Byers to William Byers

### **Transcription**

[Undated - from approx 1886, perhaps December of 1885 or 1886 (ref. to cards)?]

14 Mountpelier Hill, Dublin

Dear Brother,

I take the pleasure in writing these few lines hoping they will find you and all the family in good health as it leaves me in at present and father is quite well. We are living in Dublin now. Joe is finished in Guinness factory but we expect [it] is closing very soon[\*]. The next move we will make will be to you. Joe could get a job in Leeds but I don't want to get another home furnished here. I want to settle down where you all are. We expect James home from America every day.

Dear Brother it would not be fair to ask you to help us over, if you had the money by you. But don't put yourself about for it. But we would soon pay you back as it is my own wish to go to you. Joe could get a place in farming and a good wage, but we have no friends there.

Roby [Robbie] is talking about his little cousins every day I must say they are all very nice looking.

Enclosed [for] you [are] Roby's card and Joe's. Give my best love to your wife and children and to all. No more at present.

Remains your truly sister Maggie Wright

Write as soon as you get this as we might not be long here.

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Notes:

\* In 1886 Edward Guinness sold 65% of the brewery business by a public offering on the London Stock Exchange for £6m.

Note reference to brother James being in USA.