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Percy Fitzgerald of Fane Valley Papers, 1824 – 1912

Repository Code:	IE LHA
Collection Reference Code:	PP00052/
Title:	Percy Fitzgerald of Fane Valley Papers
Dates:	1824 – 1912
Level of Description:	Fonds
Extent:	2 folders containing 19 items
Name of Creator(s):	Percy Fitzgerald
Admin/Biographical History:	<p>Percy Hetherington Fitzgerald was born in 1834 at Fane Valley county Louth. He was educated at Stonyhurst College, England and Trinity College Dublin. Qualified as a lawyer, he spent some time working as a crown prosecutor on the north eastern circuit. He then moved to London before beginning to write professionally. In his early days as a writer in the 1850s, Fitzgerald supplied articles to Charles Dickens' magazine, <i>Household Words</i>, and became a good friend of Dickens. He later became a drama critic for the <i>Sunday Observer</i> and the <i>Whitehall Review</i>. He is reputed to have written two hundred works of fiction and history of the theatre as well as several plays (some printed). His series of biographies include '<i>Henry Irving: A Record of Twenty Years at the Lyceum</i>' (1893). Some of his novels include: <i>Beauty Talbot</i>, <i>The Dear Girl</i>, <i>Bella Donna</i>, and <i>Diana Jay</i>. Fitzgerald was also responsible for a statue of Samuel Johnson on the Strand, a bust of Dickens at Bath, and Boswell's statue at Lichfield. He died in 1925 and is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin.</p>
Archival History:	<p>This collection was deposited by the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society in May 2001.</p>
Scope and Content:	<p>This collection contains a small number of personal papers of Percy Fitzgerald and a small quantity of items relating to the Fitzgerald estate at Fane Valley county Louth. The personal papers include a letter from picture cleaners, a schedule of furniture and other items in Fane Valley Mansion house and a copy of Fitzgerald's will. The estate papers include copy deeds, details of rent, notice to tenants, draft copy of case for counsel, a valuation book for the estate and sketch maps of the estate, details of agreements and leases from 1823 – 1887 and a sketch of ground floor plans of the house.</p>
Subject index:	<p>Townlands: Allardstown; Donaghmore; Dunbin; Dunmahon; Fane Valley; Haynestown; Termonfeckin; Walterstown; oil paintings</p>
Appraisal & Destruction:	<p>Retain permanently</p>
Accruals:	<p>No further accruals are currently expected.</p>

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System of Arrangement: The collection is divided into two sub-collections: personal papers and estate papers and within these are generally arranged in chronological order.

Conditions of Access: Open Access, by appointment

Conditions Governing

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Language/Script of Material: English

Physical Characteristics: Paper. Good condition. Maps in PP00052/008/ are fragile and should only be handled by the archivist.

Technical Requirements: Careful handling required

Finding Aids: Descriptive list can be found on on-line catalogue available at <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

Existence & Location of Originals: Louth County Archives Service and held privately

Existence & Location of Copies: Some digitised documents may occasionally be found on <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

Related Material:

Louth County Archives Service: IE LHA PP0001/ Filgate of Lisrenny Papers, 1757 – 1964

Louth County Archives Service: IE LHA PP0049/ Phillips of Belcotton papers, 1789, 1817

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Descriptive List

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**PP00052/001/
Personal papers
1898 – 1912
Level: sub-fonds
3 items**

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Letter from John Nairn and son, picture cleaners and restorers, Dublin, to Joseph Randal Donaldson, solicitor, enclosing a list of the oil paintings of Percy Fitzgerald, Fane Mansion, county Louth. List details the condition, type, and specific treatments required for restoration of the paintings as well as the associated costs.

29 Aug 1898

Level: item

10pp

PP00052/001/002

Schedule and five copies of the furniture, pictures, statutory and other household effects of Percy Fitzgerald's Fane Valley Mansion house. Includes a list of pictures and paintings such as 'Portrait of Thomas Fitzgerald MP' by Campenelli, 'Holy Family' by Pietro Perugino, 'Christ and the woman of Samaria' by Sebastiano, 'Portrait' (Mrs Fitzgerald) by Struckling, 'Landscape' by Pynacher, 'Leo XI' (as Cardinal) by Julius Romanus, 'Return of the Prodigal son' by Guercino, 'Minstrels' (a man playing a violin with bag pipes) by Ostade, 'Descent from the Cross' by Branwer, 'Dutch interior' (Boors carousing) by Titian, 'Landscape' by Ruysdale, 'Dutch interior of a cottage' by Van Wyche, 'Portrait' (Mr Thomas Barry), 'Boor Smoking' by Kalf, 'Jewish Rabbi', 'Landscape', 'Portrait' (blind man) by Opie, 'Landscape' by Zucherelli, 'Dead Game', 'Landscape' by Van Nuden, 'Dutch Canal' by Stork, 'Landscape' by Wyants, 'Spanish Fair' by Rocher, 'The Astronmer' by Koestrall, 'Yarmouth Harbour' by Wright, 'Stag Hunt' by Van Breughen, 'Holy Family' by Bellino, 'Landscape' by Ghisolphi, 'Gate of Saint Peters' by Campenelli, 'Landscape' by Poussin, 'Female Head' (Fornarina) by Raffaella, 'Hawking Party' by Wouvermann, 'Boys and Butterfly' by Ian Miel, 'Portrait of Thomas Fitzgerald MP, 1834', 'The Cheviot Hills' by N Scrope, 'Boulogne' by Kendrick, 'Landscape', 6 landscapes from Demerara, and a picture in raised work. Also includes list of other house hold effects such as bronze, ornaments, and furniture. Other copies include hand written notes and annotations.

ca 1900

Level: item

5pp

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Draft copy of will of Percy Fitzgerald, 37 Saint Georges road, London. Fitzgerald appoints Joseph Randal Donaldson, solicitor as trustee of his estate. He requests that his personal estate not disposed of be sold in the court of the Irish Land Commission. He bequeaths to Lady Blanche A Ross the sum of £1500; to Joseph

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Randal Donaldson the sum of £600; and Fanny Hester the sum of £400. He also bequeaths monies to Margaret O'Brien, Mabel Worms, Margaret Innigan, Francis McEnteggart, Madame Boer, Fritz Roselieb Clapham, Mrs Pennington Pickford, Marcus Stone, and Miss Georgina Hogarth. He bequeaths manuscripts of note to the British Museum or any other institution.

1912

Level: item

12pp

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Estate papers

1823 – 1899

Level: sub-fonds

16 items

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Two draft copy deeds of an indenture between Edward Henry Byrne, Dublin, and Thomas Fitzgerald, Fane Valley, county Louth for the lease and release of the lands of Allardstown containing 104 acres and 1 rood, Allardstown west division containing 45 acres and 3 roods to hold for the lives of three persons for a yearly rent of £400.

31 Mar 1824

Level: item

5pp

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Details of rent and rent charges of the Fane Valley estate. Includes monies levied against Mathew Fortescue, Mervyn Pratt, Richard Byrne, John [Fee?], Richard Bolton, Owen McKenna and Robert Haig. Reverse contains a letter from Fitzgerald to his solicitor regarding fees to be paid to Mr Denvir. Includes copy of same (5pp).

Ca 1841-1861

Level: item

4pp

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Details of rental income of tenants for Fane Valley Demesne. Includes name of tenant and monies to be paid. Reverse contains blueprints of Springfield Mills, Sandiacre.

Ca 1851- 1861

Level: item

2pp

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Notice to tenants from the Landed Estates Court in the matter of the estate of John Byrne concerning Allardstown west division containing 199 acres and 30 perches, part of Terpot, Waterstown, and Allardstown east division. Includes tenants name, yearly rent, quantity statute measure and details of lease of tenants concerned.

29 Apr 1864

Level: item

1p & 1f

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Rental details of the estate of Percy Fitzgerald for Donaghmore, Dunmahon, Termonfeckin and Fane Valley. Includes name of tenant, and half yearly rent. Also includes account details of rental income.

Nov 1877

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5pp

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Lease and copy lease of indenture made between Percy Fitzgerald, 37 Saint Georges road, Eccleston square, London and George Burn [Byrne?], Roach cottage, Dundalk. Indenture grants part of the lands known as Allardstown containing 94 acres, 2 roods and 35 perches to Burn for the term of 21 years for the sum of £200 per year. Terms and conditions include restriction to building on said lands, and planting conditions. Signed and sealed and witnessed by Geraldine Fitzgerald, Maria Fitzgerald and Edward Comerford, solicitor.
13 Dec 1880

Level: item
9pp lease is 18pp

PP00052/002/007

Draft copy of case for counsel on behalf of Percy Fitzgerald. Details to counsel concerning agreements and leases made between 1823 and 1887 affecting leases made with George Burn and Owen McKenna, for lands in Allardstown. Signed by Randal Donaldson, solicitor. Written on reverse are details of an indenture that is unconnected with the case for counsel. Reverse document is in the matter of the petition of Samuel Bradford and William McCulloch. Cross reference PP00052/002/009.

21 Jan 1888 [1823-1887]

Level: item
14pp

PP00052/002/008

Valuation book for the estate of Percy Fitzgerald, Fane Mansion, county Louth. Contains details of townlands, Donaghmore, Allardstown, Haynestown, Dunbin, Walterstown Dunmahon, and Termonfeckin, including columns titled reference to map, (maps included) name of occupier and immediate lessor, description of tenement, area, land value, buildings value, railway, fisheries tolls, total value and column for observations to be recorded.

Ca 1899

Level: series
19ff and 6 maps

Note: maps are in poor condition and should only be handled by the archivist

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10 x 16 cm sketch map with fleur de lis containing the lands of L Mullin, Patrick King, Thomas Daly, Jason Moore, Michael Moore, James Moore, John Dolan, Thomas Corrigan, and John Legett in Termonfeckin. Scale is 6 inches to one statute mile.

No date
Level: item
1 item

PP00052/002/008/002

20 x 17 cm sketch map with fleur de lis of Dunmahon bordered by Haynestown, Gibstown, Cavan, Newtownfane, and Rossmakay. Contains the lands of James Murphy, John Brennan, McGarland, Lace Neacy, M&B Morgan, F Connan, Mary Malone, Jason Smyth, Reverend F H Kinch, Peter Hughes, and Doctor Mclvor. No scale.

No date
Level: item
1 item

PP00052/002/008/003

20 x 17 cm sketch map with fleur de lis of Allardstown [Allardstown?] bordered by Killincoole, Grange and Walterstown. Contains the lands of George Burn, Mathew Curtis, Thomas Curtis, William Kerr, Nicholas Garttan, Owen McKenna, Mary Kerr, P Fee, and Mrs Jones. No scale.

No date
Level: item
1 item

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15 x 13cm sketch map with fleur de lis. Containing a road and outline of settlements and the lands of Thomas O'Hare, Patrick Cunningham, and Thomas Mulholland. No scale.

No date

Level: item

1 item

PP00052/002/008/005

19.5 x 25cm sketch map with fleur de lis of Donaghmore bordered by Thomastown, Littlemill, Lisnawilly, Mounthamilton, Rath, Acarreagh, and Kilcurley. Contains an outline of plots of land and settlement. Scale is 6 inches to one statute mile.

No date

Level: item

1 item

PP00052/002/008/006

20 x 20cm sketch map with fleur de lis bordered by Dunmahon, Gibstown, and Rathroal. Contains an outline of the plots of land of; Edward McArdle, Thomas Richardson, James Smyth, John Coleman, and Thomas O'Raghan. No scale.

No date

Level: item

1 item

PP00052/002/009

Details concerning agreements and leases made between 1823 and 1887. Cross reference PP00052/002/007.

Ca 1823 – 1867

Level: item

3pp

PP00052/002/010

Sketch map of size 32 x 14 cm of ground floor plans of house with no scale. Sketch includes measurements for hall, library, dining room, drawing room, kitchen, dairy, butlers' pantry, butlers' bed, cooks pantry, scullery, and servants' hall.

No date

Level: item

1 item