

April

Dublin Harbor

- Tuesday 9 Fine with light Breeze from S.W. went to the outer harbor this morning with our Load of Wheat and unloaded it into a Blue anchor Steamer. Came back to the Glenville again after Dinner and lay alongside the wharf for the Night
- Wedn 10 Fine with light Breeze from the N.W. Went through the Glenville Bridge at 10 a.m. this morning and made fast alongside the Old Manor at Conspiration wharf and after Dinner too all Hands up the Caves office and paid them off. as the Crozdon will be laid up now for some time the Engineer & Self is not paid off yet
- Thurs 11 Fine with light Breeze from S.W. a message came to me this morning to go up to the Port office Mr. Alford wanted me with the News was to pay the Engineer & myself off. as there is a new law coming out now for Skippers to get 17 Pounds per month. I suppose it frightened him. anyway we were paid off 25.12 as we are finished with the Crozdon now.
- Friday 12 Fine with light Breeze from S.W. took some of my things away the Day will take the lot away tomorrow morning

Sat.

Sund

Mon

Tuesday

Wedn

- 13 Fine with light Breeze from S.W. got all my things away this morning from the Crozdon. Have them all at J. O. Donnell's.
- 14 Fine with moderate Breeze from S.W. went to Chapple with Tom O. Donnell this morning and in the evening went to the Semaphor until 5 P.M. then came back to O. Donnell's.
- 15 Fine with light Breeze from S.W. went up to Alberton this afternoon to Mr. John Specker. Just to see them as they were old friends from Port Pirie
- 16 Fine with moderate Breeze from the S.W. there was a few light showers in the afternoon. Went up to Adelaide this afternoon to the Ouept steamship office. and from there went to Parkside to see Mr. Hewitt. Came back to the Port soon after 6 P.M.
- 17 Fine with light Breeze from S.W. went up to Crozdon this morning to see the Fitzsimmons. Saw Jim Fitz at the Crossing. Stopped with him until 11 a.m. then went on to Bowden to his house and stopped there until 12.30 P.M. Went from there to Norwood to see the 2 Misses ~~Fitzsimmons~~ Fitzsimmons stopped with them until 4 P.M. then came down King William Street and met a few more friends until 5.30 P.M. when I left for the Port got home at 6 P.M.

Thurs

18 Fine with light Breeze from S.W.
had a stroll around the Port this afternoon
Saw the Captain of Ravenshall he has not
Got his crew yet Called at the German
Steam Ship office to see about the fares
Home in their Boats.

Frid

19 Cold & Cloudy with moderate Breeze
from S.W. Stopped in all day have a Bad
Cold

Satur

20 Cold with moderate Breeze from S.
Cold pretty bad yet inside all day

Sund

21 Fine with light Breeze from S.W. went
to 11 o'clock Church the day stopped in all
the afternoon Cold not much better

Mon

22 Cold dull & Cloudy all day with
moderate Breeze from the S.
Stopped in all day as Cold was not much better

Tuesday

23 Fine with light S.W. Breeze. There seems to
be good signs of Rain for the last few days.
My Cold is a little Bit better to day did not
Go out anywhere all day.

24 19

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18 4

May 17th 1912

Friday

17 Strong Breeze from N.W. until 4 P.M. when
it then Veered to the Westward and freshened
up a good bit Went to W.P. Cave & Co's office
in Glenville this morning to say Good by to
all the men then they came back to O'Donnells
and at 9.30 a.m. left Port Adelaide for outer
Harbor to join the S.S. Ontario bound for
London. The O'Donnells & Sheehy's went down
with me to see me off. Miss Fitzgerald came
down from Adelaide also to see me off.
We left the Outer Harbor at 1.15 P.M. Bound home
for London there is quite a number of Passengers
Bound for home while some more is Bound
for Western Australia I went
Had a fresh Breeze all night with good
Sea running.

Sat

18 Cold with fresh Squally weather and high
Sea. Distance run from 1 P.M. yesterday
until 1 P.M. to day 32.3 miles

Sun

19 Moderate Breeze from W. with fairly
smooth Sea. There was some Rain in the
early morning
improved in our running from yesterday from 333
to day the figures stands for 354 miles
Lat 24.19 S.

Long 12.39 The Ontario is a splendid sea Boat.
She travels along very steady in rolling track
Number miles traveled from
Port Adelaide up to noon to day

333
354
687

1919

May
Mond.

20 Fine with light N.W. Breeze. Sighted land of Western Australia at daylight this morning it looks Bold and Rocky along the Coast. but Deep water close in the run from here yesterday until noon today
Distance 363 miles
Lat 35. 10. S.
Lon 117. . E

Tuesd

21 Fine with light Breeze from W. Arrived in Fremantle Harbor at 8.30 a.m. a Good many Passengers got off here while a Good many more got on. Stopped in Fremantle until 5 p.m. when we left and soon the Land of Australia was out of sight had a Very Good Night's Steaming

Wed

22 ~~21~~ Fine with Moderate Breeze from S.S.W. with smooth Sea. Steaming the day up to 12 noon was ~~268~~
268 miles.
Lat 28. 46. S.
Lon 112. 16. E

Thurs

23 Fine with light N.W. Breeze. and smooth Sea
Lat 24. 12. S.
Long 107. 48. E
Distance run 368 miles

Frid

24 Fine with Very light Breeze from S.E. we are getting along Good.
to Days work in good
Lat 19. 36. S.
Long 103. 19. E.
Distance run 369 miles
Passed one of the steamers of the same line this Evening soon after dark she is outwards Bound to Australia

Satur

25 Warm with Very light Breeze from W.N.W.
Lat & Long for the day.
Lat
Long
Distance run

Sund

26 Warm the day again with Moderate Breeze from S.S.W.
Lat & Long for the day
Lat.
Long
Distance run

Mond

27 Warm with Very light Breeze from N.E. to Days Work. as follows.
Lat 5. 58. S.
Long 90. 41. E.
Distance run 364 miles.

Tuesd.

28 Fine with Moderate Breeze from W.N.W. mixed the Days work as Cannot write anything about it

wednesday

May 29

28 Ship's position

Lat. 1. 40 S.

Long 90. 30 E

Distance run 371 Miles

Thurs

30

Fine with light Breeze from N.N.W
Sighted the Land of the Island of Ceylon
Early this morning and at 10.30 a.m.
arrived in the Harbor of Colombo
The Chief town of Ceylon we had
to take in coal and water stopped 15 Hours
in the mean time most of the Passengers
Went ashore to have a look at the town
Parts of it is very pretty what some more parts
is very ugly & dirty. left again at 11.30 P.m.
on our next run to Sues. about 10 more days

Friday

31

Fine but pretty hot in the Night
Did not get the Ship Days work this day

Sat. June 1st

1st

Raining heavy until the afternoon.
when it then cleared up. it was nice and
cool at the afternoon on Deck.
The Ship work for the Day is as follows

Lat 8. 31 W.

Long 71. 13 E.

Distance run 335 Miles

1912

June 23rd

(from Australia)

23

Arrived in London at the Tilbury
Docks at 6 a.m. in the morning
Left London again at 8 P.m. for Holyhead
arrived Holyhead 2.30 a.m. Boarded the
Irish Steam Packet for Dublin arriving
there 6 a.m. Monday morning 24 June

Tues

24

Fine with light Southerly Breeze. arrived
in Dublin 6 a.m. this morning Spent all
Day walking around Dublin and seeing
what we could see. Saw the Phoenix Park
and gave the Park is good but I have
seen better ones

Wed

25

Fine with light Breeze from W.S.W
left Dublin at 9.15 a.m. this morning
for Limerick where I arrived 2.30 P.m.
was met at the Station by my Brother Michael
& his Daughter we first drove down to the Old
Town of Askeaton to try some of its Self-proclaimed
Whiskies and Stouts did not stop long. Came home
the Michael's Place got a good & very kind reception
later on in the evening went for a Drive to
Fannimore to see my Father and Sister
There was a little excitement there also on account
of the return of the Prodigal Son.
Came Back home to Ballycullen at 11 P.m.

Friday
July 12th 1912

Fine with light Breeze from S.W.
Maurice Connors and Self went
for a walk down the Marina went
to Tom Leamy and from there to old Mrs
Fitzgeralds and Jim Coagras then
took a walk down near the Turret
and back by the Wharf to 1 Dolls.
had a look at the old Lodge then came
across Poulwela saw the Ruins of
the old House I left when I went away
to Australia some 33 years ago
got Back to Tanamou at 6 P.M.

Saturday

13 Fine with light Breeze from S.W.
Maurice and myself went for a stroll
again to day. we went to have a look
at Depot Castle went right up to the
Top. and had a good look around.
But I am sorry to have to mention
the fact that some of the People seems to
have no regard for their ancient land
marks. as in many cases they knock away
parts of the Building for Buildings in the
Place a thing that should be stopped
Visited Barryons Blessed Well it is done
up splendid had a Drink of its water
and splendid water it is the Best I tasted
since I left Australia

Sun

14 Fine with Very light Breeze from W.S.W.
Walked to Chapple to Robertson to day with
my Sister Mrs Connors after Chapple we went
to Foyne to some Sports that was held there
there was 5 or 6 Bands there rattling out some good
Irish tunes there was some splendid singing
in Irish by the Foyne School children and
others also there was some lovely dancing
by the young people. there was an 8 hand reel and a 4
hand reel and several other reels besides.
Altogether it was a splendid days amusements
there was a few lectures given in Irish which was
Very Good Especially one given by a young man from
Tarbert in Kerry.

Mond.

15 Fine and Warm with light Breeze from the W. went
down to Poulwela this afternoon for some Mussels.
Got some right at the Hole. and after Tea my sister
and myself. Went in to see Mrs Maryann of the White
House they were all Glad to see me. stopped
until 9.30 P.M.

Tuesday

16 Warm with light Breeze from N.W.
My Sister & Self went over to Barry Cullen to day
to Brother Duchas Place to give him a hand
with his Day. he has got another Piece of Land
now onto close to his House some 11 acres and 11 acres
he had before so he has 22 acres now. Stopped until 5 P.M.
then Mrs Mick and her Daughter Drove us home.
to Tanamou and after we had Tea Mrs Connors
and myself Paid a Visit to Mrs Con Maryann of
Tanamou had a nice Evening there. until 8 P.M.

Ireland

Foramore

June.

Wednesday

17 Fine weather with light Breeze from N. went Down to Roubenella Bridge & myself for some Mussels. we Picked a Bucket full and had some of them for Tea they are good Eating after Tea we went out to my Cousins Place Mrs Nashs Stopped until 9.30 P.m.

Thursday

18 Fine with light Breeze from N.W. went Down to Ellen Conways this afternoon Mrs Connors went with me stopped until nearly 9 P.m then came home. Stopped for a while at Newls Cross looking on at a dance that was there on a platform made for the purpose.

Friday

19 Fine with light Breeze. from S.W. was home all Day until Evening then Bridge & myself went to Nashes for a while

Satur

20 Fine with light N.W. Breeze went over to Askeaton this Evening to Mick's Place Stopped there all Night as some of us is going to Kildimo tomorrow

Sund

21 Fine in the Morning but in the Afternoon it Commenced to Rain at 2.30 P.m and Rained all the rest of the Day & Night Mrs Mick & her Daughter Mary Gato and self went to Kildimo to day to a Mr. Mc Donnell's Place. we were in time for Church at Kildimo left Mc Donnell's at 6 P.m and got Back to Mick's Place at 8 P.m raining all the time

Monday

22 Raining again the day in the fore noon. but in the after noon it cleared up. Rice came home to Sanimore this after noon.

Tues

Tues

23 Pitting Rain all Day from S.E. and E. a lot of Rain has fallen now. went out to Nashes this Evening then Maggie Nash and Miss Nan Connors came home with us. had a few games of Cards before they went home.

Wednesday

24 Cool with moderate Breeze from S.W. all Day there was some light Shower in the Morning and also at Night at 9 P.m there was a good Shower. then Bridge & self went to the Askeaton Mission this Evening we first went to Brother Mick's Place and had some tea then went to the Mission.

Thursday

25 Fresh Breeze from South. the Rain seems to be all gone. for a time took a walk down to O. Dello this after noon had a long chat with Miss O'Dell. in her drawing room. left there about 5 P.m then came on as far as Conways and had tea there left there at 7 P.m for home

Friday

26 Cold Wet weather with moderate Breeze from S.W. went on a visit this Evening to Mr. P. Fitzsimmons Stopped there until 9 P.m himself and me went to school together we had a good many chats about old times long ago Spent a pleasant Evening there.

Sat 27 Rain again to Day with moderate Breeze from W.S.W. it was Raining nearly all Day. So could not go out anywhere save to Nashua in the Evening, for a short while.

Sund 28th Possibly fine there was some smart showers in the Early morning in the after noon also. Bridge & Self went to Church to Askeaton to Day and from there to Mick's Place until Evening when we went to Church again and then home to Sanimore Querry at 10 P.M.

Mon 29 Cold & Showery all Day with a half a gale Blowing from the W.S.W. There was some smart showers during the Day but in the Early morning it Rained very heavy.

Tuesday 30 Cold & Showery all Day with moderate Breeze from S.W. Went out to Nashua this Evening for a few hours Chatting.

Wed 31st Possibly fine with moderate Breeze from S.W. Went to where to day.

Thurs August 1st Fine with moderate Breeze from S.W.

Frid 2 Fine with light Breeze from S.W.

Sat 3 Fine with moderate Breeze from S.W.

Sun.

4 Fine in the fore noon with moderate Breeze from S.W. but at 4 P.M. in the after noon a very heavy Shower fell. It lasted for a half an hour.

There was Sports held in Askeaton to day. So I went to them. Bridge went with me as far as Mick's Place but she came home again from there and I went on to the sports. They were very good. Stopped at Brother Mick's for the Night.

Mon 5th Fine with light Breeze from S.E. went with Mick's Wife & Daughter to Rathkeale to Day. had a good Walk around Rathkeale but indeed I could not see any improvements in any part of the Town. in fact I think the most of the Town in Ireland is going behind instead of ahead. Left there at 5 P.M. and got home at 6.30 P.M.

Tues

6 Fine with light Breeze from S.W. left Mick at 8.0. this morning and went to Askeaton Station took the train from there for Adare took car from there to Croagh to see some friends. Some of O'Donnells & Hays they have a Brother in Australia Tom O'Donnell. Stopped at Mr. Sasse.

Wedn

7 Fine with light Breeze from S.W. young Mr. Sasse and Self went for a ride to Day on Bikes we left his House at 11.0. and rode towards Knockfearna Hill and on to the Town of Croom & from there to Patrick's Hill and from Patrick's Hill to Adare and home to Croagh arriving there at 4 P.M. after a good Day.

The Village of Croom is situated in a
 Pretty Place in a Hollow amongst splendred
 trees it seems to be a tiny little town
 it is Clean with nice Broad streets
 and whit, washed Houses.
 but Patrick's Well is the reverse way about.
 it seems to be going to decay there are several
 thatched Houses in the streets going to ruin
 but Sweet Adare is indeed Sweet and
 Lovely, a Very pretty place surrounded
 with ~~Real~~ Beautiful woods and some of the
 Largest Elm trees I have ever seen.
 There are also several old Ruins in & near the
 Town the Relics of Olden Day and the Glory and
 Splendour of the Noble Desmonds who ruled
 most of the County Limerick from Askeaton and
 Adare. But now the Ruling Power in Adare
 is Lord Dunraven. who owns most of Adare
 but a Very Good Man for the place

Thurs

8th Fine with light Breeze from W.S.W. went
 for a short walk from Hages to see a man named
 Connors who has a son in Australia and who is
 a friend of mine there. Saw his Father in his own
 House and a good house he has and a nice farm
 of Land. had a good long chat with old Mr.
 Connors until 6 P.M. when I said good bye to
 him and came Back again to Hages.

Friday

9th Cold & Showery nearly all day. with moderate Breeze
 from S.W. left Hages at 9.30 a.m. this morning
 to come home to Askeaton Miss Hages drove me
 in the Adare where I took train for Askeaton
 went from the Station to Mick's Place stopped there
 for a while and then came on home to Fannore.

Sat

10th Fine with light West S.W. wind left Fannore
 this afternoon for Brother Mick Place called at
 Askeaton first to get some papers stopped at
 Mick Place for the Night as we are to go to
 New Castle West tomorrow to some sports and
 also to see the Town

Sun

11th Fine with moderate Breeze from S.W. went
 to New Castle West. the day was in time for Church. and
 Afterwards had a walk around the Town and had
 the Good Fortune to meet a Cousin of mine named
 Denis Barry we happened to find out we were cousins
 in our conversation went to the Sports afterward
 they were Very Good. and they were held in a most lovely
 Place surrounded by Beautiful trees and a lovely
 Green Field there was a good Number of People there

Mon

12th Fine with moderate Breeze from W.N.W. left Home
 this morning at 10 a.m. in Company with Miss O'Connor
 Maryann on a Tour to the famous Shanid Castle
 We arrived there at 11.30 a.m. left our Bikes at a cottage
 at the foot of the Hill. and then commenced the stiff
 Climb up the steep Hillside to where the famous old
 Ruin stands overlooking the Quite little Town of
 Shanagolden. there is also a splendred View of the
 Noble Shannon with its Number of Islands

and Lighthouses in the Distance making a most lovely Picture for the Artists Brush. also the View from the Castle is Grand taking in all the Pasture and Meadow Land right around with plenty Hay Whins dotting all over the Place. and the whitethorn Hedges all around the Green little fields to give shelter from Sunburn to Rain to the Farmers Stock

Will my young friend & myself had a good look all around from the Top of a Portion of the Historic Old Castle and had our Luncheon while Imposing the Beauty of scene around us before leaving the Top of the old Ruin we Both inscribed our Names on the Stones as we saw other Names there before us some dating many years Back

We then came down from our high pinnacle and made a survey of the Base of the Great Mound of Earth & Stone on which the Castle stands on. and found it to measure 200 yards or 600 feet.

We then left it and went due East from the Castle about a 100 yards to an old Rath or forth also raised on a high mound or hill this forth seemed very Peculiar to other ~~forths~~ forths of the Country as it is surrounded with 3 more mounds & moats all round it and one thing which struck me as being remarkable was in the inner forth there is a cross ⊕ thus with mounds of Earth about 3 feet high but what this cross means I do not know only I understood from some reading that 4 warlike chieftains were buried there. at each corner of the cross. Will after seeing all we could see we then rode to a friend of mine named Raine had some Tea there and from there drove to Enniscorthy where we arrived at 6 P.M.

Will Pleased with our Days outing to Shamis Castle

Tuesday

13th Cold & Showery all Day with Strong Breeze from N.W. Could not go anywhere to day on account of the weather but in the evening I went to Marshes for a while

Wedn

14th Raining again to day with moderate Breeze from N.W. went to see Mrs. Maurice Conway this afternoon. Stopped chatting with her until 5 P.M.

Thurs.

15 Fine with moderate Breeze from S.W. there was a few light little Showers in the early Part of the Day but the afternoon came out nice and fine went to the Foynes Regatta to day Bridge also went with me the Sports were a bit dull as the tide was not answering early for the Sports Foynes is rather a pretty spot to spend a Holiday in as the View from Foynes Rock is very good with Foynes Island close to the Town looking like the Garden of Eden and the Noble Shannon is seen for a long Distance to the East & West with the lot of Clare Islands dotting here and there making a good Picture there is a splendid Celtic cross on the top of the Foynes Rock to the memory of Robert Spring Rice an ancestor to the present Lord Mountague it is a splendid Piece of work of 3 very large cut Stones forming the cross. it must have been a most difficult matter to get them up the hill side but anyway it is there and has weathered many a hard Gale sweeping around the Hill for many years

August,
Friday

16

Fine weather with moderate breeze from S.W. Wentt Castle hunting again to day in company with Miss Ellenor Mangon we went to Ballycullen Castle, this time it is on the Road to New Castle West. The Ground Floor is taken up as a stable for horses there is only the one room in it as the middle floor is knocked away. Yet there is a very good stair way up to the top, where we went and had our lunch. There is a very good view from the top of this old ancient stronghold of the Desmonds. A great part of the Shannon can be seen from the top. Shannad Castle can be seen from here also. The Castle at present is only composed of one square tower about 40 feet high and is built right in a hollow. in the midst of a lot of small little fields, walled in with clay banks and whitehorn hedges all looking very nice on a fine sunny day. as everything looks so fresh and green in this country after having a good rest. we rode from Ballycullen to another Castle named Ballyhook about a mile & a half further on. but this Castle we did not think it worth our while to enter or examine as it looks small and of no consequence. So we turned our faces homewards from there but when we came to Ballycullen cross we sheered off towards my Brother Michael's place and had a cup of tea there but did not stop long. then however we got home at 6 P.M. as fresh as a daisy after our ride had tea and then attended a Birth Day Party at Mr. Con Mangon's given in honor of his son Michael 7 years old to day. I 11 P.M. went from there to James Na she. to see his daughter Ellen or Miss Sheehan who has arrived from America.

Satur.

17.

Fine with light breeze from N.W. went to Mariner this afternoon with Miss Mangon & Miss Fitzgerald. Had a very pleasant afternoon down around the old Terrace at the end of Madam Prose's Velvet Walk as it was then called in the days of old when everything else was in its glory around Mount Pleasant and the Rich Madam Prose lived in the Great House now owned and occupied by Messrs O'Dell's Brothers & Sisters. It is 35 years since I saw it last and the place looks much changed since then. It makes one feel and think of the days & the times that are gone when they view all the old places of their childhood when many happy days were spent in felicity & merriment.

Sun.

18th

Rainy at intervals all day. The wind was light and from the S.W. Went to Brother Mick's Place to day and then went from there with Mick's Wife & Daughters to Ballysteen near Beh Castle on a visit to people named Shaughnessy after we had a light luncheon the 2 Misses Shaughnessy and my niece Mary Kate went to have a look at Beh Castle. This indeed is a great old pile of ancient glory but still in a fairly good state of preservation there is a lower and upper chamber in this old castle. The lower or ground floor one is in good order as also is the middle or upper one. There is also 2 more arched chambers at the back with the doors facing the south. all this old pile of buildings is seen from a long distance west of the Shannon at one time there was coast guards stationed there but they are all gone now and a good many of the houses is falling to decay. There is quite a street of houses outside the

Coast yard and this street is about the roughest
I have ever seen in any part of the world. it is
one massive rock or flag the full length of the
street with no rubble or covering of any sort
over it it is also rough and uneven and not
a very safe place to walk on on a dark night
especially if one was in a hurry
There is also a very good and solid stone quay
for small size vessels quite close to the castle
but also like many other parts of Ireland it is
now of little use. save for a few turf boats
once in a while, like the castle its days of
business and glory is gone. the Shannon
here is narrow I think about 3 miles wide
the nearest islands here also is a number of
islands dotting the smooth surface of the lovely
Shannon and seen to advantage on a fine
sunshiny day. but unfortunately we did not
have much sunshine while gazing on the scene
we had rain instead for nearly an hour while
visiting the old castle. However we were satisfied
with our visit and came back to Shanaghnessy
quite cheerful and in a good mood for dinner
which we partook at 2 P.M. and afterwards the 3
girls & self went for a short drive of 2 miles to
an old friends place which I knew before I went
to Australia (her name then was Miss Ann Shea
but now she is Mrs. Shesky.) we stopped there for
about an hour & a half had a dance in the mean time
while there. we then left and drove back again
and meeting Mary Kates mother on the road out
of all patience waiting for us. so we said good
bye to the Shanaghnessys and drove on home in peevish rain

August

Monday

19

Fine weather to day with a very light breeze from
N.W. went for a trip to sea to day with Miss Ellenor
Mangan in Captain Connors tidy and trim little
vessel the Black Swan bound from Poulawella
to Foynes we had a splendid passage around Cape
Aughrinish the sea was quite smooth the breeze
died off soon after rounding the Cape but we had
a strong ebb tide under our lee. which took us along
fairly well until we picked up the breeze again as we
entered the Derrish Straits then we were not long
until we got alongside the splendid Reg of Foynes
My friends & self then came ashore and had a
good walk around the town and as my friend
Miss Ellenor had to go to her music lessons I took
the opportunity of taking a good walk to the westward (and
along the splendid and shady road towards Mountmuck
had a good look around that most beautiful spot
and took my time in admiring this lovely scenery
and in the meantime while doing so I had the very
great pleasure of helping myself to some very delicious
Black berries the first I have tasted for 34 years I quite
enjoyed them. walked back again pleased with my
quite stroll and then met the 2 Misses Fittymore
and my young friend Miss Ellenor all ready to go home
in a grand turnout via a big sort of Box trap
with a small running donkey in the shafts Miss
Ellenor was coachman with a nice whip in the shape of
a Bipo stick something like a Brown handle. I think
it must be the fear of this so called whip that kept the
poor donkey going so well as we got home in real
good time to Shanaghnessy at 6.30 P.M.
Miss Rebecca O'Dell called here this evening
to see me and brought me some apples

Tues 20th Fine with moderate Breeze from S.W. was giving
My Father a hand Reaping in his Garden this forenoon
and in the afternoon went to Barrigone Hill P.O. with
3 News papers to Post. Then came along the Newlin road
to where Mount Pleasant School House once stood
and where I received a good Part of my Education
there is nothing of it now to be seen save a few feet
of the Wall all the rest is green grass. Even the nice
Groves at the Back and around where it stood is
all gone leaving the place look dreary & lonesome
looking that was all owing to the greed of the Landlord
Mr. Charles Sands who got all the timber cut down
and turned it into money and never minded
how the locality looked afterwards well it brought
up many Past & gone Memories to my mind while looking
around the old Place. well as there was nothing of
any interest to detain me I left it as it was in peace
and came away rather disappointed with the
Loneliness of the once happy & lively spot.
Shaped a course then for the old avenue leading
down to O'Dells. but did not go right down
to the end Stopped at the Bend of the Road
and went in to Mr. Conways for a while met
Mr. Sam. Doube there and had a few jokes
he was a yank while I claim Australian
as my adopted home. well all things must
come to an end so we ended our jokes
and both of us took our separate Roads
he to O'Dells & I to Sanamore in time for Tea

Wed 21st Showery all the afternoon there was a light
Breeze from W.S.W. went for a Spin this
afternoon towards Wallaces Railway Bridge
and up by the old Police Barrack near Barrigone
turned around there and shaped a course
for Askeaton to Brother Michaels Place
Did not stop long there as it was rather late
Came right home again but got my papers
first at Mr. Collins Mr. Connors was
here when I came in he wished to see me
re his 2 Daughters going out with me to Australia
and soon after 2 Miss Maryams called in
so we spent a pleasant hour chatting on the
merits of the weather and other subjects.

Thurs 22 Raining all Day there was a light Breeze
from W.S.W. cannot write much reports to day
as I went to where and no one came here
Saw Michael Maryam he stopped for a
good spell. our subject being principally
on Race Horses

Friday 23 Raining all Day there was a light Breeze
from the S.W. went up to Barrigone Hill P.O.
met Thomas Mulcare there had a long yarn
with him until about 2 P.M. then left and rode
to Conways & from there to O'Dells
Saw Miss Rebecca and had a good long
talk with her of times gone by before I went away
to Australia she remembered well the look
me in to the Kitchen Garden and gave me some fresh
apples left them at 6 P.M. and came home

Sat

24 Fine but very dull & cloudy with scarcely and wind went up to Dysart Castle this afternoon Miss Ellen or Mangan went with me we examined the Castle and grounds outside it has been a big place at one time in the Grand old times of the Noble Desmonds but now alas there is not much thought of it but still the memory of them that Built it Remain as well it should.

Sund

25 Fine with light Breeze from S.W. went to Portoburn to Day with Bridget Carr home again and in the afternoon went down around Dear old Poulawela in company with Miss Ellen & Matilda Mangan and Miss Fitzgerald had a good look at all the old places where I spent my Boyhood Days. And like all the things there are many changes since I left it as there is not a trace of the House I left when I first went to Australia there is just a little mound where the walls once stood the whole place has a look of wildness about it

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26 Fine with very light Breeze from W.S.W. went to Glin to Day in company with Miss Bridget Fitzgerald of Dysart we rode on our Bikes but the Road was pretty wet going but on coming home they were much dryer went down to the Glin Pier Head and had a good look at it as I took some stones to that Pier some 35 years ago from Foyres in the good old Shamrock there don't seem to be much trade there for such a fine Pier

Tuesd

27 Fine with light Breeze from N.W. went for a short tour to day again with Miss Maryan we went through Barrigone and up near Inulock then turned of Eastwards Towards Curlew Hill a famous old place at one time, we went right to the top there is the Remains of an old Rath or forth on the top the lower Portions of the old walls we could make out and they seemed pretty stiff at one time as they are 8 feet thick but there is no sign of any moats in the Building of course the old wall is nearly level to the ground but yet the foundations of the wall can be made out I believe there is a great history attached to that Fort and Hill I know one thing and that is my own Father held some land right on the side of the Hill and lived at the South side of it just at the foot but that was long before my time however I am pleased to say I stood on top of that ancient old Ruin and had a good look around the District from it after taking in all the scenery and the Grand View around we then came down the Hill side and paid a visit to Mrs. Enright's close by had some tea there and as Mrs. Enright was not at home we did not stop very long we then said Good by to our kind friend and paid another visit to another old friend Mrs. Walsh (or at one time Mary Henry) Just close to Enright's we did not stop long there as we had to make another call at my Brother's Place here we did not stop long either as it was getting late however we got home at 7 P.M.

Wed 25th Moderate weather with wind from S.S.W. towards noon Rain fell so that defined me of going out anywhere

Thurs 26th Wet again the day with lively Breeze from S.W. a prisoner again the day weather too Bad to go out.

Frid 27th Moderate weather the day with wind from W.S.W. Ellen Mangans and Violet Fitzsimmons and self went for a spin on our Bikes this afternoon we first rode in to the Town of Askeaton but did not stop long there our first Port of Call was Brothers Michael's Place where we brought for an hour or so while we had some tea and at the same time give Mary Kate a few lessons on the Bike but that proved of no avail as she could not make her head way in that direction.

after leaving there we then shaped a course for the fertile Hills of Craggs. (Fertile I mean in stones and old ruins but not in Grass or water however as the weather was moist and cool we did not require either the Grass or the water. Still one is tempted to long for a drink when they pass the place where the water is as it happened with my 2 young friends when they were passing a pump on the Craggs Road side they went to get a drink thinking it would be better than any where else this surprise when they went to Pump a drink

The well itself was in want of a drink glass there was no water well as they were not too bad they did not mind and so we jogged on further until we reached the highest Point or Craggs on which the Remains of a Haunted House stands to see this Haunted House our main object was in coming to the rugged Hills of Craggs well the old walls still stands but we did not see much Haunts about it and indeed there is nothing rather in or around the place to attract the notice of a traveler or even of the Poor Ghost that is supposed to Haunt it well we did not stop long admiring the beauty of the white old Craggs but turned our faces Homewards when we arrived at 6 P.M. well satisfied with our day's outing

Saturday

31st Fine for a wonder with light Breeze from W. went to Shanagolden Town to Day and also to see my Aunt Mrs O'Donnell left there at 5 P.M. and got Home again at 5.30 P.M.

Sund Sept 1st

1st Rain Rain again the day with wind from S.S.E. - Went to Askeaton this morning as I was going to go to Ballysteane with Mr. Mick and Mary Kate but the Rain put us off that journey so they drove Mr. Parnes again in the afternoon when the Rain cleared off

September (1912)

Monday 2. Moderate Breeze from S.W. with some Rain
Went to where to. Day. So cannot write much

Tuesday 3. Strong Breeze from W.E.S. with some Rain
Squalls in the afternoon went off Castle hunting
to Day again in Company with Miss Ellenor Morgan
& Miss Violet Fitzsimmons this time we turned our
Wheels towards Toundela Castle another
Famous old Ruin, another of the Great Desmonds
Halls of Jovility and splendour this Castle has
two floors upper & Ground floor the Ground floor
has 2 Chambers divided by 4 beautiful arches
built with splendid Cut stone and well finished off
leaving windows or loop holes to the North & South
and one facing the E. While at the West End there is
one long narrow Chamber the whole wealth of the Castle
what perhaps was used at one time as kitchen
or cooking Chamber, that has one door facing the
North. it would seem as if the occupants of the
Castle at the time of its Glory were always in the
Look out for their foes from the South & East.
as all their Windows Point in them Directions.
The upper floor is not much to look at as whatever
fancy Cut Stone work ^{there is} seemed to be mostly damaged
not by the Hand of time, but by the Ruthless Hand
of Man. and more shame to them for so doing
as any Irish Man with any spirit of his Country
should respect and Venerate all the old Ancient
Land Marks of Ireland's Ancient Glory
but I find such is not the case in Ireland to Day
and being an Irish Man myself it grieves me much
to have to write such words as to their Disloyalty to
their Country's Glorious Land & Marks

Wed.

4. Strong Breeze all Day from S.S.W. with the usual
amount of Rain squalls was on the Deck list
to Day so there is not much ink spilled.

Thurs

5. Fine weather to Day with strong Breeze from
S.W. Went to Mr. Dan Conways this afternoon
and met Mr. Sam Doube there had a few good
jokes with him re both of our travels did not stop
late but came home again

Friday

6. Fine with fresh Breeze from W.S.W.
Went for a good spin again to Day in
Company with Miss Ellenor Morgan & Miss
Violet Fitzsimmons this time we shaped
our course through Ballyclough but before
going so far we call in to Ballinacorney
to see the Remains of the Old House where
I first saw the light of Day. but there is
not much of the old place remaining now
save a portion of the old walls. nearly covered
with green Ivy as there was not much there
to interest us we bid good by to the old spot
but before doing so I plucked a Bunch of
the native Shamrock from the floor of that
ancient Ruin as a memento of the place
and will carry it back with me to the Fair and
Sunny Lands of South Australia
our next Port of Call was Crees Cross
where we brought up for refreshments as one
of my Companions was trying to lay behind
for want of inner support here at this little
Place I was treated

1912

November

Monday Nov 4th Left Dear old Farnham this morning for Dublin on my way out to South Australia. My Brother's wife and Daughter drove me to Askeaton Station took the train at 2 P.M. My Father took my things to the Station for me, and then indeed I bid him a long farewell and he then went home arrived in Dublin 7 P.M. and went to the Essex Hotel and had supper was tired and turned in to Bed early.

Tues 5th | Walking around Dublin all day went to Tod Buens & Co Big shop to see my Cousin John O'Donnell. had a chat with him for a while and then went off on my own account.

Wed 6th | Mrs John O'Donnell came to the Essex Hotel for me at 10 A.M. and then her and me went to see all the sights of Dublin first we went to Guinness & Great Brewery was shown all over it and a wonderful Place it is as everything is up to date in machinery and otherwise from there we went to Glass Neven to see the O'Connell's tomb & Monument laid my hand on his Coffin saw Parnell's Grave also from there we went to Stephens Green that is also a nice Place but as I had more places to see I could not stop long so from there we went to Dublin Castle and from there to the famous Phoenix Park finishing up just at Dark went to the train in the evening to meet Miss Madigan and took her to the Essex Hotel.

Thurs 7th left Dublin and Ireland Perhaps for ever at 9 A.M. this morning in the Steamer Linnet for Holyhead arrived in Holyhead at 12 noon then took train for London where we arrived at 6 P.M. after a long run through Wales & England. left our luggage at St Pancras Station and went to a private Hotel in Belgrave Street for the Night 2/- Per Head

Friday 8th left St Pancras Station at 9 A.M. and arrived at Tilbury Docks at 10 A.M. went on Board the R.M.S. Ontario of the Orient Line Bound out for Adelaide, S. A. left the Dock at 1 P.M. in good weather and smooth water there is a Bay Crowded of Passengers going out.

Sat 9th fine weather and smooth sea. Passed several Steamers going & coming up and down the Thames

Sund 10th fine weather and smooth sea. Plenty steamers around the day again

Mon 11 fine with smooth sea. off the Portuguese Coast this morning in sight of Land nearly at Day. at 1 P.M. could see King Emmanuel's Castle on a high Part of the ~~town~~ Coast also saw the Town from whence he fled from when he left Portugal 2 years ago - it is now a Republic

Nov.
Dec 12.] Fine weather with light Breeze from W.S.W.
all Passengers Happy and Contented
Gibraltar & day 4 hours stop

Wed 13th] Fine weather with light Breeze. all day

Thurs 14] Fine weather with light Breeze arrived
at ~~Gibraltar~~ ^{Sardinia} at 1 P.M. and stopped until
6 P.M. a good Number of Passengers went
ashore to see the town

Frid 15th Blowing Hard all day Ship rolling a good
bit all Night Very few Passengers for
Breakfast this morning a good Number
Sea Sick Passed the Islands of Corsica
& Sardinia at 1 P.M.

Sat 16th Fine with light P.S.W. Breeze arrived
at Naples (Italy) at 6 A.M. took in coal and
other Merchandise left again at 3.30 P.M.
for Toronto another Port in Italy

Sund 17th Fine all day with smooth sea. arrived
at Toronto at 6 P.M. the toll in the mails
the Night was beautiful & fine views of the
Passengers went ashore for a while

Mon 18th Much dirty looking weather the day it has been
raining nearly all the fore noon but the
sea is smooth. left Toronto at 4 A.M.
this morning for Port Said
in Egypt.

Tuesday 19th Fine with moderate Breeze everything all right
on Board Passengers all happy with the prospect
of a few hours on shore at Port Said

Wed 20th Fine clear sunshiny weather with very little wind
arrived at Port Said (Egypt) at 2 P.M. this afternoon
and took a quantity of coal for the bunkers
a good few of the Passengers went ashore
until 4 P.M. we left again at 5 P.M. to go through
the Canal. The Night was calm & clear moonlight
it takes 12 hours to steam through 88 miles

Thursday 21st Warm the day. yet there was a nice little Breeze
from the Southward came out of the Canal
at 6 A.M. this morning and steamed down the Gulf of
Suez towards the Red Sea at Both Sides that is
Arabia & Africa there is nothing to be seen but
high mountain peaks without any signs of vegetation
of any sort not even a Bush is to be seen.

Sat Nov 30th Showery in the morning with moderate
Breeze arrived in Colombo Harbor
at noon the day left again at 12 midnight
for Fremantle W.A.

Mon Dec 2nd 1912
crossed at noon the day weather
warm and not much wind.