

Reverend John Hume Townsend [635]

**John Hume (right) with his son Aubrey Lewis Hume Townsend [652] and
grandson John Patrick Townsend [656]**



**Transcript of a letter from Edward Hume Townsend [626] John Townsend [622]
concerning Dora's poor health**

May 6. 1873.
Clonakilty,

Cuilnaconartha,

My dear John,

I forward the usual insurances receipt received from F.Gahan for you & Aubrey's inspection, to be returned at your convenience. - We are in some anxiety about John Hume's ([635]) wife, who is I fear in bad health; they are on the way to - if not arrived at the Cumberland Lakes - where Dora's parents at present are. I believe that they will consult some London Physician before they return: our Susy is in her usual state; her late doctor at Blarney, councelled her to take perfect rest -: she therefore takes no exercise - and I fear, under such a regimen has small chance of regaining health. We have some thoughts of taking her somewhere for remedial advice in the summer, but her feebleness makes it an anxious question how this can be performed. - These matters keep my poor wife in an anxious nervous state, I feel therefore for both Mother & daughter, it is necessary that something should be done as soon as it can be accomplished. Such is the state of matters in our small family.
.....Farewell my dear John: much love from Susan & myself to dear Minnie,

Aubrey & your young people: believe me always affectionately yours

E.H.Townsend.

The papers may have informed you of the sudden death of Major Townsend (*[6B04]*), son of the late Horace T. (*[6B01]*) of Woodside: it was caused I believe by a fit, & was awfully sudden; no one was with him when he died: he leaves a widow, & I believe 3 young Children.