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## INTRODUCTION

### *The History of the Mahon Family of Castlegar*

The Mahons of Castlegar are a prime example of a Gaelic family, who, by adapting and evolving to over two centuries of political and religious upheaval, emerged as imminently respectable members of the nineteenth century Protestant gentry elite. The key strategies employed by successive generations of the family involved prudent estate management, successive marriage alliances with leading members of the established elite, the attainment of patronage from powerful noble families, and finally, an uncharacteristic hard-headed detachment from the intrigues, excesses and idiosyncrasies attributable to so many of their peers in County Galway. The cultural, religious and political evolution of Mahon family, through the crisis and upheavals of three centuries of religious and political conflict, famine, dispossession, and finally tenant proprietorship and independence, though far from unique, presents a compelling study of the fluidity of identity in modern Irish history. The Mahons were, foremost of all, survivors, and were able to successfully adapt at crucial historical junctures when others of their class, were disposed, marginalised or bankrupted.

The Mahon family were first recorded in east Galway in the late seventeenth century and the family claim descent from the McMahons of Dal Cais, hereditary kinsmen of the O'Briens. The dispossessions of the late seventeenth century saw the family acquire land in east Galway, along with many other Gaelic and Norman families of the period, such as the Dalys of Dunsandle and the Bellevs of Mountbellew. Bryan Mahon was listed amongst the enrolments of the certificates of the Commissioners appointed for hearing and determining the claims of transplanted persons in the province of Connaught preserved in the office of the Chief Remembrancer of the Exchequer. The Mahons were first recorded in the Loughrea district, where Bryan Mahon acted as an agent for the all-powerful, Earls of Clanricarde in the late seventeenth century. It was in the service of the Jacobite army, that Captain Bryan Mahon achieved his commission in Clanricarde's Regiment of Infantry, Company of Grenadiers, in 1690 and it is possible that he fought with his regiment, when it was practically destroyed, whilst defending the ford at Oldbridge, during the battle of the Boyne in 1690. The upheaval of the late seventeenth century is reflected in the history of the Clanricarde dynasty, the hereditary overlords of Connacht, who were initially forced to forfeit many of their vast estates due to their leading role in the Jacobite cause. Following their political and religious conversion at the beginning of the eighteenth century, however, the family's hereditary lands and titles were returned, thus permitting the future social mobility of their agents and officers, the Mahons.

The patronage of the eighth and ninth Earls of Clanricarde allowed Bryan Mahon to purchase land, first at Oughtercloony, now Beech Hill, in the parish of New Inn, County Galway and then at Ahascragh, where the family seat at Castlegar was built. There were three main branches of the family in the county, the Mahons of Beech Hill, Castlegar and Bellville. Bryan Mahon, who died in 1695, was the progenitor of all the Galway Mahons, with his two sons, Bryan and James, establishing the Castlegar and Beech Hill branches

of the family respectively. Like many of their peers, the family survived the immense social and political strife of the period with an immediate and resolute political and religious conversion at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Captain Bryan Mahon converted to the established faith in January 1709, the same year in which he received a large grant of land from Clanricarde. It was around this time, that the Castlegar branch of the family dropped the Gaelicised form of the family name, Maghan or Maghain, becoming anglicised to Mahon, with the Beech Hill Mahons later converting in 1722, whilst continuing to retain the original Gaelic form of their name for some years.

Unlike many similar religious and political conversions of the period, whilst taken out of financial necessity, the Mahons adapted to their new religious and political creed with fervour. Thus, whilst most Gaelic and Norman families in east Galway converted to the established faith simply to secure their political and financial status, the Mahons were amongst a small minority of families who genuinely embraced Reformation thinking, and this in turn, facilitated the espousal of conservative political views. This religious and political evolution, along with the family's driving ambition, can be most obviously attested to in their choice of marriage alliances. By eschewing other families of Gaelic and Norman ancestry, in favour of newly established families, such as the Blakeney's of Abbert, the Knox's of Rappa and the Filgates of Louth, all families who owed their fortune to the Williamite and Cromwellian settlements, the Mahon's forcibly separated themselves from the common culture of the original Gaelic and Norman gentry of their ancestry. The exception to this trend of marrying into 'new' gentry families, was the Mahon's enduring alliance with the Brownes of Westport. The Brownes too, however, underwent a similar metamorphosis, winning considerable Parliamentary and political patronage, becoming the Earls of Altamont and Lords of Sligo in the early nineteenth century. Thus, from the mid-eighteenth century onwards, with the power of the Clanricarde Burkes permanently diluted by the Williamite land settlements and the consequent, post 1690, social and political realities, the Brownes became the permanent allies, and in turn, benefactors, of the Mahons. In 1762, the second Ross Mahon secured the family's future by marrying Lady Anne Browne, daughter of John Browne, the first Lord Altamont and from this point on, the two families remained inextricably linked.

The eighteenth and nineteenth century saw a steady rise in the family's fortunes as their estate in Ahascragh was continually enlarged, whilst the family also acquired land in the Loughrea area and at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon. Whilst Bryan Mahon had established the basis of the family's success, their fortunes were considerably enhanced by the endeavours of the first, Sir Ross Mahon, (1763-1835), Justice of the Peace and MP for Ennis in 1820. He achieved the status of Baronet in 1818, thanks largely to his conservative political views and his opposition to constitutional reforms aimed at bringing Catholics into the political system. He lived to see the bitter defeat of his conservative principals, as well as his relative by marriage, William Vesey Fitzgerald, at the hands of the champion of the Catholic cause, Daniel O'Connell, in the historic Clare election of 1828. The Mahons were one of the few gentry families in Galway, including the Blakeney's of Abbert, to oppose the constitutional reforms sought by the Catholic Association and this alone would have put them outside of the common culture of local society.

Sir Ross Mahon was absent from Castlegar from the early 1820's until his death in 1835, during which time he lived in Booterstown, County Dublin. This period began with the Famine of 1817-1822 and saw considerable agrarian and ribbon disturbances in the Ahascragh district and in east Galway generally. The Mahon title then passed to the second Sir Ross Mahon, (1811-1842), and then to Sir James Fitzgerald Ross Mahon, (1812-1852), both of whom died without issue. Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon, son of the first Sir Mahon, succeeded to the title in 1852, whilst he was rector at Rawmarsh Church, near Rotherham, Yorkshire. Sir William remained at Rawmarsh, however, ministering to his parishioners and the estate remained in the hands of a succession of land agents during this period. By now, the extended family had married into a broad network of other similar families with strong connections to the Church of Ireland elite, such as the Thomas Adair Hunt, son of the Bishop of Elphin and the Reverend William John Purdon, Rector of Carlow. During this period, there was renewed trouble on the estate with a bomb exploding in Weston House at the height of the Land War in 1882. Three years previously, in October 1879, William Mahon, who acted as gamekeeper on the estate was murdered and his body found in the River Suck.

Following the death of his father, Sir William Henry Mahon, returned to live at Castlegar, in 1902, following his service in the second Boer War. A resolute conservative and active unionist, Sir W. H. Mahon took an active part in the anti-Home Rule cause in County Galway, as well as organising the Galway Pro-War Fund Association in 1914. The family's status amongst the conservative Protestant land-owning elite in the west of Ireland was confirmed when he later married Lady Edith Augusta Dillon, his near neighbour and daughter of the formidable, Lord Clonbrock in 1904.

### ***The Mahon Estates***

The Mahon estates comprised a large estate in north-east County Galway, which, at one time, consisted of over 8,000 acres, along with a smaller estate at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, consisting of less than 1,000 acres. The Castlegar estate is situated in the parish of Ahascragh and not in the actual parish of Castlegar, as may seem self-evident. The names of both their big houses, Castegar and Beech Hill, have long since dropped out of popular usage in these districts. Ahascragh was unusual for a relatively remote rural parish, in having two resident peers of the realm, Sir Mahon and Lord Clonbrock. Between them, the two families supported three schools in the parish throughout the nineteenth century, catering for approximately 260 children by the 1850s. Like most landlords, they leased land to both small tenants, with an average of less than fifteen acres each, as well as to larger gentlemen farmers, who stocked large grassland farms on long leases, constituting petty gentry in their own right. There were two big houses on the Castlegar estate - Castlegar House, the principal seat of the Mahon family, and Weston House. Like a number of other prominent Galway families, the Mahons planted a large demesne at the centre of their estate with both native and foreign woodlands. The extended family lived at Weston house, including unmarried brothers and sisters, with Sir Mahon and his family living a short distance away at Castlegar. Castlegar House, the grandest of the two mansions, underwent major renovation work, carried out by Sir



Richard Morrision between 1803 and 1808, and there were a number of cottages and glebe houses on the estate, where the head steward and other important figures in the life of the estate lived.

The Roscommon portion of the estate was secured by deed from Sir Arthur Shaen of Kilmore, County Roscommon, for three lives renewable for ever, in 1708. Sir Arthur Shaen, son of Sir James Shaen, Surveyor General of Ireland, was at one time the largest landowner in County Roscommon and this portion of the estate remained intact until it was eventually sold to the Estates Commissioners for distribution amongst the tenantry. Tarmonbarry is situated along the river Shannon which forms the Longford-Roscommon border, on the Strokestown to Longford road. The much larger Galway estates at Oughtercloony, near Loughrea and Castlegar, in the parish of Ahascragh, were founded in 1709 and 1711 respectively. The former estate originated when John Cullen conveyed the lands of Derrnamanagh, near Loughrea, to Bryan Mahon. Bryan Mahon's son, James, may have secured this land through his marriage to Thomas Cullen's daughter, Alice, in 1672 and it was this land which later became the Beech Hill estate. The Castlegar estate, on the other hand, originated in a lease of 1711, for lives renewable for ever, by the Earl of Clanricarde to Bryan Mahon. This estate was subsequently consolidated by the acquisition of further land in the district in 1791 and 1809.

### ***The Mahon Collection***

The strength of the Mahon collection does not lie in the prominence or otherwise of the family themselves. Despite being Justices of the Peace, prominent members of the Galway Grand Jury, hereditary Baronets, as well as Parliamentary members, the Mahons were not amongst the very top tier of the Irish landowning or political elite. In terms of land, the family did not even rank amongst the top ten largest landlords in County Galway at the time of Griffith's valuation. Their lands and influence was dwarfed, for instance, by their neighbours, the Clonbrocks, or by the powerful Daly family of Dunsandle or the Burkes of Clanricarde. The strength of this collection lies in the family's intersection with three centuries of political and religious upheaval and the consequent amplification of national currents of historical change through the profoundly local experience facilitated by the family's extensive collection of material. There are papers of significant historical interest contained in the collection ranging from the seventeenth to the twentieth century and whilst these papers have been generated by the Mahon family, they pertain to the evolution and history of the ordinary people of the local communities in Roscommon and north Galway, where the family estates were held. By cross-referencing this material, the experience of single families of the ordinary rural poor can be traced over a number of centuries in one small area.

The family's initial involvement with the Earls of Claricarde has generated a significant volume of papers on the post-Williamite settlement era in east Galway. The papers of the first Ross Mahon containing both legal, financial and personal papers, allow an insight into the origins of the emergence of a powerful eighteenth century family during deeply traumatic and uncertain times. There are a large range of documents dating from 1691, with much of the material concerning the consolidation and expansion of the family's

holdings in north Galway. There are a considerable amount of legal documents relating to the Earls of Clanricarde, as well as other local gentry families, such as the Kelly's of Muckloon and the Cullen family of Loughrea. These should be consulted in the context of the correspondence of Ross Mahon, along with the collections of leases and bonds, catalogued elsewhere. Of particular note is the large collection of papers pertaining to the Protestant discovery of Oughtercloony in 1737 by Andrew Mahon and John Roe.

In terms of estate papers and land transfer and ownership, there are a large number of title deeds and leases for land in east Galway and south Roscommon contained in the catalogue. Labour accounts are one of the key research strengths of this collection. Detailed labour accounts, listing workers' daily tasks and rates of pay have been collated from 1776 until 1929. They are collated weekly, monthly and annually, depending on the period, with many accounts giving a daily breakdown of tasks performed by staff. The breath of detail within the accounts allows one to track individual workers and their families over many generations. This data can be combined with the very large number of rentals contained in the collection, covering a period from 1786 until 1837. The bulk of the rentals consist of yearly or half yearly rent roles and many are of outstanding quality, in terms of the level of detail pertaining to tenants, land usage and quality, along with various other pertinent aspects of rent arrangements. There are also a significant number of manuscripts outlining rent abatements and rent arrears on the estate. These can be cross-referenced with the extensive and very detailed sets of farm accounts dating from the mid-eighteenth century to build an intricate profile of the world of the ordinary families on the estate, as well as the social and financial role of the proprietors. These manuscripts are complimented by over seventy detailed maps, displaying a wealth of information on the quality of land, field division, tenants, conacre plots and various other pertinent information.

Day-to-day affairs on the Mahon estates in counties Galway and Roscommon were in the hands of various land agents for much of the nineteenth century. Correspondence from succeeding agents on the estate throughout the nineteenth century provides a wealth of detail on both the estate itself, and on the operation of middlemen and agents in general. Following the famine of 1822, Sir Ross Mahon leased his estate to his brother George, for ten years, who passed it into the hands of a succession of agents. Thereafter, the Mahons were absentee landlords on their estates, until the return of Sir William Henry Mahon from the Boer War in 1902. A succession of letters from the Mahon's land agents form a vast collection of almost weekly reports on all aspects of estate business, along with comprehensive information on labour, financial transactions and all issues relating to tenants and stock.

Periodic distress remained one of the defining features of Irish rural society throughout the nineteenth century. In parts of the west of Ireland, the period between 1817 and 1822, in particular, were years of hunger and famine throughout many districts in both Roscommon and Galway. A large amount of material exists within the collection pertaining directly to these events, including tenants' memorials, rent roles, lists of insolvent tenants, farm accounts, begging letters and correspondence and reports pertaining to relief efforts. This material makes a compelling case study of the immense

devastation which occurred during this short period and the efforts of relief committees to combat hunger and want. These sources should be cross-referenced with the estate correspondence for the same period.

The archive contains a large amount of detailed material pertaining to social revolution which commenced in the 1880s with the division of large estates by the state and their distribution amongst the tenant farmers. An extensive amount of material pertaining to the sale of both the Tarmonbarry and Castlegar estate, (pre-independence) and the Land Commission (post-independence) regarding all aspects of the sale, including valuations, maps and surveys, details of sitting tenants and so on, are included. Other items of interest include personal family letters discussing aspects of the sale and the family's efforts to receive the best price possible, official correspondence with the state, as well as letters from tenants and legal representatives concerning the impending sale and division, along with legal and financial material. Taken as a whole, these papers amount to a valuable archive of the machinations involved in the sale of a typical landed estate at the beginning of the nineteenth century, the motivation and expectations of the family involved and the attitude of both the state and the sitting tenants.

There are a vast number of legal and financial papers contained in the archive dating from 1717 until 1957, relating to the family's banking activities and a series of lengthy legal cases over the inheritance of heavily encumbered land. Unlike some of their social peers amongst the Galway gentry, the Mahon family were financially cautious with the revenues generated by their estate and were able to invest much of their financial resources, whilst many of their own class fell into increasing debt. The family kept meticulous records of their personal spending for many generations and there are a large amount of annual personal accounts, along with receipts and expenditure contained in the collection, some of which have been collated into monthly and annual bundles. There are also a large number of pocket books detailing personal spending, along with receipts pertaining to personal spending of Sir W.H. Mahon and Lady Edith Augusta Mahon.

In terms of the twentieth century and the period generally regarded as the twilight era of the big house in Ireland, there is a very important archive of material relating to unionist politics in County Galway at the turn of the century. The most significant material pertains to the activities of the Irish Unionist Alliance in County Galway, of which Sir William Mahon was acting chairman at the time of the passing of the Home Rule Bill in 1912. The minute books of the Galway I.U.A. from 1912-1918, along with a large collection of letters, policy documents and internal memorandum are included. As chairman of the association of Galway unionists, Sir William Mahon handled the general correspondence of the movement, which has been preserved in this collection in its entirety. It consists mainly of letters from other leading gentry families and some Protestant ministers in the county, concerning all aspects of unionist politics in their respective districts, as well as the individual political opinions of respondents. This material is complimented by a range of documents pertaining to the Galway War Fund Association, of which Lady Mahon was an active member, and which shared a large overlap in terms of membership with the I.U.A. Like many of his peers, Sir William Mahon was an active member of the Galway Landowners Association, the Galway

Unionist Alliance, the County Galway Farmer's Association, the Galway branch of the Red Cross and the conservative Primrose League in England. Whilst unionist material contained in the collection has been catalogued separately, other important local material ranges from documents pertaining to accounts of 'defenderism' in north Galway shortly before the Rebellion of 1798, along with hand-written accounts of significant events from the War of Independence and the Civil War.

In relation to papers of international interest, Sir William Henry Mahon served in the British army before retiring to live at Castlegar. He served with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment and was stationed in South Africa during the second Boer conflict. There is a significant amount of material relating to his time in South Africa, when he was stationed at Heidelberg and notable items include war diaries, personal correspondence, and various ephemera relating to regimental life. Financial papers relating to the future of the regiment, from the period 1905-08 are also included. There is also an impressive collection of photographs from the Boer conflict contained in the photographic section of the catalogue. Other papers, such as official invitations and related paraphernalia pertaining to the coronation of King George V in 1911, along with collections of newspapers dealing with the general strike in England of 1926, are of particular note.

A large number of marriage settlements and testamentary material pertaining to the immediate and the extended Mahon family are included in the catalogue. Other prominent families concerned include the Browne and Knox families of County Mayo, the Annesley family of County Down, the King family of King's County, the Filgate family of County Louth, the Fitzgerald family of County Clare, and the Blakeney, Clonbrock and Kelly families of County Galway. These documents contain an enormous amount of financial and legal detail in relation to the parties concerned. The papers have been catalogued chronologically with the settlements themselves listed separately from other documents which pertain to the legal and financial aspects of inheritance settlements.

The majority of correspondence contained in the collection relates to estate business, as well as legal and financial matters from the late eighteenth to the mid-nineteenth century. They include correspondence from many of the leading Galway gentry, such as various branches of the Daly, Kelly, Lynch and Trench families, as well as a series of letters from John Carr, revenue collector, concerning the estate of the eighth Earl of Clanricarde.

### ***Arrangement***

An obvious division of material into estate and family papers has been employed in the cataloguing of the papers. Thus, lease agreements, deeds, and a standard range of papers pertaining to estate management have been arranged separately from family papers. However, correspondence has been subdivided into sub-sections pertaining to legal, estate and personal letters, for ease of reference and due to the sheer volume contained in the collection. Similarly, items pertaining to estate management in the period 1817-1822, including relief and distress, along with records of evictions and farm accounts and

rentals for the period, have been arranged as a distinct sub-section, due to the extraordinary nature of the crisis on the estate at this time and the desirability of relatively easy cross-referencing of these sources.

The family papers have been catalogued chronologically, through the paternal line, from Bryan Mahon in the late seventeenth century, to Sir George Mahon in the twentieth century. There are some subjective sub-divisions contained within the family papers with personal, legal and financial papers relating to the Mahons of Beechill catalogued as a separate sub-section containing all the material relating to this branch of the family. Similarly, papers relating to unionism in County Galway in the decades before the founding of the state have been arranged separately from other political material, both because of its historical value and the sheer volume of the papers involved. Other papers which are family papers but which require a distinct sub-section due to their historical relevance include material relating to the Protestant discovery of Oughtercloony, material relating to the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Yorkshire Rifles and papers pertaining to Sir W.H. Mahon's tenure as rector in Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

### ***Allied Material***

There are a small number of individual manuscripts in the Manuscripts Department of the National Library pertaining to the Mahon family which are not contained in this archive. They pertain mainly to routine estate papers along with a small collection of correspondence belonging to George Mahon. They can be accessed via the Library's online database.

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### ***The Pedigree of the Mahon Family of Castlegar***

#### **1. Bryan/Breine Mahon, Caratanowan, Loughrea, d. c. 1695**

Bryan Mahon, Tierflahy, Loughrea, rented a house at West St., Loughrea, along with 55 acres from Richard, Earl Clanricarde. In 1660 he married Maggie Power of Grange, *d.* 1703, the sister of George Power, Rathruddy, Loughrea. He subsequently held various properties including a shop and store house in Loughrea, as well as land at Derrynamnagh, New Inn, which he had inherited from his father-in-law. He died in March 1695.

#### **Children of Bryan Mahon and Maggie Power**

1. Captain Bryan, *d.* 1719, *m.* 1693, Elinor Gaynor, Blackcastle, Westmeath, daughter of Ross Gaynor. This is the origin of the Castlegar line of the Mahon family of which we now treat.

2. James, *d.* 1716, *m.* 21 September 1672, Alyson/Alice Cullin, Oughterclooney, daughter of Thomas Cullin. John Cullen, son of Thomas Cullen conveyed the lands of Derrynamnagh to Bryan Mahon of Castlegar in 1709. This is the origin of the Oughtercloony estate, now Beech Hill, consisting of the lands of Derrynamnagh and Lisduff, otherwise Killagbeg. They had three sons Bryan, Thomas and James.

#### **2. Captain Bryan Mahon, Castlegar, d. 1719**

Captain Bryan Mahon married Elinor Gaynor, Blackcastle, Westmeath in 1693. He was Captain in Clanricarde's Regiment and fought at the Boyne in 1690. He was the manager of the affairs of the eighth and ninth Earls of Clanricarde for many years. He died on 30 October 1719 and is buried 'with his ancestors' in the Abbey of Loughrea.

### **Children of Bryan Mahon and Elinor Gaynor**

1. Ross (of the cap), *b.* 1696, *d.* 10 April 1767, *m.* 1721, Jane Ussher, Mount Ussher, County Wicklow (gaining a considerable fortune).
2. James, *d.* August 1752, Ballyglass House, Ahascragh, County Galway.
3. Peter, *b.* 1734, Dublin.
4. Mary, *m.* February 1719, William Kelly, Muckloon, County Galway.
5. Elizabeth, *m.* William Tully, Rafarn House, Loughrea, County Galway.
6. Hester, *m.* 1729, ? Molyneux, and secondly, Edward Forster, Ashfield House, Glenamaddy, County Galway.
7. Alice, died young.
8. Elinor, died young.

### **3. Ross Mahon, 1696-1767**

Ross Mahon was born c. 1696 at Castlegar, Ahascragh, County Galway. He married Jane Ussher, daughter of John Ussher of Mount Ussher, Wicklow on 27 December 1721 at St. Andrew's, Dublin and died at his house in Abbey Street, Dublin, 10 April 1767. He is buried in the Ussher family vault in St Audoen's Church, Cornmarket Dublin.

### **Children of Ross Mahon and Jane Ussher**

1. Ross, *b.* 1725, *d.* 17 March 1788, *m.* 12 October 1762, Lady Anne Browne, daughter of the first Earl of Altamont.
2. John, Trinity College, *d.* 1785.
3. Alice, *d.* 1769, *m.* 1748, John King, Ballylin House, Fermoy, King's County.
4. Peter, died young.

### **4. Ross Mahon, 1725-1788**

Ross Mahon was born in 1725 and was the son of Ross Mahon and Jane Ussher. He married Lady Anne Browne, daughter of John Browne, 1st Earl of Altamont and Anne Gore, on 12 October 1762. He graduated from Trinity College, Dublin in 1746 with a Bachelor of Arts and died on 17 March 1788. He is buried at Eglisk Abbey, Ahascragh.

### **Children of Ross Mahon and Lady Anne Browne**

1. Anne, *d.* 30 Dec 1833, *m.* 7 December 1790, Right Hon. Denis Browne, 2nd Earl of Altamont.
2. Harriet, *d.* 3 November 1840, *m.* 28 July 1793, Annesley Gore Knox, Rappa, County Mayo.
3. George, *b.* July 1778, *d.* 1 May 1843, Mount Pleasant, County Mayo, High Sheriff of County Mayo, *m.* Sophia Kerr, Portavo, County Down.
4. Reverend Henry, Killygally, King's County, *b.* 25 Feb 1771, *d.* 29 July 1838, *m.* 23 July 1802, Anne Symes, Hillsborough, County Down.
5. Emily, *m.* 30 September 1796, Thomas Filgate, Arthurstown, County Louth.
6. Very Reverend James, *b.* 20 April 1774, *d.* Mar 1837, barrister, Lincoln's Inn, Dean of Tuam, later Deane of Dromore, *m.* 1 Nov 1812, Francis Kerr, Portavo, County Down.

7. Sir Ross, 1st Baron.
8. John, *b.* 24 Nov 1764, *d.* 23 Oct 1834, *m.* 9 Jan 1794, Lady Charlotte Browne, fourth daughter of Peter Browne, the 2nd Earl of Altamont. Lieutenant, 68th Regiment, Durham L.I.
9. Charles, died young.
10. Jane, died young.

#### **5. Sir Ross Mahon, J.P., M.P., 1st Baronet, 1763-1835**

Sir Ross Mahon was born on 2 September 1763 and was the son of Ross Mahon and Lady Anne Browne. He held the office of Member of Parliament for Granard in 1898-1800 and for Ennis in 1820, gaining the title of Baronet Mahon in 4 April 1819. He died on 10 August 1835, age 71. He married, firstly, Lady Elizabeth Browne, daughter of Peter Browne, 2nd Earl of Altamont and Elizabeth Kelly, on 25 July 1786. She was the sister of John Denis Browne, Marquis of Sligo and died on 24 February 1795. He married, secondly, Diana Baber, daughter of Edward Baber, on 19 September 1805. Diana Baber was the daughter of Edward Baber, Governor Square. She died on 2 December 1807, without issue. He married, thirdly, Honourable Mary Geraldine Fitzgerald, daughter of Right Honourable James Fitzgerald MP and Catherine Vesey on 1 October 1809. She died on 20 March 1859, age 75. He had 18 children, including 13 daughters. He is buried at Egliswick Abbey, Ahascragh.

#### **Children of Sir Ross Mahon and Lady Elizabeth Browne.**

1. Elizabeth Louisa, *d.* 11 Feb 1847, *m.* 13 Sep 1806, John Cator, D.L., J.P. Beckingham, Kent and Woodbastwick Hall, Norfolk.
2. Anne Charlotte, *d.* 1833, *m.* 23 April 1822, Reverend Rawdon Griffith Greene, Stillorgan, County Dublin.
3. Charlotte, *d.* 9 Aug 1865, *m.* 1 July 1813, John Henry Blakeney, Abbert, County Galway.
4. Maria Elizabeth, died young.

#### **Children of Sir Ross Mahon and Honourable Mary Geraldine FitzGerald.**

1. Sir Ross, 2nd Baron.
2. Sir James Fitzgerald, 3rd Baron.
3. Sir William Vesey Ross, 4th Baron.
4. John-Denis, *b.* 9 May 1814
5. Henry, *b.* 3 January 1819, died young.
6. Catherine Geraldine, *d.* 5 Mar 1890, *m.* 8 June 1842, Reverend William John Purdon, rector at Carlow.
7. Letitia-Anne, *d.* 30 July 1892, *m.* 1 Sep 1843, John Adair, Dublin.
8. Emily Jane, died young.
9. Henrietta Louisa, *d.* 4 Dec 1893, *m.* Dec 1845, James Thomas Leslie Foster, Moyriesk, Quin, County Clare.
10. Georgina, *d.* 28 July 1897, *m.* 12 Nov 1851, Reverend Samuel Hill, *m.* 8 Feb 1866, Robert Hudson.



11. Jane Alicia, *d.* 13 June 1907, *m.* 17 July 1855, Reverend Peter William Browne, Lancashire.

11. Caroline, *m.* 6 May 1857, Thomas Adair Hunt, son of the Bishop of Elphin.

#### **6. Sir Ross Mahon, D.L., J.P., 2nd Baronet, 1811-1842**

Sir Ross Mahon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant K.R.R.C. (60<sup>th</sup> Rifles), *b.* 18 July 1811, *d.* 5 April 1842, at his residence on Stephen's Green, Dublin. He was one of the *aides-de-camp* of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and the nephew of Lord Fitzgerald and Vesey. He died without issue and the title passed to his brother, James. He is buried at Eglisk Abbey, Ahascragh.

#### **7. Sir James Fitzgerald Ross Mahon, D.L., J.P., 3rd Baronet, 1812-1852**

Sir James Fitzgerald Mahon, barrister-at-law, D.L. and J.P., County Galway, *b.* 3 June 1812, *d.* 11 March 1852, died without issue and the title passed to his brother, William. He is buried at Eglisk Abbey, Ahascragh.

#### **8. Reverend Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon, 4<sup>th</sup> Baronet, 1813-1893.**

Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon, *b.* 14 July 1813, was the son of Sir Ross Mahon, 1st Baronet Ross Mahon and the Honourable Mary Geraldine Fitzgerald. He was the rector at Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Yorkshire from 1844-93. He married Jane King, *d.* 7 June 1895, daughter of Reverend Henry King, Ballylin, King's County on 12 October 1853. He died on 14 August 1893, age 80. He is buried at Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

#### **Children of Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon and Jane King**

1. Mary Geraldine, *d.* 28 Dec 1921, *m.* 14 Jan 1896, Lieutenant-General Dudley Fitzgerald-de Ross, 24<sup>th</sup> Baron De Ros.

2. Alice Jane Mahon, Cadnam, Southampton, *d.* 25 Sep 1937, *m.* 8 Jan 1889, Harry Polhill Chambers, of Clough House, Rotherham.

3. Ross, died young.

4. Ross, *b.* 10 Jan 1856, *d.* 24 Jun 1876.

5. Sir William Henry, 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet, *b.* 31 December 1826, *m.* 25 January 1905, *d.* 13 August 1826.

6. John Fitzgerald, *b.* 20 Jan 1858, *d.* 5 Nov 1942, *m.* 1898, Lady Alice Evelyn Browne, daughter of 5<sup>th</sup> Marquis of Sligo.

7. Reverend James Vesey, curate at Rawmarsh, *b.* 23 Feb 1860, *d.* 27 Jun 1887.

8. Edward, *b.* 1 Jun 1862, *d.* 18 Jun 1937, *m.* 19 March 1911, Lilette Rebbeck of British Columbia.

9. Gilbert, *b.* 7 Oct 1865, *d.* 2 Jan 1947, *m.* 19 Mar 1895, Francis Blakeney, Abbert, County Galway.

#### **9. Sir William Henry Mahon, D.S.O., J.P., D.L., 5th Baronet, 1856-1926**

Sir William Henry Mahon was born on 31 December 1856 and was the son of Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon and Jane King. High Sheriff of County Galway, 1898, and J.P., Lieutenant Colonel, 4th West Yorkshire Rifles and served in South Africa. He married the Honourable Edith Augusta Dillon, daughter of Luke Gerald Dillon, 4th Baron Clonbrock, 26 January 1905 and he died on 13 August 1926. His wife outlived him by several generations and she passed away at Castlegar, 24 April 1964.

**Children of Sir William Henry Mahon and Hon. Edith Augusta Dillon.**

1. Ursula Augusta Jane, *b.* 17 Jan 1906, *m.* 17 July 1929, Arthur M.L. Crofton, remained at Castlegar, marriage dissolved in 1946.
2. William Gerald Ross, *b.* 2 Sep 1909, *d.* 31 Aug 1910.
3. Sir George Edward John, 6th Baronet.
4. Mary Edith Georgiana, *b.* 22 Jun 1911, *d.* 17 Nov 1918.
5. Luke Bryan Arthur Mahon, Foxrock, County Dublin, *b.* 12 Apr 1917, *m.* 28 May 1949, Audrey Doreen Vipond, formerly of York. Later changed name by deed poll to Dillon-Mahon.

**10. Sir George Edward John Mahon, 6th Baronet, 1911-1987**

Sir George Edward John Mahon was born on 22 June 1911 and was the son of Sir William Henry Mahon and Lady Edith Augusta Dillon. He married, firstly, Audrey Evelyn Jagger, daughter of Walter Jagger, on 20 September 1938. He married, secondly, Suzanne Donnellan, daughter of Thomas Donnellan, on 14 February 1958.

**Children of Sir George Edward John Mahon, and Audrey Evelyn Jagger**

1. Sir William Walter, *b.* 4 Dec 1940, *m.* 1968, Rosemary Jane Melvill, formerly of Lanarkshire.
2. Jane Evelyn, *b.* 23 Aug 1944, *m.* 1967, Peter Alec Charles Moore, Surrey.
3. Timothy Gilbert, *b.* 24 April 1947.

**Child of Sir George Edward John Mahon and Suzanne Donnellan**

1. Sarah Caroline Mahon *b.* 22 Oct 1959.

## I. ESTATE PAPERS

### I.i. Title Deeds and Related Documents

There are a large number of title deeds, conveyances and related documents for land in east Galway and south Roscommon contained in the catalogue. These have been arranged chronologically, according to the date of the agreement, as well as by county. The Tarmonbarry estate was much smaller than the Galway estate, consisting of less than nine hundred acres, situated along the banks of the river Shannon on the Longford/Roscommon border. The family owned or leased over 8,000 acres in east Galway during the nineteenth century and these deeds date back to an original grant of land from the Earl of Clanricarde in the late seventeenth century, upon whom the future advancement of the family depended for patronage. This land was in two main districts, the Castlegar estate was situated in the neighbouring parishes of Ahascragh, Killure and Fohenagh, in the north east of the county, and at Derrymanagh, in the New Inn/Bullaun district in the east of the County. Due to the penal laws governing land ownership, many of the earlier deeds refer to third parties, such as William Lyster, who were involved in facilitating the purchase of land for the family.

#### I.i.1. Title deeds and related documents pertaining to land in County Galway

- Ms 47,791 / 1**      1705, 1709  
Assignment of Bryan Kelly's deed of mortgage for £800 on lands at Castlegar, County Galway, to William Lyster, Athleague, County Roscommon, in trust for Bryan Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway. Refers to 816 acres of land, and pertains to Bryan Kelly, Ballyforan, County Roscommon, of the first part, Denis Daly of Ffrench, County Mayo, in the second part, and William Kelly, Athleague, County Roscommon, in the final part. Also refers to a previous deed of conveyance of the same lands to John Burke, Lord Bophin, to Bryan Kelly in 1703. Dated 30 October 1705. Also includes an agreement between Anthony Lyster, Athleague, and Bryan Maghan, transferring the land of Castlegar into the possession of Bryan Maghan, 7 October 1709. Very fragile. 2 items
- Ms 47,791 / 2**      1710  
Deed of conveyance for lands in Ahascragh, County Galway, Robert Farrell, City of Dublin, to Captain Bryan Mahon. Renewal of previous indenture dated 1707, from John Burke, Earl of Clanricarde, for eight hundred and sixteen acres, 2 September 1710. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,791 / 3**      1716  
Deed of Conveyance for lands in County Galway, John Burke, Earl of

Clanricarde, Michael Burke, Lord Baron Dunkellin and Ulick Burke, third son of the said Earl, in the first part, Bryan Mahon of Castlegar in the second part, Stephen Ludlow, Francis Bernard and Richard Nutley, City of Dublin and Lowry Talbot, Mount Talbot, County Roscommon, in the third part. Pertains to lands in the parish of Ahascragh, County Galway. Refers to previous indenture dated 1711. 24 August 1716. 3 membranes

- Ms 47,791 / 4** 1723  
Title deeds for the Oughtercloony estate, Bryan Mahon of Oughtercloony to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 'that Bryan Mahon, in consideration of the sum of five shillings to him by Ross Mahon, doth sell 221 acres of land at Oughtercloony and Derrynamanagh and 200 acres at Lisduff and Lisnakelly, 160 acres being in the Barony of Kilconnell', for a peppercorn rent, payable four times a year. 14 October 1723. 1 membrane. Also includes, Settlement of the lands of Oughtercloony and Derrynamanagh, Lisduff and Lisnakelly, Bryan Mahon, Oughtercloony of the first part, Thomas Mahon of the City of Dublin of the second part, and Ross Mahon, Castlegar, of the third part. Also contains a schedule of debt between said parties, 15 October 1723. 2 membranes. Also contains a renewal of the said agreements signed over to Andrew Mahon, 20 October 1731. 3 items
- Ms 47,791 / 5** 1733  
Deed of Sale for lands at Ballyeighter, County Galway, John Burke, Ballyeighter, County Galway, of the first part, and William Kelly, Muckloon, County Galway, of the second part. Deed of sale of twenty-four acres for the sum of fifty pounds, held in trust for Ross Mahon, 5 May 1733. 1 membrane
- Ms 17,791 / 6** 1746  
Deed of conveyance of twenty-four acres of land at Ballyeighter, County Galway, Augustine Lorcan, Ballyeighter, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, for a sum of £107, 20 November 1746. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,791 / 7** 1753  
Conveyance of lands at Ballyeighter, parish of Aughrim, County Galway, by Michael Mulry, Ballyeighter, to John King, County Longford, 17 November 1753. Damaged and partially illegible. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,791 / 8** 1762  
Deed of Conveyance of lands at Gortbrack, County Galway, Terence O'Brien, Fairfield, County Galway, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, for the sum of £150, 23 April 1762. 1 membrane

- Ms 47,791 / 9** 1767  
Deed of conveyance for lands in County Galway, Richard Fitzgerald, Mitchelstown, County Cork and Colonel John Pomeroy of the City of Dublin, in the first part, Richard and James Hussey, City of Dublin, in the second part, and Ross Mahon, Castlegar, in the third part. Original deed transferring the townlands of Kilcomedan, Gregg, otherwise Greggane, Killonermore, Lessabeg, Ballynabanaba, Cloghegally and Killcloony, all in the County of Galway, for a sum of £13,820, 6 February 1767. 3 membranes
- Ms 47,791 / 10** 1776  
Deed of Conveyance for lands at Ahascragh, County Galway, Thomas Mannion, Ahascragh to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, for the sum of eighty four pounds, 24 January 1776. 1 p.
- Ms 47,791 / 11** 1777  
Deed of Conveyance of a number of townlands in the parish of Ahascragh, County Galway, Edmond Kelly, Fiddane, County Galway, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, for the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds, 19 July 1777. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,791 / 12** 1786  
Deed of Sale of lands in County Galway, Lewis Ward, Liscub, County Galway and Thomas Fallon, Athlone, in the first part, James Mahon, the elder, and James Mahon, the younger, of Beechill, County Galway, in the second part, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway, in the third part. Refers to the transfer of land at Oughtercloony, and the townlands of Lisduff and Lismally (Killaghbeg), County Galway, for a fee of £3,000, 18 April 1786. 2 membranes
- Ms 47,791 / 13** 1788  
Conveyance of the lands of Castlegar, County Galway, Francis Vesey, Master of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, of the first part, William Talbot of Mount Talbot, Lady Hester, Countess Dowager of Clanricarde, David La Touche of Marley, Denis Bowes Daly of Dalyston, of the second part, Edward Woodcock and Elborough Woodcock of Lincoln's Inn of the third part, Henry, Earl of Clanricarde, the Honourable John Thomas De Burgh, Lady Hester Amelia De Burgh, Luke Dillon, Lady Margaret Augusta Dillon of the fourth part, Charles Blakeney of Abbert of the fifth part, Ross Mahon of the sixth part. Refers to purchase of the estate by Charles Blakeney for the sum of one thousand seven hundred and sixty pounds, in trust for Ross Mahon, 2 membranes, 22 May 1788. Also includes Deed of the lands of Castlegar, County Galway, 1 membrane only, marked cancelled, 10 May 1788. 2 items

- Ms 47,791 / 14** 1788  
Deed of conveyance for lands in County Galway, Michael Burke, Ballydugan, of the first part, Denis Daly, Dunsandle, Malachy Donelan, Ballydonelan, and Michael Burke of Foxhall, all in the County Galway, of the second part, and Ross Mahon, Castlegar, of the third part. Pertains to the townlands of Srahloughra, Ballyglass, Gortunclough, Cloonacallen, Carabane, Shanvoher and Cloonbanniv, all in County Galway, 10 September 1788. 2 membranes
- Ms 47,791 / 15** 1801  
Deed of partition of lands in County Galway, between Luke Dillon, Lord Baron Clonbrock, Ahascragh, County Galway and Ross Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway. An elaborate parchment containing a map and details of agreement between Clonbrock and Mahon over the division of the townland of Killupaun, Ahascragh, 29 November 1801. 3 membranes
- Ms 47,791 / 16** 1806  
Deed of indemnity, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway to Thomas Reddington, Kilcornan, County Galway. Original parchment pertaining to lands at Kilcomedan, parish of Aughrim, County Galway. Refers to deed of lease and release in return for fee of six thousand and ninety pounds. Also includes a schedule of judgements to which deed pertains, 13 August 1806. 3 membranes
- Ms 47,791 / 17** 1837  
Deeds of Conveyance of lands at Ahascragh and Listore in the County of Galway. The Right Reverend John, Lord Bishop of Elphin, in the first part, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for Ireland, in the second part, Sir Ross Mahon, in the third part. Complex deed conveying the fee simple for two hundred and sixty-three acres, together with patents for fairs and markets for £868, 1 membrane. Includes a draft of the same deed, 31 August 1837. 2 items
- Ms 47,791 / 18** 1840  
Conveyance in trust of lands in Counties Roscommon and Galway, John Henry Blakeney, Abbert, County Galway, of the first place and John O'Dwyer, Fitzwilliam Place in the City of Dublin, of the second place. Elaborate parchment containing a number of schedules of arrears and annuities, pertaining to lands in Castleblakeney, County Galway, and refers to a bond of £1,500, 6 May 1840. 2 membranes
- Ms 47,791 / 19** 1841  
Reconveyance and Assignment of Trust Property, the Right Honourable William Earl of Rosse, Parsonstown, King's County, of the first part, Ross Mahon, Merrion, Dublin, of the second part, George Charles

Mahon, Leeson Street, City of Dublin, of the third part. Copy of original document, pertains to the marriage settlement of Anne Symes, Carnew, County Wicklow and Henry Mahon, Rector of Tissanuran, King's County and pertains to lands in St. Sepulchres parish, Dublin, 25 October 1841. 10 pp.

### **I.i.2. Title deeds and related documents pertaining to County Roscommon**

- Ms 47,792 / 1** 1727  
Deed of lease and release for 522 acres of land at Ballintobber, County Roscommon, Fergus Kelly, Drumallagh, County Roscommon, of the first part, Reverend Samuel Span, Newtownforbes, County Longford, of the second part, life-term lease, also refers to previous indenture from Sir Arthur Shaen, Kilmore, County Roscommon, 1 November 1727. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,792 / 2** 1727, 1730, 1731, 1734  
Title deeds to land at Ballintobber, County Roscommon, Reverend Samuel Span, Newtown Forbes, County Longford, of the first part, Laughlin Kelly, Aughnagore, County Longford and William Kelly, Drumallagh, County Roscommon, of the second part, Richard Malone of the City of Dublin, of the third part. Refers to previous indenture from Sir Arthur Shaen, Kilmore, County Roscommon, 20 February 1730. 4 membranes. Also includes three separate lease agreements for said lands dated, 19 November 1727, 24 April 1731, 5 November 1734. 4 items
- Ms 47,792 / 3** 1734  
Deed of conveyance of 512 acres of land at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Laughlin Kelly, Tarmonbarry, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, for the sum of £1,200, 25 November 1734. 1 p.
- Ms 47,792 / 4** 1734  
Assignment of interest in the lands of Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Laughlin Kelly, Tarmonbarry and William Kelly, Clonburren, County Roscommon, of the first part, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway, of the second part, 19 December 1734. 3 membranes
- Ms 47,792 / 5** 1763  
Conveyance of a moiety of lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, John Bingham, Newbrook, County Mayo, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, for the sum of £339. 2 membranes. Also includes a copy of same, 1 p., both dated 12 October 1763. 2 items.

**Ms 47,792 / 6** 1824  
Draft copy of deed concerning the fee simple, for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon. Ross Mahon, Castlegar, in the first part, Charles Glynn and Owen Ryan, merchants of Dublin, in the second part, George Mahon of Mount Pleasant, County Mayo, in the third part. Lists previous leases and deeds of conveyance for this property, 5 August 1824. 4 pp.

**Ms 47,792 / 7** 1827  
Deed of mortgage for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Daniel Kelly, Muckloon, County Galway, in the first part, and Edmund Francis O'Fallon, County Roscommon, in the second part. Pertains to an earlier deed of lease and release dating from 1827, 10 May 1764. 1 membrane

### **I.i.3. Title deeds and related documents pertaining to land in other Counties**

**Ms 47,793** 1773  
Deed for lands in County Kerry, William Scott, Lieutenant, in the first part, Thomas Concord Scott and Mary Scott, in the second part, Charles Smith and Nicholas Smith, City of Limerick, of the third part. Original deed, discharging the debts of Catherine Collis, City of Limerick, 24 January 1773. 2 membranes

### **I.i.4. Schedules of deeds and related documents**

**Ms 47,794 / 1** c.1700  
Sir Ross Mahon's statement of title to certain land in County Galway. Four documents outlining Ross Mahon's legal claims to certain lands in east Galway, along with a legal and historical treatise outlining his history of land ownership in the area. Includes statement of title to the lands in Ahascragh, County Galway, two undated drafts which include a history of this lease over the previous century, documents 'wanting to protect the title of Ross Mahon to estates in the townlands of Cornamucklagh, Killupane, Ballyglass, and Ervallah Eighter in the parish of Ahascragh and loose leaf accounts concerning the Lissyegan property in Ahascragh, all undated, c. early 1700s. 4 items.

c.1720  
Details of the payments made by Ross Mahon for lands at Derrynamanagh, County Galway, with specific reference to loans received in the form of a mortgage to finance the payment from Bryan Mahon, James Mahon and Reverend William Blackburn. Scrap of torn page, undated, c. 1720. 1 p.



- Ms 47,794 / 2** c.1750  
The title of Ross Mahon to lands purchased from the Clanricarde family in County Galway, 1703-1716. Very fragile but still legible, in the handwriting of James Browne, includes details regarding sales, leasing agreements and terms, undated, c. 1750. 4 items
- Ms 47,794 / 3** 1750  
Schedule of deeds, referring to purchases made between Colonel John Eyre and Reverend Giles Eyre, Eyrecourt, County Galway, and Ross Mahon, Castlegar, March 1774. 8 pp. Fragile but very legible. Also includes an acknowledgement by Colonel John Eyre of Eyrecourt to having received from James Mahon, thirty pounds, seventeen shillings in rent, 4 October 1750, along with a letter signed by Richard Morgan referring to land in the parish of Kilconerin, Kilchreest and Tynagh, granted to Theobald Glover in trust for Mr Howard, 28 November 1750. 3 items
- 1763  
Memorandum of Ross Mahon, regarding lands at Clooncannon, County Galway. Memorandum concerning an undivided moiety of lands in east Galway pertaining to Luke Dillon of Clonbrock. Concludes 'they have no quarrel about that or anything else – but they may always agree as their fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers did,' 13 July 1763. 1 p.
- c.1780  
Minutes of documents pertaining to Ross Mahon's title to lands in County Galway, 1716-1767. Undated manuscript listing the history of the Mahon estates, including details of deeds, lease agreements and settlements. Fragile yet still legible, Undated, c. 1780. 4 pp.
- c.1800  
Extract of title to lands at Derrynamanagh and Ahascragh, in County Galway. Undated parchment outlining the history of the Mahon estate, including details of early conveyances and leases, dating from 1682-1786. Undated, c.1800. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,794 / 4** c.1820  
Schedule of deeds and papers belonging to Ross Mahon. Draft manuscript with corrections and notes, listing 332 legal documents relating to the Mahon family, including settlements, leases and deeds, covering the period 1694 to the early 1800s, undated, c. 1820. 31 pp.

## I.ii. Lease Agreements

There are an extensive number of lease agreements contained in the catalogue, dating from the late seventeenth century. The vast bulk of these pertain to land in the Ahascragh district of north-east Galway, and the Tarmonbarry district of County Roscommon, as well as land in the baronies of Kilconnell and Loughrea in County Galway. There are also some so-called 'Bishops leases', which pertain to ecclesiastical property held from the Church of Ireland, Bishop of Elphin, in east Galway. Along with land leased by the Mahons from the Earls of Clanricarde and others at the beginning of the eighteenth century, there are a considerable collection of later lease agreements pertaining to land leased by the Mahon family to large farmers, mainly in the Ahascragh district. Some of the very early leases are secure leases for lives renewal for a peppercorn rent and some are actually leases in trust for the family, i.e., leased by a third party, on behalf of the Mahon family. Lease agreements pertaining to large plots of land have been catalogued in full, whilst agreements made between the Mahons and their tenants for smaller plots of land on their estate have been grouped together by estate and district. There are also agreements pertaining to land in County Dublin, leased by the Rorke family of Nangor, which came into the possession of the Mahons through legal and financial transactions.

### I.ii.1. Lease agreements for land in County Galway

#### I.ii.1. (a) Lease agreements for land in the parish of Ahascragh

- Ms 47,795 / 1**      1670  
Lease of the townlands of Cornmucklagh and Killglass, in the Parish of Ahascragh, County Galway, William, Lord Clanricarde to Morough O'Flaherty, for a term of 21 years. Also includes two renewals of said deed, dated 1675 and 1692, 7 August 1670. Very fragile. 1 membrane
- 1699  
Lease of lands at Ahascragh, County Galway, Colonel Thomas Burke and Helen Countess Clanricarde to Bryan Mahon, Castlegar, life term lease, forty pounds annual rent, 21 April 1699. Extremely fragile, 1 p.
- 1699  
Lease of the lands of Cornamucklagh and Killyglass in the parish of Ahascragh, Bryan Mahon, Castlegar to Theobald Osbaldeston, dated 26 April 1699. Includes a second lease for land at Killyglass, 26 September 1699. Fragile, some damage and difficult to read. 2 items
- 1703  
Lease for lands in Oughtercloony, County Galway, James Maghan, Oughtercloony to Bryan Maghan, Castlegar, 17 March 1703. A

mortgage deed for £430 is also included, 18 March 1703. 2 items

1703

Lease for lands at Castlegar, Ahascragh, County Galway, John Burke, Lord Bophin, Edward Madden, County Roscommon and John Stanton, City of Dublin, to Bryan Kelly, Ballyforan, County Roscommon, in trust for Bryan Mahon, Castlegar, 25 November 1703. 1 membrane

**Ms 47,795 / 2**

1704

Lease for lands in the townland of Ervallah Oughter, in the parish of Ahascragh, Brian O'Brien and Catherine Hurley to Bryan Maghan, Castlegar, 238 acres, twenty-five pounds annual rent, 6 March 1704. 1 p. very fragile

**Ms 47,795 / 3**

1705

Lease for the lands of Castlegar, in the parish of Ahascragh, Bryan Kelly, Ballyforan, County Roscommon, of the first part, Dennis Daly, Castlefrench, County Mayo and William Lyster, Athleague in the Country of Roscommon of the other part, 816 acres for a peppercorn rent, 1 October 1705. 1 membrane

1707

Lease for lands in the parish of Ahascragh, John Burke, Lord Bophin, and Michael Burke, Lord Dunkellin, to Robert Ferrall, City of Dublin, held in trust for Ross Mahon, Castlegar, to commence from the date of the death of the Countess Clanricarde, for a term of sixty-two years and an annual fee of £47, 6 November 1707. 1 membrane

**Ms 47,795 / 4**

1711

Lease for the lands of Castlegar, County Galway, John Burke, Earl of Clanricarde to Bryan Mahon, Castlegar, £816 acres for a peppercorn rent, for a term of one year, 11 July 1711. 1 membrane

**Ms 47,795 / 5**

1711

Lease of lands at Derrynamanagh and Lisduff, between James Maghan and Thomas Maghan, both of Oughtercloony and Captain Bryan Maghan of Castlegar, for a term of one year, consisting of 360 acres of land. Fragile. 1 membrane

**Ms 47,795 / 6**

1711, 1751, 1752

Lease of the lands of Castlegar, John Burke, Earl Clanricarde, Michael Burke, Lord Dunkellin, of the first part, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway, of the second part, William Lyster, Mount Talbot, of the third part, for three lives renewable for ever, for a rent of eighty pounds per year, 12 July 1711. Also includes two renewals of same, dated 1751 and 1752. 3 membranes

- Ms 47,795 / 7** 1712  
Lease for land in the parish of Ahascragh, John Burke, Lord Bophin, and Michael Burke, Lord Dunkellin, to Robert Ferrall, City of Dublin, 2 March 1712. Some damage and difficult to read. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,795 / 8** 1716  
Lease for the lands of Cloncannon, in the parish of Ahascragh, Bryan Mahon, Castlegar to Denis Daly, Raford, 21 August 1716. Torn. 1 p.
- Ms 47,795 / 9** 1716  
Lease for lands in Ahascragh Parish, County Galway, John Burke, Earl of Clanricarde to Bryan Mahon, Castlegar, for a peppercorn rent, for a term of one year, 23 August 1716. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,795 / 10** 1720-1825  
Collection of lease agreements relating to land transactions between the Dillons of Clonbrock and the first and second Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 1720-1825. Also includes a number of receipts and correspondence. 13 items
- Ms 47,795 / 11** 1725  
Lease for grazing lands at Lissyegan, in the parish of Ahascragh, Ross Mahon, Castlegar with various parties, 30 April 1725. 1 p.
- Ms 47,795 / 12** 1726  
Lease for lands in the parish of Ahascragh, Ross Mahon to Laughlin Croaghan, Annabeg, 44 acres for a 21 year term, 28 June 1726. 1 p.
- Ms 47,795 / 13** 1730  
Lease of lands at Castlegar, Hugh Henry, City of Dublin, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, for an annual rent of £82. Refers to Judgements at the Court of King's Bench, and Michael, late Earl of Clanricarde, 30 July 1730. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,795 / 14** 1736  
Deed of conveyance for lands in the parish of Ahascragh, County Galway, Hugh Mannion and Thomas Mannion, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway, 6 February 1736. Fragile and difficult to read. 1 membrane.
- Ms 47,795 / 15** 1736  
Lease for lands in the parish of Ahascragh, County Galway, John Eyre of Eyrecourt, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, for a term of three lives, 188 acres, for a rent of £40 per year, 16 April 1736. 1 membrane

- Ms 47,795 / 16** 1738  
Lease of the townland of Kilcrin, in the parish of Ahascragh, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, from John Kelly of Ffidane for the lives of Ross Mahon's three sons, Ross, John and Ussher, 27 October 1738. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,795 / 17** 1741  
Lease of 175 acres, part of the lands of Fohenagh and Gortavologue, James Mahon Ballyglass to others, for a rent of 7 shillings an acre, includes 16 signatures to the lease, 11 July 1741. 1 item
- Ms 47,795 / 18** 1746  
Lease for part of the lands of Ballyeighter, Augustine Lorcan, Ballyeighter to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 24 acres, 19 November 1746. 1 membrane
- 1748  
Lease of the lands of Killupaun, Ahascragh, County Galway, Luke Dillon, Clonbrock, to Ross Mahon, Ahascragh, for a term of sixty-one years, for an annual rent of £24, 29 October 1748. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,795 / 19** 1751, 1763  
Lease for lands at Ballyeighter, in the Parish of Ahashcragh, Edward Mulry, Ballyeighter, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, for seven shillings and six pence per acre, 25 June 1751. 1 p. Also includes a renewal of said lease, 16 October, 1763. 2 items
- Ms 47,795 / 20** 1770  
Lease of 130 acres of land at Sunnagh, in the parish of Ahascragh, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Mark Lynch, Kilcunagh, County Galway, for the live of James Skerritt, for an annual rent of £130, 27 June 1770. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,795 / 21** 1770  
Lease for lands in the parish of Ahascragh, William Burke, Ballyduggan, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar. Concerns seven acres at Shraloughra, 20 October 1770. 1 item
- 1772  
Earl of Clanricarde to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, renewal of original lease dated 1711, for the town and lands of Castlegar, containing 816 acres, 9 September 1772. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,795 / 22** 1777  
Lease for lands at Cornamuckla, Charles Blakeney, City of Dublin to Peter Cruice, Winfield, County Galway, for a 31 year term, for an

annual rent of £56, 4 December 1777. 1 item

- Ms 47,795 / 23** 1786  
Lease agreement for the lands at Lisduff and Lismally, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, to James Mahon, Beech Hill, for renewals for ever for a peppercorn rent, 18 February 1786. 1 item
- Ms 47,796 / 1** 1790, 1791, 1807, 1815  
Lease agreements for the lands of Ervallah Eighter, Ahascragh, County Galway. Includes four renewals of leases; Burton Persse, Persse Lodge, to Ross Mahon, 1790 and 1807, Burton Persse to Thomas Hughes, 1791, and Burton Persse to Reverend James Mahon, 27 July 1815. 5 items
- Ms 47,796 / 2** 1792-1800  
A collection of Ecclesiastical leases, for 263 acres of land in Ahascragh and Listore, County Galway, from the Lord Bishop of Elphin to Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar. This land was leased for a twenty-one year term for an annual rent of £31. There are eight renewals of this lease covering the period 1792-1800. 9 items
- Ms 47,796 / 3** 1802-1812  
A collection of Ecclesiastical leases, for 263 acres of land in Ahascragh and Listore, County Galway, from the Lord Bishop of Elphin to Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar. This land was leased for a twenty-one year term for an annual rent of £31. There are ten annual renewals of this lease covering the period 1802-1812. 11 items
- Ms 47,796 / 4** 1807  
Lease for lands at Cornamuckla, Ahascragh, County Galway, Ross Mahon to James Mahon, Castlegar, ninety-seven acres, thirty-one years or life lease, one hundred and twenty pounds annual rent, 31 January 1807. 1 item
- Ms 47,796 / 5-6** 1812  
Lease agreements for parts of the lands of Ahascragh in the County of Galway for the life of the lessee or 31 year term, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to the Reverend Dean Mahon, Dromore, County Down. Includes four similar leases agreements, all dated, 31 August 1812. 2 folders, 5 items.
- Ms 47,796 / 7-8** 1812-1835  
A collection of Ecclesiastical leases, for 263 acres of land in Ahascragh and Listore, County Galway, from the Lord Bishop of Elphin to Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar. This land was leased for a twenty-one year term for an annual rent of £31. There are twenty-one annual renewals of this lease covering the period 1812-1835. 2 folders, 24 items

- Ms 47,796 / 9** 1816  
 Lease for lands at Ervallah Eighter, Castlegar, James Hughes, Brideswell, County Roscommon, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, two acres only, one pound, two shillings per acre annual rent, for the natural life of Burton Persse, Tallyho Lodge, Athenry, 15 January 1816. 1 membrane
- 1820  
 Lease for lands in the townlands of Killupaune, Ervallah Eighter, Lissiegan and Cornamuckla, in the parish of Ahascragh, County Galway, Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar to William Trench, May 1820. 1 item
- 1823  
 Lease for lands at Ahascragh, Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Reverend James Mahon, Dean of Dromore, for three lives or sixty-one years, eighty-six acres, one hundred and ninety pounds annual rent, 12 August 1823. A copy of the lease is also included. 2 items
- Ms 47,796 / 10** 1823  
 Assignment of lease of lands in the townlands of Cornmucklagh, North Killupaun in the parish of Ahascragh, County Galway, George Mahon, in the first part, Reverend James Mahon, Dean of Dromore, in the second part, Sir Ross Mahon in the third part, 1 July 1823. 1 membrane
- 1823  
 Assignment of lease of lands in the townlands of Cornmucklagh, North Killupaun in the parish of Ahascragh, County Galway. Sir Ross Mahon, in the first part, Reverend James Mahon, Dean of Dromore, in the second part. Renewal of a previous lease for a sixty-one year term for an annual rent of £199 per anum, 12 August 1823. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,796 / 11** 1824  
 Lease for seventy four acres at Ervallah Eighter, the Reverend James Mahon, Deane of Dromore, to Timothy Glynn, Ahascragh, six month term, 20 June 1824. 1 item
- Ms 47,796 / 12** 1837  
 Lease for lands at Castlegar, Ahascragh, County Galway, Sir Ross Mahon to Arthur Hill Griffith of County Louth, 27 March 1837. 1 item
- 1842  
 Lease of lands at Ballyglass, Ahascragh, County Galway, between Sir Ross Mahon and Philip Crawley, Carnmore Hill, 2 May 1842. Rough draft of original lease. 1 item

- Ms 47,796 / 13** 1842  
Lease of Ballyglass, Ahascragh, County Galway, Sir Ross Mahon, to Philip Crawley, Sycamore Hill, for two lives or twenty-one years, 20 May 1842. 1 item
- 1842  
Lease of Ballyglass, Ahascragh, County Galway, Sir James Mahon to Philip Crawley, Sycamore Hill, 8 July 1842. 1 item
- Ms 47,796 / 14** 1845  
Lease of lands in the village of Ahascragh and lands adjoining, in the parish of Ahascragh, in the Barony of Kilconnell. Sir James Fitzgerald Vesey Mahon to Mr Samuel Alex Bell, Ahascragh, for a term expiring 1 May 1878, at a yearly rent of £101. Vellum parchment, 2 membranes, including a map. 1 item
- Ms 47,796 / 15** 1857  
Assignment lease of land in Ahascragh, County Galway. John Denis Fitzgerald Ker Mahon, Ballydonelan Castle, County Galway, of the first part, Francis Mahon, Kellysgrove, widow, County Galway, of the second part, 86 acres for £199 annual rent, 21 January 1857. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,796 / 16** 1871  
Agreement for the lease of Castlegar house and gardens, between Sir William Mahon and Captain J.W. Scarlet, for a yearly rent of £140, 1 December 1871. 1 item
- 1875  
Lease of Weston house, The Reverend Sir William Ross Mahon to John Ross Mahon, for a rent of £135 per anum, 17 March 1875. 1 item

### **I.ii.1. (b) Agreements with tenants on the Mahon estate at Ahascragh**

These agreements relate to the leasing of small plots of land by the Mahon family to the tenants on their estate in Ahascragh.

- Ms 47,797 / 1-2** 1770-1790  
Various lease agreements for land on the Castlegar estate, between Ross Mahon and tenants on the estate. These leases are generally for between 21 and 28 years, for small plots of between two to four acres, with some larger farms of between ten and forty acres. There are some town plots consisting of ground rents of less than a couple of perches in the village



of Ahascragh. These small holdings were held by tenant farmers and were mostly in the parish of Ahascragh. The dates written on the outside of the agreements pertain to the expiration of the agreements, rather than their commencement. 2 folders, 35 items

### **I.ii.1. (c) Agreements with tenants on the Mahon estate in the Barony of Kilconnell**

These agreements relate to the leasing of small plots of land by the Mahons to the tenants on their estate in the baronies of Kilconnell and Leitrim.

**Ms 47,798**            1770-1790  
Various lease agreements for land on the Mahon Estate in the Baronies of Kilconnell and Leitrim, between Ross Mahon and tenants on the estate. These leases are generally for between 21 and 28 years. 8 items

### **I.ii.1. (d) Agreements for land in the Barony of Dunmore**

**Ms 47,799**            1713  
Articles of agreement between Lord Athenry, Francis Bermingham, and Luke Daly ? of Mount Talbot, regarding land in the parish of Tuam, for a term of 21 years, 2 May 1713. 1 p.

1826  
Lease for lands at Gallagher, in the Barony of Tuam, County Galway, Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar, to Mathew O'Reilly, Dublin, 1 June, 1826. 1 item

1884  
Lease for lands at Gallagher, in the Barony of Tuam, County Galway, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to John Mannion, Aughrim, County Galway, for the full natural lives of the members of the Mannion family, 28 April 1884. 1 item

### **I.ii.1. (e) Agreements for land in the Baronies of Kilconnell and Loughrea**

**Ms 47,800 / 1**        1695  
Lease for lands in County Galway, Richard, Earl of Clanricarde to James Deane, 24 October 1695. Original parchment with seal, some damage and partially illegible. 1 p.

**Ms 47,800 / 2**        1726  
Lease for lands at Ballyduggan and Gortcloughy in the Barony of

Kilconnell, James Power, Cahererea, County Galway to Henry Talbot, Mount Talbot, for an eleven year term, for a yearly rent of £36, 11 May 1726. 1 p.

**Ms 47,800 / 3** 1733  
Lease for lands at Ballyduggan and Gortcloughy in the Barony of Kilconnell, David Power and Edmund Power, County Galway to James Mahon, Castlegar, for an annual rent of £80, a life-term lease, 19 November 1733. 1 membrane

1733  
Lease for lands at Pallas, Ballyduggan and Gortcloughy, County Galway, for three lives renewal for ever, David and Edmund Power, County Galway to James Mahon, Castlegar, for an annual rent of £76, 20 November 1733. Two copies of lease included. 2 items

**Ms 47,800 / 4** 1741  
Lease of 232 acres at Derrynamanagh, in the Barony of Loughrea, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, to John Briggs, Westmeath and Jonathon Brigs, Annagh, County Galway, three-life lease, for an annual rent of £60, 6 June 1741. 1 membrane

**Ms 47,800 / 5** 1747  
Lease of lands at Fohenagh, in the Barony of Kilconnell, County Galway, for three lives, at the yearly rent of £68, John Eyre, Eyrecourt, County Galway, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 24 October 1747. 1 membrane

**Ms 47,800 / 6** 1751  
Lease for lands at Derrynamanagh, in the Barony of Loughrea, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to James Mahon, Beech Hill, for a term of 31 years for an annual fee of £60, 1 May 1751. Fragile. 1 p.

**Ms 47,800 / 7** 1762  
Lease for twenty acres of land at Gortbrack, County Galway, Terence O'Brien, Fairfield, County Galway to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, for one whole year, for a peppercorn rent, 22 April 1762. 1 p.

1770  
Lease for lands at Brackloon, in the Barony of Kilconnell, William Kelly, Dunmore, County Galway to Peter Lynch, Castlegarra, County Mayo, 216 acres, for a 20 year term, 10 October 1770. 1 membrane

**Ms 47,800 / 8** 1773  
Lease for lands at Annabeg, County Galway, the Right Honourable Chief Commissioners and Governors of His Majesties Revenue and

Excise to Ross Mahon of Castlegar, for the term of sixty-one years for the annual rent of forty-five pounds. Pertains to one hundred and fifty two acres forfeited by Sir William Hurley on account of the Rebellion of 1688, 31 March 1773. 1 membrane

1774

Lease of lands in the Baronies of Kilconnell and Loughrea, Henry Meredyth, John Monck Mason and Henry L'Estrange, City of Dublin, Frederick Trench of Woodlawn, County Galway, Neptune Lynch of Kellysgrove in the County of Galway of the one part, the Right Honourable John, Lord Eyre, Baron of Eyrecourt of the second part, Ross Mahon of Castlegar, of the third part. Refers to 190 acres at Cloonbennis, Old Grange, Torman and Rahally, for a peppercorn rent for one year, 4 March 1774. 1 membrane

1792

Lease for lands at Lisduff and Lismally, County Galway, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Bernard Mahon, Beech Hill, for lives renewable for ever, for an annual rent of £150, 1 April 1792. 1 membrane.

1809

Rough draft lease for lands at Derrynamanagh, New Inn, County Galway, Ross Mahon to Michael Burke, Loughrea, 239 acres, undated, 1809. 1 item

1810, 1812

Two rough draft lease agreements for lands at Derrynamanagh, New Inn, County Galway, Ross Mahon to Michael Burke, Loughrea, 239 acres, 9 November 1810, undated, c.1812. 2 item

**Ms 47,800 / 9**

1831

Lease for lands for lands at Kilclooney, County Galway, Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Hely Dutton, Ballinasloe, County Galway, natural life lease, ten pounds annual rent, 6 April 1831. 1 item

#### **I.ii.1. (f) Agreements for land in the Baronies of Kiltartan and Leitrim**

**Ms 47,801 / 1**

1717

Lease of lands at Pallas, in the County of Galway, James Power and Francis Power to Henry Talbot, 205 acres for a term of 21 years at £35 a year, 13 July 1717. 1 membrane

1733

Lease of the lands of Pallas, Ballydoogan and Gortnacloughy, David and Edmund Power to James Mahon, for three lives renewable for ever,

for an annual rent of £76, 20 November 1733. 1 item

1735

Conveyance of lease of lands at Pallas, Denis Daly to James Mahon, refers to previous lease in the name of David Power, 25 April 1735. 2 pp.

1771

Lease for lands at Killmacduagh, County Galway, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to James Mahon, Oughtercloony, County Galway, 11 May 1771. 2 pp.

### **I.ii.1. (g) Agreements relating to the Hussey family, Courtown, County Kildare**

The Mahons were involved in a complicated legal disagreement with the Hussey family and as a result, these lease agreements came into their possession. Some agreements relate directly to leases for land made between the Mahons and the Husseys, with others pertaining to agreements with other landlords in County Galway.

**Ms 47,802 / 1-3** 1708-1797

Collection lease agreements for land in the Barony of Kilconnell relating to the Hussey Family, Courtown, County Kildare. 3 folders, 20 items.

1. Lease for lands at Knocknabooley and Old Grange, County Galway, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, and Owen Glynn, thirty acres, 21 year lease, twenty-two pounds annual rent, 1 May 1708. 1 item
2. Lease for lands at Grainge, County Galway, John Eyre, Eyrecourt, County Galway to Joseph Hall, County Galway, seventy five acres, ten pounds annual rent, 11 May 1724. 1 item
3. John Moore, Annabeg, County Galway, for thirty-one years, forty-five pounds annual rent, 15 December 1739. 1 item
4. Lease for lands at Clonbeneade, County Galway, John Eyre, Eyrecourt, County Galway, to William Glynn, Cahirnamana, one hundred and fifteen acres, forty-eight pounds annual rent, life term lease, 30 April 1743. 1 item
5. Lease for lands at Greggane, County Galway, James Hussey, Courtown, to Barnaby Kelly, Greggane, County Galway, twenty-one year lease, 3 December 1746. 1 item

6. Lease of lands at Greggane, County Galway, by James Hussey, Courtown, Kildare to Barnaby Kelly, Greggane, County Galway, thirty-one year lease, annual rent of twenty-five pounds, 4 March 1750. 1 item
7. Lease for lands at Cloghagalla, Thomas Hussey, Dublin to Barnaby Kelly, Greggane, County Galway, one hundred and ninety acres, thirty-one year lease, sixty pounds annual rent, 14 March 1750. Damaged and very delicate. 1 item
8. Transfer of lease for lands, James Hussey, Courtown, Kildare, nominates John Moore, Annabeg, County Galway, to cover arrears which shall become due of out the lands at Cloghagalla, Killure, Killure Castle and Greggane, 12 December 1751. 1 item
9. Lease for lands at Tarman, John Eyre, Eyrecourt, County Galway to Thomas Lynch, City of Dublin, two hundred and fifty-six acres, five shillings an acre annual rent, 2 November 1756. 1 item
10. Lease of lands at Killcumadan, Aughrim, County Galway for thirty-five years, James Hussey, Courtown, Kildare, to Daniel Kelly, Coolevoran, Queens County, seventy-one pounds annual rent, 15 March 1758. 1 item
11. Lease of lands at Ballynabanba, Fohenagh, County Galway, James Hussey, Courtown, Kildare, to Daniel Kelly, Coolevoran, Queens County, thirty-one year term, fifty-nine pounds yearly rent, 15 March 1758. 1 item
12. Richard and James Hussey, Courtown, Kildare, executors of the last will and testament of the late James Hussey, Courtown, claiming several sums due to them by the executors of the will of the late Frederick Trench, Garbally, County Galway from lease of lands at Kilclooney, County Galway, from 1745- 1760, nominate John Moore, Annabeg in the County of Galway to compound and settle all said demands, 1 March 1760. 1 item
13. Lease for lands at Greggane and Cloghagalla, County Galway, Richard and James Hussey, Courtown, Kildare to Hugh Kelly, thirty-one years, one hundred and ten pounds annual rent, 7 August 1766. 1 item
14. Lease of lands at Kilcomedan, County Galway, James Hussey, to John Moore, Annabeg, County Galway, fifteen shillings an

acre annual rent, twenty-one year term, 7 August 1766. 1 item

15. Lease of lands at Killure Castle and Kilclooney, Richard and James Hussey, Courtown, Kildare to John Moore, Annabeg, County Galway, for thirty-one years, ninety-six pounds annual rent, 7 August 1766. 1 item
16. Lease for lands at Clonbennis, County Galway, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Darby, Michael, Patrick, William and John Mannion, John Kelly, John and William Lally, John and Thomas Cormack, Henry Neal, Laurence Dolan, Thady, Patrick and James Glynn, Laurence Dolan, sixty pounds annual rent, twenty-one year lease, 13 June 1778. 1 item
17. Lease for lands at Tarmon, County Galway, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Mathew and Andrew Griffin, Tarmon, forty-four acres, thirty-one year lease, thirty pounds annual rent, 1 June 1782. 1 item
18. Lease for lands at Kilenamore, County Galway, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and John Dillon, Kilenamore, thirty-one year lease, one hundred pounds annual rent, 23 May 1783. This material is fragile and damaged. 1 item
19. Lease for lands at Tarmon, County Galway, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Mathew and Andrew Griffin, Tarmon, twenty-one pounds annual rent, twenty-six year term, 1 May 1787. 1 item
20. Lease of lands at Killclooney, County Galway, James Hussey, Courtown, Kildare to Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Luke Dillon and Charles Dillon, County Galway, life term lease, one hundred pounds annual rent, 23 October 1790. 1 item

Lease of lands at Cloghagalla, County Galway, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Michael Dillon, County Galway, two hundred and four acres, four hundred pounds annual rent, twenty-one year term, 3 September 1797. 1 item

## **I.ii.2. Lease agreements for land in County Roscommon**

### **I.ii.2. (a) Agreements for land at Tarmonbarry**

**Ms 47,803 / 1**

1729

Memorandum of agreement for lease of lands at Coolnafohannagh, County Roscommon, Henry Talbot to William Rigny, both of Mount

Talbot, County Roscommon, for a term of twenty-one years for a yearly rent of £16, 20 November 1729. 1 item

1730

Lease agreement for the lands at Tarmonbarry, between Reverend Samuel Span, Newtownforbes, County Longford and Richard Malone, City of Dublin, for one peppercorn rent, for a term of one whole year, 19 February 1730. 1 membrane

**Ms 47,803 / 2**

1734

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, for a term of one year, Laughlin Kelly, County Roscommon to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, for a peppercorn rent, 16 December 1734. 1 membrane

1734

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Richard Malone, City of Dublin, to Denis Daly, Raford, for an annual peppercorn annual rent, 18 December, 1734. 1 p.

1763

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, John Bingham, Newbrook, County Mayo to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, for one year, for an annual peppercorn rent, 11 October 1763. 1 membrane

1768

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon to William Davey, for an annual rent of ten shillings an acre, 25 July 1768. 1 p.

**Ms 47,803 / 3**

1774

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, to Fergal Kelly, Thady Kelly, Owen Egan, Thomas Gurrill, Laurence Geelan, Andrew Kennedy, John Kennedy, Richard Kennedy, County Roscommon, for an annual rent of ten pounds, 8 October, 1774. 1 membrane

1776

Renewal of a lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Henry Boyle Carter and Susanna, his wife, of the City of Dublin, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar. Renewal of a previous lease dated 1708 from Sir Arthur Shaen, pertaining to 520 acres of land, three lives lease, April 1776. 1 membrane

1779

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and James Egan, Ballintoohey, Roscommon, thirty-one year

lease, eight pounds and eighteen shillings annual rent for eleven acres of land, 1 May 1779. 1 p.

1779

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and James Cox, Eleanor Madden and Thomas Moran of Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, fourteen pounds annual rent, for eighteen acres of land, 1 November 1779. 2 copies are included. 2 items

**Ms 47,803 / 4**

1783

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and James Fallon, Ballintoohey, Roscommon, for a term of twenty-one years or life lease, one hundred pounds annual rent, for nineteen acres, 21 May 1783. An original document, damaged but legible. Also includes two copies, one is labelled Patrick Fallon but is in fact a copy of the original naming James Fallon, dated 21 April, rather than May 1810, as written on the cover. 2 items

1784

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and Peter McGrath, Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon. Life term lease, five pounds annual rent, six acres, 1 May 1784. 1 item

1784

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Bart and John Murtagh, Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, for a term of thirty-one years, ten pounds and fifteen shillings annual rent, for twelve acres of land, 1 May 1784. 1 item

1784

Lease for lands at Ballytoohy, Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to John and Desmond Murtagh of Ballintoohey, County Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for six pounds and sixteen shillings annual rent, 1 May 1784. 1 item

1784

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Thomas Kennedy of Ballintoohey, Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for fifteen shillings per acre annual rent, for fifteen acres of land, 1 May 1784. 1 item

1784

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and Thomas Kennedy of Ballintoohey, Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for eleven pounds, sixteen shillings annual rent, for



fifteen acres of land, 1 May 1784. 1 item

1784

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and John and Edward Murtagh of Ballintoohey, Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for six pounds, sixteen shillings annual rent, for eight acres of land, 1 May 1784. 1 item

1785

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, to Morgan Noonan, Ballytoohey, County Roscommon, for nine acres of land, for five pounds annual rent, thirty-one year lease, 20 July 1785. 1 item

1785

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Morgan Noonan of Ballintoohey, Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for five pounds, ten shillings annual rent, for six acres of land, 21 July 1785. 1 item

**Ms 47,803 / 5**

1790

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to William Graham, Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, life term lease, five pounds and sixteen shillings annual rent, for seven acres of land, 2 June 1790. 2 copies are included. 2 items

1791

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and William Graham and Patrick McDermott of Ballintoohey, Tarmonbarry, County, Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for five pounds, sixteen shillings annual rent, six acres of land, 20 March 1791. Two original copies are included. 2 items

1791

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and Reverend John Reilly, Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, twenty-five year lease, for eight pounds and fifteen shillings annual rent, for nine acres of land, 4 June 1791. 1 item

1791

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and Nicholas Scally, Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, twenty-five year lease, for twenty shillings per acre annual rent, twenty-one acres of land, 13 September 1791. Material is badly torn. 1 item

1791

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and Nicholas and Thomas Kennedy, Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, for seventeen shillings per acre annual rent, over a twenty-five year term, 30 September 1791. 1 item

1792

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and Thomas Curley, Michael Cox and Nicholas Cox, all of Ballintoohey, Roscommon, twenty-five year lease, for seventeen shillings an acre annual rent, 16 January 1792. 1 item

1794

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, Patrick Bannon, Tarmonbarry, taking over the previous twenty-five year lease from Denis Hopkins, Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, 17 February 1794.

1795

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and William Trench, Woodlawn, County Galway and Daniel Keenan of Ballintoohey, County Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for seventeen pounds, five shillings annual rent, for forty-two acres of land, 13 September 1795. 1 item

1795

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and William Trench, Woodlawn, County Galway and Laurence Noonan of Ballintoohey, County Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for seventeen pounds, five shillings annual rent, forty-two acres of land, 13 September 1795. 1 item

1795

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and Thomas Curley, Michael Cox and Nicholas Cox, all of Ballintoohey, Roscommon, twenty-five year lease, for seventeen pounds, four shillings annual rent, 14 September 1795. 1 item

1795

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and William Trench, Woodlawn, County Galway and Edward Murtagh of Ballintoohey, County Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for six pounds annual rent, for eight acres, 14 September 1795. 1 item

**Ms 47,803 / 6**

1795

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and William Trench, Woodlawn, County Galway and Daniel

Bannon of Ballintoohey, County Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for thirty pounds annual rent, twenty-two acres of land, 14 September 1795. 1 item

1795

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and William Trench, Woodlawn, County Galway and Edward Murtagh of Ballintoohey, County Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for six pounds, sixteen shillings annual rent, eight acres of land, 14 September 1795. 1 item

1795

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and William Trench, Woodlawn, County Galway to Thomas Kennedy of Ballintoohey, County Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for fifteen acres of land, 15 September 1795. 1 item

1795

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and William Trench, Woodlawn, County Galway and Denis Hopkins, Ballintoohey, County Roscommon, thirty-one year lease, for five pounds, four shillings annual rent, for six acres of land, 15 September 1795. 1 item

1798

Copy of moiety lease of Tarmonbarry, Susanna Carter, widow, otherwise, Shaen, City of Dublin, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 7 May 1798. 3 pp.

1810

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and James Fallon, Ballintoohey, County Roscommon, twenty-one years or life term lease, fifty pounds annual rent, for thirteen acres of land, 21 April 1810. Material is badly damaged. 1 item

1810

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and John Fallon, Ballintoohey, County Roscommon, twenty-one years or life term lease, ninety-eight pounds annual rent, for eighteen acres of land, 21 May 1810. Two copies are included. 1 item

1810

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Thady Murtagh of Ballintoohey, County Roscommon, natural life lease, fifty-six pounds annual rent, for ten woodland acres, 21 May 1810. 1 item

1810

Lease for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and Peter Noonan, Ballintoohey, County Roscommon, twenty-one year or life term lease, sixty-two pounds annual rent, twelve acres, 24 May 1810. 1 item

### **I.ii.2. (b) Agreements with tenants on the Mahon estate at Tarmonbarry**

These leases pertain to agreements made between the Mahon family and the tenants on their Roscommon estates and pertain to small plots of land.

**Ms 47,804 / 1-4** 1770-1790

Various lease agreements for land at Ballytoohey and Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon between Ross Mahon and tenants on the estate. These leases are generally for between 21 and 28 years, for small plots of between two to four acres, with some larger farms of between ten and forty acres. These small holdings were held by tenant farmers and the dates written on outside of the agreements pertain to the expiration of the agreements, rather than their commencement. 4 folders, 45 items

### **I.ii.3. Agreements for land in County Dublin**

These agreements pertain to the Rorke family of Nangor, County Dublin and do not contain leases connected directly to the Mahon family. They probably came into the possession of the Mahons through legal and financial transactions.

**Ms 47,805 / 1** 1786-1899

Lease agreements relating to Mr. John Rorke, Finnstown, County Dublin, 1886-1824. Concerns land in north-east County Dublin at Adamstown and Finnstown.

1. Lease for lands at Finnstown and Esker, County Dublin, Francis Lowndes, Gravelstown, Meath to John Graham, Finnstown, Dublin, 9 August 1786. 1 item
2. Lease for lands at Finnstown and Esker, John Graham to Francis Graham, Finnstown, Dublin, sixty acres, 9 March 1798. 1 item
3. Lease for lands at Finnstown and Esker, for one year, John Graham, Finnstown, Dublin to Charles Conway-Costley, 25 June 1799. 1 item

4. Lease for Adamstown, County Dublin, for three lives or twenty-five years, rent £47, George Gamell to Bryan Hackett, 29 January 1803. 1 item
5. Lease of part of Adamstown, County Dublin for three lives or twenty-four years, for £80 rent, George Gamell to Bryan Hackett, 19 October, 1804. 1 item
6. Lease for lands at Finnstown and Esker, John Smith, Finnstown, Dublin to John Rorke, of Nangor, Dublin, for £84 rent, 1 March 1810. 1 item
7. Renewal of Lease for lands at Finnstown, County Dublin, John Rorke, Finnstown, to John Smith, Parsonstown, County Kildare, two hundred and fifty acres, £581 yearly rent, natural life lease, 28 November 1840. 1 item
8. Renewal of Lease of lands at Finnstown and Esker, County Dublin, two hundred and fifteen acres, life term lease, Francis Lowndes to John Graham, 7 March, 1899.

**Ms 47,805 / 2**

1800

Lease of lands at Glasswood, County Dublin, Moses Langley, City of Dublin to Laurence Rorke, Nangor, Dublin, twenty acres, life lease, fifty-nine pounds annual rent, 8 January 1800. Original lease with seals included. A map of the land is also included. 2 items

1800-1874

Collection of original lease agreements in the possession of H.R. Mahon, relating to the Rorke estate, 1800-1847. Hand-written note listing details of three leases, Glasswood, 8 January 1800; Bogginstown, 21 July 1810; Aghderig, 23 April 1842. 3 pp.

1810

Lease of Bogginstown, parish of Dunboyne, James Foot, Banville, County Down to Laurence Rorke, Nangor, Dublin, twenty-two acres, three pounds per acre annual rent, fifty-five year lease, 21 July 1810. Original lease with seals included. 1 item

1842

Lease of lands at Aghderig, County Dublin, John Connolly, Clondalkin, County Dublin to John Rorke, Finnstown, County Dublin, three-life lease with perpetual renewal, annual rent of five hundred and ninety pounds, two hundred and five acres, one thousand pounds signing on fee, 23 April 1842. 1 item

#### **I.ii.4. Proposals for lease agreements**

**Ms 47,806**

1818-1821

A collection of draft lease agreements, including proposals and offers for leasing arrangements in Counties Galway and Roscommon, 1818-1821. Includes a collection of handwritten proposals and offers for leasing arrangements, made in advance of formal agreements. 33 items

### **I.iii. 'Protestant Discovery' of the Mahon Estates in County Galway**

A significant collection of documents dating from 1732 to 1758, relating to the Protestant discovery of the Mahon estate at Ahascragh, by Andrew Mahon and John Roe is preserved in the collection. Under the Penal laws a 'discoverer' was a Protestant who filed a bill in the Court of Chancery against a Catholic with a legally deficient lease and thus, claimed the property as his own. However, the process was inverted by some Catholics to protect themselves against the hostile acquisition of their land, by employing a conspirator to 'discover' their land, who subsequently held the land in trust for their Catholic kinsmen.

#### **I.iii.1. Legal papers**

- Ms 47,807 / 1** 1710  
Common recovery for the lands of Castlegar and Clooncannon in the County of Galway, Dominique Bourke, defendant, William Lyster, Tenant, Earl Clanricarde, first voucher, Lord Dunkellin, second voucher, 1710. A very elaborate parchment with original seal included. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,807 / 2** 1732  
Ross Mahon's legal costs for 1832, in the case of Andrew Mahon versus Ross Mahon and others. Two lengthy itemised bills, broken down into individual charges, with detailed entries. 2 items
- Ms 47,807 / 3** 1733  
Legal costs, for Bill of Discovery, Hillary term, 1733. A lengthy soft bound account of legal costs incurred by the Mahon family. There is some damage to the manuscript. 6 pp.
- Ms 47,807 / 4** 1739  
Decree of the Court of Chancery, between Andrew Mahon, Plaintiff, and Ross Mahon, defendant, 2 June 1739. A soft bound manuscript copy of the original decree concerning the Mahon estate in the Court of Chancery. The first four pages are damaged and only partially legible, but the remainder of the manuscript is very legible. 82 pp.
- Ms 47,807 / 5** 1741  
Court of Chancery, Roe Against Mahon, Bill filed August 1741. A draft copy of the original Bill brought before his Excellency Robert Jocelyn of the Lord Justices and Lord High Chancellor of Ireland. There is some superficial damage but is still legible. 5 pp.
- Ms 47,807 / 6** 1741  
John Roe Vs. Ross Mahon, Court of Chancery, Draft copy of Bill, 10 August 1741. Legible copy of proceedings in the Court of Chancery

over the Mahon estate, previously 'discovered' by John Roe. Softbound manuscript. 1 item

- Ms 47,807 / 7** 1743, 1744  
Draft copies of legal papers pertaining to Roe Vs. Mahon, Court of Chancery, 1743-1744. Four draft manuscripts from the legal proceeding at the Court of Chancery. Includes: Answers, Mahon to Roe, 19 January 1743; Answers, Ussher to Roe, 4 May 1744; Answers, Mahon to Roe, 4 May 1744; Answers, Mahon to Roe, 26 November 1744. Softbound 4 items
- Ms 47,807 / 8** 1744  
Judgment of the Lord Chancellor in the case of John Roe, plaintiff, Ross Mahon, James Mahon, Christopher Ussher, defendants, 4 December 1744. 12 pp.
- Ms 47,807 / 9** 1744, 1751, 1764, 1786,  
Loose draft legal papers pertaining to proceedings at the Court of Chancery. Includes draft papers pertaining to Ross Mahon's evidence in the Court of Chancery, along with various legal papers dated 1744, 1751, 1764, 1786. 5 items
- Ms 47,807 / 10** 1744  
'Docquet of Decree in Chancery, Roe against Mahon, 10 December 1744.' Softbound, copy of the final decree of the Court of Chancery. 6 pp.

### **I.iii.2. Agreements & mortgages**

- Ms 47,808 / 1** 1711, 1725, 1731, 1758  
Deeds, leases and mortgage agreements pertaining to the transfer of land in County Galway between the Mahons of Castlegar and the Mahons of Beechhill. An important collection of leases and deeds which chart the exchange of the lands of Oughtercloony and Derrynamanagh between the Mahons of Beechill and the Mahons of Castlegar, following the Bill of Discovery being made by Andrew Mahon and John Roe. The items are delicate, with some damage to all of these original documents. 7 items
1. Mortgage from James and Thomas Mahon, for the sum of two hundred pounds to Bryan Mahon, 1 February 1711. Note; inscribed on the back of the parchment, 'transferred from Ross Mahon to Andrew Mahon, 5 April 1738'. Some fading and difficult to read. 1 membrane
  2. Deed of conveyance of the lands of Derrynamanagh and



- Oughtercloony, County Galway, Ross Mahon, Castlegar to Bryan Mahon, consisting of 220 acres at Oughtercloony, for a sum of three hundred pounds, 24 April 1725. Note: inscribed on the back of this parchment, 'Ross Mahon to Andrew Mahon, 5 April 1738'. Note; inscribed on the back of the parchment, 'transferred from Ross Mahon to Andrew Mahon, 5 April 1738'. Some fading and difficult to read. 1 membrane
3. Lease of the lands of Derrynamanagh and Oughtercloony, for a peppercorn rent, Bryan Mahon to Ross Mahon, for 220 acres of land, in the Barony of Kilconnell, 23 April 1725. 1 membrane
  4. Deed of lease and release, from Bryan and Thomas Mahon, Oughtercloony, County Galway to Christopher Ussher of the City of Dublin, for the consideration of eleven hundred pounds for lands at Derrynamanagh, 4 May 1731. 1 membrane
  5. Indenture between Ross Mahon and Thomas Mahon, Oughtercloony, in the County of Galway and Christopher Ussher in the City of Dublin, in consideration of a sum of five shillings sterling, in respect of the lands at Derrynamanagh, 3 May 1731. Note: inscribed on the back of the parchment, 'transferred from Ross Mahon to Andrew Mahon, 5 April 1738'. 1 membrane
  6. Deed for lands at Oughtercloony and Lisduff, Bryan Mahon, Oughtercloony to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 180 acres, for a sum of one thousand pounds, 21 October 1731. 1 membrane  
Note; it is recorded on the back of this parchment that James Mahon received £701, being the proper debt of James Mahon, Bryan Mahon and Thomas Mahon, all of Oughtercloony and due to Pat Power of Loughrea by several bonds and securities with Ross Mahon, 29 January 1748. 1 membrane
  7. Release of the lands of Oughtercloony and Derrynamanagh in the County of Galway and the lands of Tarmonbarry in the County of Roscommon, John Roe to Ross Mahon, 17 October 1758. 1 membrane

**Ms 47,808 / 2**

1732

Andrew Mahon's declaration that his discovery of Oughtercloony was in trust for Ross Mahon, 10 March 1732. Original parchment document, signed by Andrew Mahon. 1 membrane

**Ms 47,808 / 3**

1738

Declaration of Trust, John Roe, Clonshee, County Galway, to Ross Mahon, for lands at Oughtercloony and Derrynamanagh, County Galway, 7 February 1738. Original deed, signed by Cathy Egan and Peter Gready, referring to bill filed in the Court of Chancery in the name of John Roe, held in trust by John Roe for Ross Mahon of Castlegar. 1 item

1741

Declaration of Trust, John Roe, Clonshee, County Galway, to Ross Mahon, 7 August 1741. A general declaration of trust, constituting an acknowledgement by John Roe that he is acting in trust for Ross Mahon in discovering deficient leases. 1 item

1741

Declaration of Trust, John Roe, Clonshee, County Galway, to Ross Mahon, for lands at Oughtercloony and Derrynamanagh, County Galway, 7 August 1741. Original deed, signed by Cathy Egan and Peter Gready, referring to bill filed in the Court of Chancery in the name of John Roe, held in trust by John Roe for Ross Mahon of Castlegar. 1 item

**Ms 47,808 / 4**

1744, 1764

Decree of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, signed by Harvey Rigby, Master of the Rolls, confirm the granting the lands of Oughtercloony and Derrynamnagh in the county of Galway to John Roe. Note: the parchment is countersigned on the back acknowledging the restoration of Ross Mahon to the property in 1764. Damaged. 1 membrane

**Ms 47,808 / 5**

1748

Declaration of Trust, John Roe, Clonshee, County Galway, to Ross Mahon, for lands at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, 6 February 1748. Original deed which also refers to Laughlin Kelly, County Roscommon. 1 item

**Ms 47,808 / 6**

1758

Lease for land at Oughtercloony and Derrynamanagh, County Galway, John Roe, Clonshee, County Galway and Ross Mahon, Castlegar. This lease is for the same lands which Roe had 'discovered' and earlier claimed from the Mahons and which, as this document shows, are subsequently leased back to Ross Mahon at a nominal rent, 16 October 1758. 1 membrane

## **I.iv. Estates Commissioners and Land Commission Papers**

An extensive amount of material pertaining to the sale of the Castlegar estate for distribution amongst the tenantry is preserved in the archive. The family also contemplated selling their land in County Roscommon in the late 1880s and detailed material pertaining to this period is preserved in the collection. Official state documents from both the Estates Commissioners, (pre-independence) and the Land Commission (post-independence) regarding all aspects of the sale, including valuations, maps and surveys, details of sitting tenants and so on, are included. Other items of interest include, personal family letters discussing aspects of the sale and the family's efforts to receive the best price possible, official correspondence with the state, as well as letters from tenants and legal representatives concerning the impending sale and division. These papers amount to a valuable archive of the machinations involved in the sale of a typical landed estate at the beginning of the nineteenth century, the motivation and expectations of the family involved and the attitude of both the state and the sitting tenants.

### **I.iv.1. Land Commission papers regarding the Mahon estate**

#### **I.iv.1. (a) Official Papers**

- Ms 47,809 / 1** 1903, 1923  
Printed Material; 'Irish Land Act, 1903, Arrangement of Sections; Saorstát Éireann, Land Act, 1923, Arrangement of Sections.' Original government pamphlets, outlining the various stipulations of the Land Act of 1903. 2 items
- Ms 47,809 / 2** 1913  
Irish Land Commission, Estates Commissioners, (Record No. 4988), County Roscommon, (Record No. 6979), County Galway; 'In the matter of the estate of Sir William Henry Mahon, abstract of the title of the vendor to lands in the counties of Roscommon and Galway, 17 February 1913.' A one-hundred and sixty-four page manuscript which outlines the history of the consolidation of the Mahon lands in Galway and Roscommon since 1708 with specific reference to various financial and legal conveyances and inheritance settlements. 164 pp.
- Ms 47,809 / 3** c.1913  
'Statement as to the Sale of the Castlegar Estate'; undated, probably circa 1913. Standard Land Commission papers outlining details of the sale of the Castlegar estate at Ahascragh. Details the price given for the estate along with a breakdown of costs. 1 item
- Ms 47,809 / 4** 1913  
'Irish land Acts, 1903 & 1909; Proposal to purchase the estate of Sir William Henry Mahon, County Galway, (E.C. 6979), 1913.' Detailed

document outlining the Land Commission's offer for the Castlegar estate at Ahascragh.

- Ms 47,809 / 5** 1913-1940  
Maps and surveys pertaining to the sale, 1913-1940. Four Ordnance Survey maps of portions of the estate showing divisions, sitting tenants' details and other pertinent material. 4 items
- Ms 47,809 / 6** 1913, 1917  
Irish land Commission, 'Undertaking by a vendor of an estate to repurchase lands in his occupation from the Irish Land Commission, 11 March 1913.' An important document signed by Sir W.H. Mahon, pertaining to parts of the estate demesne which the family repurchased from the estate after the initial sale. Also includes a similar document: 'Agreement between the Irish Land Commission and a purchaser for a sale of a parcel', 21 February 1917. 4 pp. 2 items
- Ms 47,809 / 7** 1914  
Estate of the Irish Land Commission: Formerly the estate of Sir William Henry Mahon, 'List of tenant purchasers to accompany copy maps furnished to Sir W.H. Mahon, showing the lands over which the sporting rights have been leased to him by the Irish Land Commission', by lease dated 13 February 1914. 1 item
- Ms 47,809 / 8** 1914  
Lease of Sporting Rights; The Irish Land Commission to Sir William Henry Mahon, 13 February 1914. 14 pp.
- Ms 47,809 / 9** 1914  
'Irish Land Commission-Estates Commissioners, Supplementary Proposal to Purchase the estate of Sir William Henry Mahon'; (Record No E.C. 6979), 20 April 1914. 1 item
- Ms 47,810 / 1** 1914  
Lease agreements for the hunting rights on the lands at Castlegar and Ahascragh, with ordinance survey maps showing particular areas referred to in the text, 1914. 20 pp.
- Ms 47,810 / 2** 1920, 1927  
Valuation of the estate of Sir Ross Mahon at Castlegar dated 1920, prepared by Garvey and Good auctioneers. 6 pp. Includes a second valuation drawn up by the Mahon family for the year 1927. 7 pp. 2 items
- Ms 47,810 / 3** 1926  
Sir William Henry Mahon, deceased, 'Valuation of all articles of

personal use or ornament, all wines, liquors and consumable stores, farming implements, farming stock, (live or dead) horses, carriages and motor cars at Castlegar, Ahascragh,' Galway, 18 October 1926. 1 item

1926

Sir William Henry Mahon, deceased, 'Valuation of all plate, linen, china, glass, books, pictures, prints, plated ware, furniture and articles of domestic use or ornament and other like effects, save those mentioned at Castlegar, Ahascragh, Galway', 18 October 1926. 1 item

**Ms 47,810 / 4**

1935

Land Registry of Saorstát Éireann in the High Court of Justice, (Folio 10718), Lands of Ahascragh East (part) and several others; (Folio 13809), Lands of Ahascragh West, part of the application of Sir G.E.J. Mahon, 18 October 1935. Two draft copies with annotations pencilled in the margins. 2 items

**Ms 47,810 / 5**

1935

Land Registry, 'Searches and Rulings on Title, in the matter of the application of Sir G.E.J. Mahon,' 29 October 1935. 1 item

**Ms 47,810 / 6**

1936-1941

Extracts from *Iris Oifigiúil* and the *Legal Diary* listing the sale of the Mahon estate, 1936-1941. 12 pp.

**Ms 47,810 / 7**

1936

'Application that an Order Declaring Lands to be Required for the Relief of Congestion be not made, Irish Land Commission Land Act 1933,' estate of the representatives of Sir William Mahon, deceased, (record no. 8185), 31 March 1936. Two copies of Mahon's objection to the terms of the sale along with some correspondence on the issues with the Land Commission. 1 item

**Ms 47,810 / 8**

1936

Case on behalf of Sir George E.J. Mahon for Counsel to advise Maurice Walker, 11 March 1936. Also includes a copy of requisition for search for judgements against Sir W. H. Mahon, 31 May 1915. 2 items

**Ms 47,810 / 9**

1937

Irish Land Commission Land Act, 1923-1933: Estate of the representatives of Sir William Mahon, deceased, (record no. 8185), Brief on behalf of Sir George E. J. Mahon for counsel to apply pursuant to within notice, 27 January 1937. 1 item

**Ms 47,810 / 10**

1937

Court of the Irish land Commission: 'Schedule of sale of estate, in the

matters of the estate Sir George E.J. Mahon', 18 March 1937. 1 item

- Ms 47,810 / 11** 1940  
Court of the Irish land Commission, Estate Sir George E.J. Mahon, 'Owners costs of Sale, September 1940-March 1941.' 6 pp.
- Ms 47,810 / 12** 1941  
Court of the Irish land Commission, 'Report and Valuation on the estate of the representatives of Sir W.H. Mahon', 16 January 1941. 1 item
- Ms 47,810 / 13** 1941  
Court of the Irish Land Commission, 'Statement of Ownership', in the matters of the estate Sir George E.J. Mahon, 1 April 1941. 8 pp.
- Ms 47,810 / 14** 1941  
Court of the Irish Land Commission, 'Allocation Schedule for the Distribution of the Purchase Money in Lieu of Statement of Ownership', (Record no. 8185), the estate of Sir George Edward John Mahon, filed 2 April 1941. 1 item
- Ms 47,810 / 15** 1941  
Court of the Irish land Commission, legal and financial papers in the matter of the estate of Sir George E. J. Mahon, 1941. 4 pp.

#### **I.iv.1. (b) Correspondence regarding the sale of the estate**

- Ms 47,811 / 1** 1907-1917  
General correspondence regarding the sale of the Mahon estate at Castlegar, 1907-1917. Letters between the Mahon's solicitors, tenants on the estate, family members and various interested parties regarding the division of the estate. 24 items
- Ms 47,811 / 2** 1913-1942  
Various official documents and correspondence from the Estates Commissioners and the Irish Land Commission regarding the sale of the Castlegar estate, 1913-1942. 21 items
- Ms 47,811 / 3** 1935-1937  
Correspondence with the Land Commission regarding Sir George Mahon's objections to the terms of the sale, along with legal and financial papers clarifying aspects of the agreement, 1935-1937. 24 items
- Ms 47,811 / 4** 1940  
Correspondence from the Land Commission, regarding legal and

financial aspects of the sale and Sir George Mahon's objections to the original terms of agreement and price, 1940. 6 items

- Ms 47,811 / 5** 1940-1942  
Correspondence with the Land Commission regarding Sir George Mahon's objections to the terms of the sale, and various financial and legal aspects to the agreement 1940-1942. 27 items

#### **I.iv.1. (c) Improvements and estimates required by the Land Commission**

- Ms 47,812 / 1** 1898  
Bill of Quantities, August 1898. A detailed estimate for various alterations and improvements to Castlegar, Ahascragh, County Galway for Sir W.H. Mahon, by W. Kaye Parry, Civil Engineer and Architect, August 1898. 1 item

- Ms 47,812 / 2** 1898  
Specifications of works required to be performed at Castlegar, August 1898. Inventory of works required to be performed in making certain alterations and repairs at Castlegar, County Galway, W. Kaye Parry, Civil Engineer and Architect, August 1898. Also specifications of work required to be carried out at Weston House, 15 February 1892, 8 pp. 3 items

- Ms 47,812 / 3** 1898  
Building accounts for repairs needed to Castlegar, 1898. Specifications of costs of work needed to be carried out on the estate in advance of the sale to state, on the account of John Good, contractor, 1898. 5 items

- Ms 47,812 / 4** 1899  
Bill of Quantities, June 1899. A detailed estimate for omitted, extra and substituted work to Castlegar, Ahascragh, County Galway for Sir W.H. Mahon, W. Kaye Parry, Civil Engineer and Architect, June 1899. Two copies, plus a draft copy included. 3 items

#### **I.vii.2. Estate Commissioners papers regarding the sale of Tarmonbarry**

##### **I.vii.2. (a) Official papers**

- Ms 47,813** 1886  
Printed material: 1886, Terms of Sale; Estate of the Marquis of Bath, December 1886: Purchase of Land Act, 1885; Instructions to Tenants. 2 items

### **I.vii.2. (b) Personal and financial papers regarding the sale**

- Ms 47,814**            1886-1887  
Material concerning judicial rents on the Tarmonbarry Estate. List of judicial rents for Tarmonbarry noting old rents alongside new reduced judicial rents which had been adjusted by the Land Commission, September 1886, 1887. 3 items

### **I.vii.2. (c) Correspondence regarding the sale**

- Ms 47,815**            1886-1887  
A series of correspondence to Reverend William Mahon from George Fottrell, solicitor, containing advice on various options and machinations pertaining to the proposed sale of Tarmonbarry, 1886-1887. Lists available options and important clauses connected with the various Land Acts. 15 items
- Ms 47,816**            1886-1887  
Correspondence regarding the Tarmonbarry estate, 1886-87 from Edward Mahon to his father Sir William. A series of correspondence from Sir William Mahon's son, Edward and his land agent at Ahascragh and Strokestown, debating the merits of the sale, 1886-1887. Contains precise calculations of the profit and costs derived from the Tarmonbarry estate, set against the potential revenue to be created from selling the estate to the tenants. 5 items



## I.v. Estate Accounts

There are a large number of complete sets of farm accounts for the Castlegar and Tarmonbarry estates and estate management is a key research strength of this collection. The Mahons were shrewd managers of their estates and, in particular, their choice of agents ensured that meticulous records were made on all aspects of their finances. Thomas Bermingham and William Trench, in particular, were estate managers of the first rank, their services being much sought after by other leading members of the Galway gentry. The records are irregular but complete sets of accounts do exist for a number of relatively long periods. Bound annual sets of accounts have been prioritised in the collation of the material and are arranged by estate, in chronological order. There are also a large number of loose accounts, rough draft accounts and small bills. These have been collated together in separate folders, rather than being included alongside the bound annual accounts, which supersede them.

### I.v.1. Annual farm accounts for the Castlegar estate.

- Ms 47,817 / 1** 1736-1743  
Account ledger of cash transactions on the estate over a seven year period. Small entries only and accounts are not tabulated. There are some important notes on the history of the estate at the end of the manuscript. 14 pp.
- Ms 47,817 / 2** 1768.  
Two farm account books for the Castlegar estate for the year 1768. Includes an account book of Ross Mahon's stock sold at Ahascragh in the County of Galway and Ross Mahon's bill book. Soft bound, with small entries only. 2 items.
- Ms 47,817 / 3** 1777-1797  
A collection of small farm account books and loose accounts on the Mahon estate at Castlegar at the end of the eighteenth century. Consists of:
1. Stock account book, for the year 1777. A soft bound ledger with small entries detailing stock sold, prices received and so on. 14 pp.
  2. An account of cash received and expended commencing the death of the second Ross Mahon in April 1788. Soft bound ledger, small entries only, 20 pp.
  3. Cash account ledgers for the year 1789. Two soft bound ledgers listing cash payments and details of financial transactions. 2

items

4. Cash account ledger for the year 1790. A soft bound ledger, listing cash payments and details of financial transactions. 1 item
5. Loose farm accounts listing cash payment, stock bought and sold, tillage and other expenses, 1796-1797. 14 pp.

- Ms 47,817 / 4** 1783-1793  
Accounts of payments made by Luke Gearty, steward on the Mahon estate, to Peter Grady, 1783-1793. 1 p. Also includes a list of payments made to Peter Grady by the tenants at Tarmonbarry from August 1786 to June 1888. 1 p. 2 items
- Ms 47,817 / 5** 1790-1799  
Loose nineteenth century account ledgers for the Mahon estate. These have been variously prepared by a succession of agents but have not been bound alongside other annual accounts. They are of a high quality and relate to a number of different periods. 12 items
- Ms 47,817 / 6** 1792-1794  
Ross Mahon's farm accounts with William Trench. Fully accounted and carefully transcribed farm accounts over a three year period transcribed into a soft bound ledger. 1 item.
- Ms 47,817 / 7** 1795-1799  
Ross Mahon's bound annual farm accounts. These accounts prepared by William Trench are collated into a series of numbered volumes with each year's accounts collated into an annual bound ledger. The accounts are in pristine condition, and have been carefully transcribed and annotated. 6 items
- Ms 47,817 / 8** 1799-1812  
Ross Mahon's bound annual farm accounts for the period 1799-1812. These accounts prepared by William Trench are collated into a series of numbered volumes with each year's accounts collated into an annual bound ledger. The accounts are in pristine condition, and have been carefully transcribed and annotated. There are duplicate books for some years. 15 items
- Ms 47,817 / 9** 1802-1810  
Annual farm accounts at Castlegar for the periods 1804-1810 and 1802-1808. Consists of two soft bound ledgers of accounts, prepared by James Mahon for Ross Mahon. These are draft accounts and the entries and style are quite rough. 2 items

- Ms 47,817 / 10** 1808-1816  
A series of loose accounts for grazing on the estate from 1809-1816. Consists of one bound set of accounts for grazing collops, 18 pp., along with some loose farm accounts for cash received from tenants and farmers rent grazing land. 4 items
- Ms 47,817 / 11** 1813-1817  
Draft farm accounts for the Castlegar estate, 1813-1817. Consists of six soft bound ledgers of rough and draft farm accounts prepared by land agent, William Trench. 6 items
- Ms 47,817 / 12** 1817-1820  
Annual farm accounts for the Castlegar estate over a four year period, June 1817-May 1820. Consists of four soft bound ledgers of accounts with detailed entries of all farm transactions. Prepared by one of Ireland's leading land agents, Thomas Bermingham, these accounts are in excellent order and contain precise details. 4 items
- Ms 47,817 / 13-16** 1818-1821  
Ross Mahon's farm accounts prepared by land agent, Timothy Glynn, October 1818-April 1821. These account ledgers are individually numbered in chronological order from 1 – 33. The accounts vary somewhat in format, type and quality, but they comprise a detailed picture of the financial state of affairs on the estate. 4 folders, 33 items
- Ms 47,817 / 17-20** 1822-1830  
Bound set of annual farm accounts on the Castlegar estate over a nine year period prepared by land agent, Thomas Filgate. Consists of ten volumes of very carefully transcribed accounts, including details of all transactions on the estate with annotations and corrections. 4 folders, 10 items
- Ms 47,818 / 1** 1824  
Annual farm accounts for the year 1824 on the Castlegar estate, along with complimentary ledgers detailing cash payments and various aspects of the financial affairs on the estate for the year. 5 items.
- Ms 47,818 / 2** 1827-1833  
A collection of loose accounts for the estate for the period 1827 until 1933. The accounts are incomplete but contain precise entries on various aspects of farm accounts. 8 items
- Ms 47,818 / 3** 1853-1859  
Annual farm accounts for Castlegar, prepared by land agent, Peter Carty. Consists of soft bound annual accounts with detailed entries of all farm transactions, in excellent order and contains precise details of all

aspects of estate management. There are no accounts for the years 1854-1856. 4 items

- Ms 47,818 / 4** 1860-1869  
Annual farm accounts for the Castlegar estate, prepared by Peter Carty. Consists of eight soft bound annual accounts with detailed entries of all farm transactions, in excellent order and contains precise details of all aspects of estate management. There are no accounts for the years 1864 and 1867. 8 items
- Ms 47,818 / 5** 1870-1876  
Annual farm accounts for the Castlegar, prepared by land agent, Peter Carty. Consists of eight soft bound annual accounts with detailed entries of all farm transactions, in excellent order and contains precise detail of all aspects of estate management. 8 items
- Ms 47,818 / 6** 1880-1887  
Annual farm accounts for the Castlegar estate. Consists of soft bound annual accounts with detailed entries of all farm transactions, in excellent order and contains precise details of all aspects of estate management, prepared by E.G. Armstrong. 9 items
- Ms 47,818 / 7** 1897  
Calculations showing Sir William H. Mahon's yearly income from his estates in County Galway for the year 1897. A handwritten estimation of income with outgoings, lettings, labour and costs are noted. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,818 / 8** 1903-1904  
Annual farm accounts for the years 1903 and 1904 on Ross Mahon's Galway estates. These accounts also contain rentals for the estate and are bound in three volumes, compiled by E.G. Armstrong. 3 items
- Ms 47,818 / 9** 1943  
Farm accounts on the Castlegar estate for the year 1943. Includes details of cattle bought and sold during 1943, wool, wheat, utilities, requisites and labour. 18 pp.
- Ms 47,818 / 10** 1944  
Loose farm accounts for 1944, including correspondence, small bills, loose accounts, rough calculations and standard banking material. 15 items

## **I.v.2. Annual farm accounts for Tarmonbarry estate**

- Ms 47,819 / 1** 1730

Receipts for rent on the Tarmonbarry estate, 1730-1741. A small bundle of handwritten rent receipts from various tenants on the Roscommon estate, all in good condition. 10 items

**Ms 47,819 / 2** 1818  
Annual set of farm accounts for the Mahon estate. A detailed annual set of accounts in a soft bound ledger with detailed entries and meticulous detail. Compiled by Thomas Bermingham. 20 pp.

**Ms 47,819 / 3** 1821-1831  
A collection of annual farm accounts for the Tarmonbarry estate for the years 1818-1831. These accounts were compiled by Thomas Bermingham and are numbered in chronological order, from one to twelve. There are also a number of rentals contained within these accounts, as well as standard financial details. 12 items

### **I.v.3. Loose, draft and rough accounts**

**Ms 47,820 / 1-2** 1710-1799  
Eighteenth century loose farm accounts and small bills generated on the Mahon estate. These relate mainly to stock, labour and tillage, but also cover a range of agricultural items. 2 folders, 48 items

**Ms 47,820 / 3-4** 1734-1799  
Eighteenth century farm receipts for the Mahon estate. These receipts are mainly for rent, however, there is also a considerable number of receipts for labour, contract work, tillage and stock, with the earliest dating from 1734. 2 folders, 60 items

**Ms 47,820 / 5** 1788-1789  
Receipts for oats, Castlegar, 1788-1789. A collection of receipts signed by Patrick Mailly, steward on the Castlegar estate from 1788-1789. 35 items

**Ms 47,820 / 6-7** 1800-1899  
Nineteenth century loose farm accounts and small bills generated on the estate during the nineteenth century. These relate mainly to stock, labour and tillage but also cover a range of agricultural items. 2 folders, c. 90 items

**Ms 47,821 / 1-6** 1800-1899  
Nineteenth century, draft and rough accounts for the Mahon estates. Consists of a large collection of financial calculations, drafts of accounts, rough notes, calculations, and so on. These were generated by the Mahons and their agents throughout the nineteenth century and were

generally drafts of parts of the annual farm accounts and other financial material. They are superseded by the annual and loose accounts and are often difficult to read. 6 folders, c. 250 items

- Ms 47,821 / 7-8** 1816-1812  
A collection of loose farm accounts for the Castlegar estate including accounts, small bills, some correspondence, labour bills and rough and draft financial material. 2 folders, 24 items
- Ms 47,821 / 9-12** 1932-1935  
Bills, receipts and loose accounts generated by the Castlegar estate for the years 1932-1935. Consists of a large collection of loose docketts, which have been collated annually into separate folders. There is a considerable amount of material ranging from standard expenses to stock, tillage and general maintenance. 4 folders, c. 200 items
- Ms 47,821 / 13** 1952  
Bills, receipts and loose accounts generated by the Castlegar estate for the year 1952. Consists of a collection of loose docketts, with material ranging from standard expenses to stock, tillage and general maintenance. 55 items

#### **I.v.4. Farm sales and auctions at Ahascragh**

- Ms 47,822 / 1** 1854  
Printed Material: particulars of the valuable Freehold Estates of Irvilloughter, Ballyglass and Boughill in the County of Galway and Lagan in the County of Roscommon, belonging to her majesty to be sold by auction at the quit rent office, Custom House, Dublin, 28 November 1854. Includes detailed maps and surveys as well as lists of tenants. 1 item
- Ms 47,822 / 2** 1881  
Poster for sheriff's sale by public auction at the County Courthouse, Galway, Monday, 8 August 1881, of the goods of the defendant Andrew Manning Tummeraillaun, Ahascragh, containing 37 acres and a farm at Cloonbannif containing 64 acres. Defendant Reverend Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon. By Sheriff of Galway, J. Pollok. 1 item
- Ms 47,822 / 3** 1915  
Poster for sale of the fee-simple property at Ahascragh, County Galway including two newly built substantial slated houses in the centre of town and the fair green containing 14 perches, together with the custom house and tolls of five important fairs, 29 March 1915. 1 item

**Ms 47,822 / 4**

1956

Poster for an auction on the Castlegar estate 21 April 1956. 'Extensive auction of furniture and effects, also Fordson Major tractor, at Castlegar House, Ahascragh.' Farm implements, furniture and affects also included. Also includes a second poster 'Ahascragh Mills, now buying oats in large and small quantities: good prices paid for good oats, oat meal and Indian meal for sale.' Undated. 2 items

## I.vi. Labour Accounts

Labour accounts, variously referred to as labour bills, labour returns and accounts for labour, are one of the key research strengths of this collection. Detailed labour accounts, listing workers' daily tasks and rates of pay have been collated from 1776 until 1929. They are collated weekly, monthly and annually, depending on the period, with many accounts giving a daily breakdown of tasks performed by staff. The accounts are incomplete, with some gaps existing. However, the breath of detail within the accounts allows one to track individual workers and their families over many generations. These can then be cross referenced with rentals and cash accounts to build an intricate profile of the world of the ordinary family on the estate. There are also a number of staff diaries and diaries of work. Domestic workers including drivers and gardeners have been catalogued separately, see **II.xv. House Maintenance and Utilities**.

### I.vi.1. Labour accounts for the Castlegar estate

- Ms 47,823 / 1** 1703-1781  
A series of occasional labour accounts covering the period 1703-1781. Consists of 4 small soft-bound ledgers of labour for the years, 1703, 1772, 1774 and 1781. Includes reference to stone masons and other skilled workers. Also includes 5 small loose leaf accounts for labour for the 1705-1730 period. 9 items
- Ms 47,823 / 2** 1776  
An account of workmen employed on the Mahon estate in the year 1776. A large chart consisting of names, pay and tasks carried out by individual workers on the estate. Each worker's number of days labour is recorded on a weekly basis, collated into various portions of the estate. 1 item.
- Ms 47,823 / 3** 1776-1796  
Eighteenth century labour returns for the Castlegar estate, 1776-1796. Consists of one well preserved soft bound ledger dating from May 1796, listing workers' tasks and wages on the estate. There are 7 loose leaf monthly labour bills for 1795-96 and 1787 also included. 8 items
- Ms 47,823 / 4** 1812  
Labour returns for the Castlegar estate, 1812. Detailed soft-bound labour returns collated by individual portions of the estate, listing work carried out by various employees along with cash paid. 8 items
- Ms 47,823 / 5** 1813  
Labour returns for the Castlegar estate, 1813. Detailed soft-bound labour returns collated by individual portions of the estate, listing work



carried out by various employees along with cash paid. 5 items

- Ms 47,823 / 6** 1815  
Labour returns for the Castlegar estate for the year 1815. Consists of 27 bi-weekly labour reports with workers' number of days labour recorded on various portions of the estate. 27 items
- Ms 47,823 / 7** 1816  
A return of men and horses employed under John Duffy, showing the work they were employed at from 8 April until 4 July 1816. 1p.
- Ms 47,823 / 8** 1818  
Labour returns on the Castlegar estate for the year 1818. Consists of a series of reports, covering 4 week periods of labour across the estate with standard details of tasks performed, days worked, rates of pay and so on, beginning in November 1818. 8 items
- Ms 47,823 / 9-12** 1819  
Labour returns on the Castlegar estate for the year 1819. Consists of a series of weekly reports of labour across the estate with standard details of tasks performed, days worked, rates of pay and so on. 4 folders, 50 items
- Ms 47,823 / 13-14** 1820  
Labour returns on the Castlegar estate for the year 1820. Consists of a series of reports of labour across the estate with standard details of tasks performed, days worked, rates of pay and so on. 2 folders, 32 items
- Ms 47,824 / 1** 1823  
Weekly labour returns for the Castlegar estate for the year, 1823. These records were compiled weekly by Patrick Doyle and posted to Sir Mahon in Dublin. The letters also contain much valuable information on the running of the estate and local events. 18 items
- Ms 47,824 / 2-4** 1824-1825  
Weekly labour returns for the Castlegar estate, 1824 and 1825. These records were compiled weekly by steward Patrick Doyle and posted to Sir Mahon in Dublin. The letters also contain much valuable information on the running of the estate and various local events of significance. 3 folders, 58 items
- Ms 47,824 / 5** 1825-1831  
Bi-annual and loose labour returns, 1825-1830. A collection of detailed labour returns collated by townland and farm on the estate, listing amounts paid to individual workers along with totals per half-year on each section of the estate returns. The records pertain to the following

periods: January 1825-October 1826, annual labour bill for 1827, May 1829-December 1829, May 1830-November 1830, along with four loose bills for harvest, 1831. 5 items

- Ms 47,824 / 6** 1830-1831  
Two annual labour accounts for the Castlegar estate ending 1 November 1830 and 1 May 1831. Includes detailed entries with names and costs. 2 items
- Ms 47,824 / 7** 1832-1840  
Bi-annual labour accounts, 1832-1840. Consists of a complete run of labour accounts on the estate over an eight year period. Accounts are collated by townland and farm on the estate and list amounts paid to individual workers, along with totals per half-year on each section of the estate. There are no records for 1837. 36 items
- Ms 47,824 / 8** 1837-1840  
Steward's accounts for labour 1837-1840. Four soft-bound ledgers detailing cash paid by the head steward for work done on the estate over a ten year period, entries record, work carried out on particular dates alongside cash paid and to whom. 4 items
- Ms 47,824 / 9** 1854  
Labour returns for 1854 on the Castlegar estate. Consists of four monthly labour returns only, along with three detailed ledgers listing the particulars of labour across the estate for the entire year. 7 items.
- Ms 47,824 / 10** 1855  
Labour returns for 1855 on the Castlegar estate. Consists of three monthly labour returns only, along with a detailed annual ledger listing the particulars of labour across the estate for the entire year. 4 items.
- Ms 47,824 / 11** 1856  
Labour accounts on the Castlegar estate for the year, 1856. A complete set of labour accounts for the year, consisting of a mixture of monthly accounts and some loose weekly accounts. Very detailed and legible with standard information on costs, tasks and pay. 21 items
- Ms 47,824 / 12** 1858  
Labour accounts on the Castlegar estate for the year, 1856. A complete set of labour accounts for the year, consisting of a mixture of monthly accounts and some loose weekly accounts. Very detailed and legible with standard information on costs, tasks and pay. Also includes a ledger showing details of various costs on the estate pertaining to labour. 17 items

- Ms 47,824 / 13-14** 1859-1889  
Miscellaneous monthly labour accounts, 1859-1889. A collection of loose monthly labour accounts, with occasional accounts for the years 1859, 1861, 1869, 1872, 1873, 1876, 1883, 1884 and 1889. 2 folders, 13 items
- Ms 47,825 / 1-4** 1860-1861  
Annual labour accounts for the period, 1860 and 1861 for the Castlegar estate. Consists of a collection of 25, 4 weekly accounts over a two year period, including standard details of tasks wages, etc. 4 folders, 26 items
- Ms 47,825 / 5** 1870  
Annual labour accounts for the years, 1870 and 1871. Consists of monthly labour accounts covering a two-year period. Very detailed with standard information on costs, tasks and pay. 8 items
- Ms 47,825 / 6** 1871  
Annual labour accounts for the years, 1871. Consists of monthly labour accounts covering a two-year period. Very detailed and legible with standard information on costs, tasks and pay. 10 items
- Ms 47,825 / 7** 1880  
An incomplete series of monthly labour accounts for Castlegar, with only six four-week periods covered. List amounts paid to individual workers for specific tasks along with daily rates and totals per month. 6 items
- Ms 47,825 / 8** 1888  
Annual summary of labour on the Castlegar estate from May 1887 to May 1888. Includes detailed entries with names, costs and returns. 1 item.
- Ms 47,825 / 9** 1910  
Monthly labour account for the Castlegar estate, 1910. Includes twelve detailed monthly accounts of work carried out on the estate, along with money expended and rates of pay. 12 items
- Ms 47,825 / 10** 1915  
Annual labour accounts for the year 1915 on the Castlegar estate. Consists of twelve monthly pay sheets for all workers on the estate compiled by the steward with rates of pay and days worked noted for each employee. 12 items
- Ms 47,825 / 11** 1918  
Steward's monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar, for the year 1918. Consists of a complete set of monthly pay sheets, detailing all

work carried out on the estate. Many sheets also have details of contract work carried on in that month attached. 12 items

- Ms 47,825 / 12** 1919  
Steward's monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar, for the year 1919. Consists of a complete set of monthly pay sheets, detailing all work carried out on the estate. Many months sheets also have details of contract work carried on in that month attached. 12 items
- Ms 47,825 / 13** 1920  
Steward's monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar, for the year 1920. Consists of a complete set of monthly pay sheets, detailing all work carried out on the estate. Many months sheets also have details of contract work carried on in that month attached. 12 items
- Ms 47,825 / 14** 1921  
Steward's monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar, for the year 1921. Consists of a complete set of monthly pay sheets, detailing all work carried out on the estate. Many months sheets also have details of contract work carried on in that month attached. 12 items
- Ms 47,825 / 15** 1922  
Steward's monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar, for the year 1922. Consists of a complete set of monthly pay sheets, detailing all work carried out on the estate. Many months sheets also have details of contract work carried on in that month attached. 12 items
- Ms 47,826** 1923-1934,1944  
Steward's monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the years 1923 and 1924. Consists of a complete set of monthly pay sheets, detailing all work carried out on the estate. Many sheets also have details attached of contract work carried out in that month. There are twelve sheets for each year. 24 items
- Ms 47,826 / 1** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1923. 12 items
- Ms 47,826 / 2** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1924. 12 items
- Ms 47,826 / 3** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1925. 12 items
- Ms 47,826 / 4** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1926. 12 items
- Ms 47,826 / 5** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1927. 12 items
- Ms 47,826 / 6** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1928. 12 items

- Ms 47,826 / 7** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1929. 12 items
- Ms 47,826 / 8** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1930. 12 items
- Ms 47,826 / 9** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1931. 12 items
- Ms 47,826 / 10** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1932. 12 items
- Ms 47,826 / 11** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1933. 12 items
- / 12** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1934. 12 items
- / 13** Monthly pay sheets for workers at Castlegar for the year 1944. 12 items

### **I.vi.2. Diaries of work by farm staff**

- Ms 47,827 / 1-2** 1911-1932  
Estate wage books, 1919-1933. Consists of three detailed copy books with details of payments made to employees as well as contract work. There are some periods that are not covered but detailed records of payments to permanent, casual and seasonal staff are included. 2 folders, 3 items
- Ms 47,828** 1916-1926  
Labour sheets for workers in the garden at Castlegar 1916-1926. A large ledger detailing days work on a monthly basis by the gardeners and other staff. Each worker's days are listed per month with wages paid noted alongside. 110 pp.
- Ms 47,829** 1920-1932  
Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff at Castlegar over a twelve year period. Consists of 14 annual hardbound ledgers, detailing all activity on the estate, listing workers and their daily tasks, along with wages paid and money spent on contract work. There are ledgers for each year from 1920-1932 inclusive, numbered 1-13 and a single ledger for 1939. 14 items
- Ms 47,829/ 1** Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1920. 1 item
- Ms 47,829/ 2** Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1921. 1 item
- Ms 47,829/ 3** Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1922. 1 item
- Ms 47,829/ 4** Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1923. 1 item

- Ms 47,829/ 5**      Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1924. 1 item
- Ms 47,829/ 6**      Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1925. 1 item
- Ms 47,829/ 7**      Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1926. 1 item
- Ms 47,829/ 8**      Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1927. 1 item
- Ms 47,829/ 9**      Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1928. 1 item
- Ms 47,829/ 10**      Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1929. 1 item
- Ms 47,829/ 11**      Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1930. 1 item
- Ms 47,829/ 12**      Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1931. 1 item
- Ms 47,829/ 13**      Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1932. 1 item
- Ms 47,829/ 14**      Annual ledger of work carried out by farm staff, 1939. 1 item

## I.vii. Estate Rentals

There are a large number of rentals contained in the collection, ranging from 1786 until 1837. Rent roles have been catalogued by estate, i.e., into rentals pertaining to Castlegar and rentals pertaining to the Tarmonbarry estate in Roscommon. The bulk of the rentals consist of yearly or half yearly rent rolls and many are of outstanding quality, in terms of the level of detail pertaining to tenants, land usage and quality, along with various other pertinent aspects of rent arrangements. There are also a number of manuscripts outlining rent abatements and rent arrears on the estate. As these can be viewed in conjunction with rentals, they have been collated in chronological order, along with the rentals to which they pertain, rather than being listed under a separate section. There are also a number of rentals and lists of arrears pertaining to the 1816-1825 period contained in section **I.ix. Relief and Distress**.

### I.vii.1. Annual rentals for the Galway estate

- Ms 47,830 / 1** 1784  
A list of rents due on the Mahon estates in Castlegar, 1 May 1784. Includes a breakdown by tenant as well as totals due on each portion of the estate. Material is fragile. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,830 / 2** 1786  
List of tenants and their rents, along with the terms of their leases and value of their plots on the Castlegar estate, 1786. Also includes additional comments by Ross Mahon on each tenant in the margin. 10 pp.
- Ms 47,830 / 3** 1787  
A rental on the Castlegar estate of Ross Mahon, for the period ending May 1787. A brief, rough draft of a rental, including comments on each tenant by the agent. 4 pp. Also includes a list of tenants in arrears on the estate for the same period. 4 pp. 2 items
- Ms 47,830 / 4** 1788  
A half-yearly rent role on the Castlegar estate for the period ending November 1788. A very large document, which needs to be carefully unfolded with details of all tenants, valuations, holdings and arrears. Includes a complimentary rent roll for the same period on other portions of the Mahon's Galway estate, with details of 51 tenants. 4 pp. 2 items
- Ms 47,830 / 5** 1790  
A rough draft rent roll for the Castlegar estate for the year 1790, with additional comments on each tenant and financial calculations written by the agent. A large fragile document. 1 item.

- Ms 47,830 / 6** 1793  
 'List of rent to be added to the rent rolelMay 1793-November 1793.' A very fragile list of tenants and their rental agreements. 1 p.
- Ms 47,830 / 7** 1794  
 Estate rental for the year ending May 1794 on the Mahon estate in Galway. Contains standard entries on tenants and payments made for the year. 1 p.
- Ms 47,830 / 8** 1796  
 A list of arrears due on the Castlegar estate, March 1796. Contains a detailed breakdown of tenants and their arrears. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,830 / 9** 1805  
 Rent roll for the Castlegar estate for the period up to May 1805. This document is very fragile. A six monthly rent roll with standard entries. 1 p. Also includes a rent roll for the period up to June 1805. 1 p. 2 items
- Ms 47,830 / 10** 1806  
 Two rent roles for the year 1806 on the Castlegar estate with standard details on tenants and rents paid. This manuscript is fragile. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,830 / 11** 1809  
 Rental for the Castlegar estate for the year 1809. Contains standard details on tenants and rents in a soft bound ledger. 14 pp.
- Ms 47,830 / 12** 1812  
 Rental for the Mahon estate for the year 1812. A soft bound ledger listing rents and payments by tenants for the period ending May 1812. 30 pp. Also includes a list of arrears of rent on the estate for the same period. This material is fragile and damaged. 1 p. 2 items
- Ms 47,830 / 13** 1813  
 Rental for the period ending November 1813 on the Mahon estate. Contains standard rental information on tenants and their rents. 1 p.
- Ms 47,830 / 14** 1816-1923  
 Annual rentals for Cloncha and Muckloon, 1916-1923. Consists of eight small soft bound ledgers containing standard entries on rent on this portion of the estate located in east Galway. 8 items
- Ms 47,830 / 15** 1817  
 Rentals for the Galway estate of Ross Mahon for the year 1817. Consists of 4 single pages of rough draft ledgers, listing tenants' payments and arrears. 4 items



- Ms 47,830 / 16** 1819  
Two soft bound rental ledgers for the year 1819 on the Mahon estate. Consists of two large ledgers containing standard details of payments by tenants for both gale days. Also include one loose sheet listing arrears for the same period. 3 items
- Ms 47,830 / 17** 1819  
Rent arrears on the Mahon estate for the year 1819. Consists of a large collection of rent arrears calculations in loose leaf format. c. 60 pp.
- Ms 47,830 / 18** 1820  
A rental for the Mahon estate for the period ending May 1820. A large ledger with detailed entries of tenants, townlands, and all arrears and payments received. 1 p.
- Ms 47,830 / 19** 1823, 1824  
Rental for the year ending November 1823. A large rent role for the estate containing standard entries in a bound volume. 20 pp. Also includes a partial rental for the year 1824. 2 pp. 2 items
- Ms 47,830 / 20** 1826, 1827, 1828  
Rentals for the unsettled Galway estates of Sir Ross Mahon for the years 1826-1828. Consists of three soft bound ledgers listing payments from various portions of the estate. 3 items
- Ms 47,830 / 21** 1829  
An undated rough draft of a rent role for the Castlegar estate, containing details of payments from 1817 to 1829. 6 pp.
- Ms 47,830 / 22** 1829  
Rent role for the Killupuan portion of the Castlegar estate for the period ending May 1829. Contains standard entries on rents received. 1 pp. Also includes two rentals for Ross Mahon's 'unsettled estates' in county Galway for the year 1829. 3 items
- Ms 47,830 / 23** 1830  
Rental for the Castlegar estate for the year ending May 1830. A large soft bound ledger, containing standard entries on tenants, payments and arrears for the period. 40 pp. Also includes a rental for Ross Mahon's 'unsettled estates' in County Galway for the year 1830. 2 items
- Ms 47,830 / 24** 1831  
Rental for the Castlegar estate for the year ending May 1831. A large soft bound ledger, containing standard entries on tenants, payments and arrears for the period. 40 pp.

**Ms 47,830 / 25** 1837  
Rental for the Castlegar estate of Sir Ross Mahon for the year ending May 1837. A large ledger with detailed entries of tenants, townlands, and all arrears and payments received. 10 pp.

### **I.vii.2. Annual rentals for the Roscommon estate**

**Ms 47,831 / 1** 1779  
A rent roll of the Reverend Archibald Leslie and Mrs Robinson Lyster's estate in the County of Roscommon for the period ending May 1779. Lists standard information, along with total rental received from each townland. 1 p.

**Ms 47,831 / 2** 1789  
Tarmonbarry rentals for the half year ending November 1789. Consists of three soft bound notebooks, listing tenants, their rents and monies received. 3 items

**Ms 47,831 / 3** 1815, 1816, 1818  
A rough draft list of tenants on the Tarmonbarry estate dated May 1818, along with a list of defaulting tenants and monies owed, dated April 1816. Also includes a soft bound ledger with payments for the year 1815. 3 items

**Ms 47,831 / 4** 1817  
Rentals for the Tarmonbarry estate for the year 1817. Seven separate rentals for the year, including rough and draft versions with standard entries on tenants and monies owed and received. 7 items

**Ms 47,831 / 5** 1825  
A rental for the Tarmonbarry estate for the period May until November 1812. Contains standard entries on monies paid and owed, along with standard information on tenants. 1 item

**Ms 47,831 / 6** 1831, 1832  
Lists of defaulting tenants and tenants in arrears for the years 1831 and 1832 for the Tarmonbarry estate. Consists of two detailed ledgers listing debtors and monies owed. 2 items

**Ms 47,831 / 7** 1835  
Two bound rentals for the Tarmonbarry estate for the year 1835. Includes very detailed entries on tenants with standard records of monies paid and owed, etc included. 2 items

## I.viii. Estate Correspondence

This section contains the correspondence of successive land agents on the Mahon estate for over one hundred years. Day-to-day affairs on the Mahon estates in counties Galway and Roscommon were in the hands of various land agents for much of the nineteenth century. Correspondence from successive agents on the estate throughout the nineteenth century provides a wealth of detail on both the estate itself, and also on the operation of middle men and agents in general. Following the Famine of 1822, Sir Ross Mahon leased his estate to his brother George, who passed it into the hands of a succession of agents. These letters form a vast collection of almost weekly reports on all aspects of estate business, along with comprehensive information on labour, financial transactions and all issues relating to tenants and stock. Land agents during this period included, in chronological order, Dominick French (1767-1787), William Trench (1910-1914), Henry Comyns (1820-23), Timothy Glynn (1822-1831), Thomas Bermingham, (1823-1833), Charles Filgate (1831-34) and Armstrong and Mahon Land Agency (1874-1893). Alexander Wallace was agent on the Tarmonbarry estate, until Thomas Bermingham was hired to extract rent from tenants following the disaster of 1822. Finally, Christopher Quinn, was a steward on the Roscommon estate during the 1820s and 1830s. There is also some correspondence from surveyors and various other notable local landowners, such as the Bishop of Elphin. Estate correspondence concerning the period 1817-1823, has been catalogued separately (**I.ix. Relief and Distress, 1817-1825**).

### I.viii.1. Correspondence regarding the Galway estate

- Ms 47,832**            1794-1795  
Letters and labour returns from Patrick Mailley, steward at Castlegar between the years 1794-1795. A series of detailed letters, with reports and charts containing significant information on the running of the estate including details of stock and labour. The material is delicate and must be handled carefully. 9 items
- Ms 47,833**            1811-1814  
William Trench was agent on the Mahon estate and compiled regular reports in the form of correspondence for Ross Mahon. These letters detail all aspects of estate business, along with comprehensive information on labour, financial transactions and all issues relating to tenants and stock.
- / 1-2**                Letters from William Trench to Ross Mahon, 1811. 2 folders, 32 items
- / 3**                 Letters from William Trench to Ross Mahon, 1812. 10 items
- / 4**                 Letters from William Trench to Ross Mahon, 1813. 9 items

- / 5** Letters from William Trench to Ross Mahon, 1814. 7 items
- Ms 47,834** 1823-1829  
 There are a large number of letters to Sir Ross Mahon from his land agent at Castlegar, Timothy Glynn, dating from the period 1822-29. Timothy Glynn was the first land agent on the estate following the departure of Sir Ross Mahon in 1821. These letters are written in the form of a series of reports on every aspect of estate business including labour costs, stock, lease agreements and so on. There are no records for the year 1828 and some years have considerably more correspondence than others.
- / 1** Letters from Timothy Glynn to Ross Mahon, 1823. 18 items
- / 2** Letters from Timothy Glynn to Ross Mahon, 1824. 37 items
- / 3** Letters from Timothy Glynn to Ross Mahon, 1825. 22 items
- / 4** Letters from Timothy Glynn to Ross Mahon, 1826. 10 items
- / 5** Letters from Timothy Glynn to Ross Mahon, 1827. 27 items
- / 6** Letters from Timothy Glynn to Ross Mahon, 1829. 12 items
- Ms 47,835 / 1-2** 1829  
 Correspondence and related material pertaining to the purchase from Lord Clonbrock of land at Killupaun, Ahascragh, 1829. Includes a collection of correspondence from Mahon's agents, Thomas Bermingham, Charles Filgate, as well as his son-in-law, John Leslie Foster discussing the implications of purchasing land from Lord Clonbrock. Also includes legal opinions, details of tenants and rents, along with some printed material. 2 folders, 46 items.
- / 3** 1830-1832  
 Correspondence to Sir Ross Mahon from his land agent at Castlegar, Timothy Glynn. Glynn was the first land agent on the estate following the departure of Sir Ross Mahon to Dublin in 1821. These letters are written in the form of a series of reports on every aspect of estate business including labour costs, stock, lease agreements and so on. 17 items
- / 4-5** 1831-1834  
 Letters from Charles Filgate, Sir Ross Mahon's land agent at Castlegar, to his uncle, Sir Ross Mahon regarding agrarian unrest in north Galway 1831-34. A series of letters covering the period from 1831 to 1834 when

Filgate lived at Castlegar. In his letters he discusses important local issues, including a great deal of unrest in the locality organised by agrarian societies. Items discussed include: Ribbonism in the Caltra district, 17 April 1831; the possibility of a strike by local labourers, 8 May 1831; local evictions, 16 May 1834. 2 folders, 56 items

- / 6-7** 1832  
Correspondence regarding the sale of 1,748 acres in County Galway by Sir Ross Mahon. The sale notice is dated 1821, but this correspondence is all from the year 1832. Includes letters from many notable figures amongst the Galway gentry, including Thomas Birmingham, William Trench, the Bishop of Elphin, Lord Clancarty and Burton Persse. Also includes various financial calculations regarding the sale, along with a notice of sale with details of all lands included. 2 folders, 28 items
- Ms 47,836** 1880-1893  
During this period the estate was under the management of Mahon and Armstrong Land Agency. Letters to Reverend Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon during this period came from agent John Ross Mahon, formerly of the Pakenham Mahon estate, John F. Mahon, Sir William's son, and E.G. Armstrong, land agent.
- / 1-2** Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1880. 2 folders, 25 items
- / 3-5** Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1881. 3 folders, 35 items
- / 6-7** Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1882. 2 folders, 23 items
- / 8-9** Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1883. 2 folders, 15 items
- / 10** Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1884. 12 items
- / 11-14** Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1885. 4 folders, 45 items
- Ms 47,837 / 1-2** Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1886. 2 folders, 25 items
- / 3** Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1887. 14 items
- / 4** Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1888. 9 items
- / 5-6** Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1889. 2 folders, 14 items
- / 7-9** Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1890. 3 folders, 40 items
- / 10-12** Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1891. 3 folders, 30 items

- / 13-16 Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1892. 4 folders, 42 items
- / 17-19 Agents' letters to Reverend W.V. Mahon, 1893. 3 folders, 35 items

### I.viii.2. Correspondence regarding the Roscommon estate

- Ms 47,838** 1767-1787  
 Dominick French, of the French family of Frenchpark, County Roscommon, was agent on the Mahon's Roscommon estates in the late eighteenth century. His correspondence is very detailed and consists of regular sets of accounts, as well as all financial aspects of the running of the estate.
- / 1 Letters from Dominick French to Ross Mahon, 1767. 1 item
  - / 2 Letters from Dominick French to Ross Mahon, 1782. 12 items
  - / 3-4 Letters from Dominick French to Ross Mahon, 1783. 2 folders, 17 items
  - / 5 Letters from Dominick French to Ross Mahon, 1784. 7 items
  - / 6-7 Letters from Dominick French to Ross Mahon, 1785. 2 folders, 17 items
  - / 8 Letters from Dominick French to Ross Mahon, 1786. 16 items
  - / 9 Letters from Dominick French to Ross Mahon, 1787. 16 items
- Ms 47,839** 1817-1818  
 Correspondence between Thomas Bermingham and Sir Ross Mahon, 1817-1818. Consists of a collection of letters and notes to Bermingham, mainly from Ross Mahon, regarding estate business. Some miscellaneous notes, bills and receipts are also included. 18 items
- Ms 47,840** 1818-1826  
 There is a large amount of correspondence from the Mahon's land agent, Thomas Bermingham to Sir Ross Mahon, regarding the Tarmonbarry estate in County Roscommon for the period 1818-1826. These letters detail his activities on the estate during this period, covering all aspects of estate management including, stock, labour and tenants.
- / 1 Letters from Thomas Bermingham to Ross Mahon, 1818. 2 items
  - / 2-3 Letters from Thomas Bermingham to Ross Mahon, 1823. 2 folders, 20 items

- / 4-5** Letters from Thomas Bermingham to Ross Mahon, 1824. 2 folders, 34 items
- / 6** Letters from Thomas Bermingham to Ross Mahon, 1825. 15 items
- / 7** Letters from Thomas Bermingham to Ross Mahon, 1826. 17 items
- Ms 47,841 / 1** 1823-32  
Correspondence between Thomas Bermingham and Sir Ross Mahon, 1823-1832. A collection of letters and notes to Bermingham, mainly from Ross Mahon, regarding estate business. Some miscellaneous notes, bills and receipts are also included. 20 items
- Ms 47,841 / 2** 1829-1833  
Letters from land agent, Thomas Bermingham to Sir Ross Mahon, regarding the Tarmonbarry estate. These letters detail his activities on the estate during this period, covering all aspects of estate management. 18 items
- Ms 47,841 / 3** 1830-1833  
Estate correspondence from Christopher Quinn, sub-land agent to Sir Ross Mahon, 1830-1833. Series of correspondence to Sir Ross Mahon concerning all aspect of estate management at Tarmonbarry. Includes a number of letters to Thomas Bermingham. 25 items

### **I.viii.3. General estate correspondence**

- Ms 47,842** 1784-1834  
There is a very large collection of general estate correspondence to Sir Ross Mahon, concerning all aspects of the estates from the period 1784-1834. These have been collated annually and contain valuable letters regarding leasing arrangements, stock, and so on.
- / 1** General estate correspondence, 1784-1799. 24 items
- / 2** General estate correspondence, 1812. 8 items
- / 3** General estate correspondence, 1813. 13 items
- / 4** General estate correspondence, 1814. 5 items
- / 5** General estate correspondence, 1815. 7 items
- / 6** General estate correspondence, 1817-1818. 12 items

- /7**            General estate correspondence, 1818-1829. 11 items
- /8**            General estate correspondence, 1830. 11 items
- /9**            General estate correspondence, 1831. 19 items
- /10**          General estate correspondence, 1832. 5 items
- /11**          General estate correspondence, 1833. 4 items
- /12**          General estate correspondence, 1834. 4 items



## I.ix. Distress and Relief, 1816-1825

Periodic distress remained one of the defining features of Irish rural society throughout the nineteenth century. In parts of the west of Ireland, the period between 1817 and 1825, in particular, were years of hunger and famine throughout many districts in both Roscommon and Galway. These years of crisis precipitated evictions on the Mahon estates in 1825. A large amount of material exists within the collection pertaining directly to these events, including tenants' memorials, rent roles, lists of insolvent tenants, farm accounts, begging letters, correspondence and reports pertaining to relief efforts. Of particular importance are the extensive reports from Sir Mahon's land agents, William Glynn, Henry Comyns and Thomas Bermingham, along with reports from other Galway gentry on the causes of distress, as well as their plans to alleviate poverty. This material should be cross referenced with subsections **I.vii. Estate Rentals**, **I.viii. Estate Correspondence** and **I.v. Estate Accounts**.

### I.ix.1. Correspondence

- Ms 47,843 / 1** 1817-1823  
Begging letters from various tenants to Sir Ross Mahon during the crisis of 1817-1823. Consists of three letters from tenants in varying states of distress, asking for assistance from the Mahon family. 3 items
- Ms 47,843 / 2** 1820-1822  
A collection of letters from sub-agent, Alexander Wallace to Sir Ross Mahon, detailing his activities in attempting to collect rents on the Tarmonbarry estate. 27 items
- Ms 47,843 / 3-5** 1820-1823  
A series of letters regarding the Castlegar estate from land agent, Henry Comyns to Sir Ross Mahon, 1820-1823. Contains a significant amount of information about the running of the estate and general affairs in the locality. There is no correspondence for the year 1821. Letters have been catalogued annually into 3 separate folders. 3 folders, 24 items
- Ms 47,843 / 6** 1821-23  
General correspondence regarding distress and relief on the Mahon estates for the year 1822. Consists of a number of letters from members of the Mahon family and others on the crisis occurring on the estate. 10 items
- Ms 47,843 / 7** 1822  
Correspondence of the *Committee for the Relief of the Distressed Irish* concerning relief efforts and money donated for relief on the Mahon estates. 8 items

- Ms 47,843 / 8** 1822  
Correspondence from Christopher Quinn, the head steward on the Tarmonbarry estate, to Sir Ross Mahon, urging relief measures and proposing schemes for the relief of the starving. 3 items.
- Ms 47,843 / 9** 1822  
Correspondence from Sir Ross Mahon's land agent at Tarmonbarry, Alexander Wallace, detailing aspects of the crisis unfolding on the Tarmonbarry estate. 3 items
- Ms 47,843 / 10** 1822-1825  
A collection of letters from Alexander Wallace to Sir Ross Mahon, detailing his activities in attempting to collect rents on the Tarmonbarry estate. 13 items

### **I.ix.2. Relief efforts**

- Ms 47,844 / 1** 1822  
A resolution passed by 'the principle people' of the parish of Tarmonbarry, condemning the failure of non-resident landlords to contribute to a relief fund and bringing notice of the threat of starvation hanging over 400 families in the parish, 3 June 1822. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,844 / 2** 1822  
A return of the bill of auction at Castlegar, 28 October 1822. A detailed soft-bound inventory of money generated, as well as goods sold at auction in Ahascragh at the height of the crisis. 10 pp.
- Ms 47,844 / 3** 1822  
Return of relief works carried out and destitute families employed on the Castlegar estate, 1822. A detailed list of families, tasks and overseers on the estate. 1 p.
- Ms 47,844 / 4** 1822  
A return showing the monies received for the alleviation of distress in the parish of Ahascragh, along an inventory of the distribution of the funds. Compiled by George Mahon, July 1822. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,844 / 5** 1823  
A bill of labour for jobs done by tenants for Sir Ross Mahon, 1822. Consists of a detailed list of work carried out on the estate. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,844 / 6** 1824  
William Trench's 'Plan for the Bettering of the Condition of the Poor in Ireland, 1824.' A twelve-page manuscript outlining the activities of the

'Galway Committee to Prevent Pauperism' which was supported by some of the Galway gentry including the Mahons, the Dalys and the Trenchs. Minutes of various meetings, along with resolutions and discussions are included. 12 pp.

### **I.ix.3. Accounts, rentals and returns**

- Ms 47,845 / 1** 1818  
A return of payments made to Castlegar servants by Timothy Glynn, November 1818. A long list of small entries with details of cash paid to staff at Castlegar. 1 item.
- Ms 47,845 / 2** 1818-1819  
Arrears of rent for the period November 1818 to May 1819 on the Mahon estate. Consists of a comprehensive account of all debts across the estate, including standard details of tenants and monies paid. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,845 / 3** 1817-1824  
A collection of rentals for the Tarmonbarry estate, showing rents paid and arrears over the period 1817-1824 period. Includes very precise and carefully appointed balance sheets, with comments on individual tenants included in the margins. 4 items
- Ms 47,845 / 4** c. 1819  
'List of bad tenants, 1819'. Consists of a list of tenants on the Castlegar estate, along with a 'list of tenants who could take more land.' 2 pp.
- Ms 47,845 / 5** 1819-1822  
Returns of tenants listed as insolvent, dead and gone away 1819-1822 at Ahascragh. Three detailed ledgers listing individual tenants in varying states of distress, including details of the deceased. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,845 / 6** 1820  
Annual farm accounts for the Mahon estate for the year 1820. 6 pp.
- Ms 47,845 / 7** 1820  
A return of balances due by tenants on the Galway estates for the period ending November 1820. Consists of a detailed balance sheet with standard entries, detailing rents owed by tenants. 6 pp.
- Ms 47,845 / 8** 1820-1822  
Estate rentals for 1820-22 on the Galway estates. Two complete and very detailed soft-bound rentals covering the worst period of distress, including specific details relating to rent arrears on specific portions of the estate. 3 items

- Ms 47,845 / 9** 1821-1822  
Returns of tenants in arrears, 1821-1822, with detailed lists of income received, as well as owed, by tenants across the estate. Detailed calculations of rental debt incurred by the estate, etc, are included. 3 items
- Ms 47,845 / 10** 1821-1822  
Farm accounts for the Mahon estate, 1821-1822. Two soft-bound sets of farm accounts with details of the loss of rental income, etc, on the estate during the period. A very important source for the implications of distress for both the tenants and estate management. 3 items
- Ms 47,845 / 11** 1822  
Returns of destitute families, 1822. A series of lists of families in dire want of food on both sections of the estate, with comments and details of efforts to prevent starvation also included. 7 items
- Ms 47,845 / 12** 1823-1824  
Two rentals for the Mahon estate for the years 1823 and 1824 with standard entries on rents, arrears and so on. 2 items
- Ms L 262** 1824  
A large set of farm accounts for the Mahon estate for the year 1824 compiled by Charles Filgate. 15 pp.

#### **1.ix.4. Evictions and memorials**

- Ms 47,846 / 1** 1817  
Returns of tenants served with eviction notices at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, November 1817. A handwritten list of names and details of those evicted from the Roscommon portion of the estate in 1817. 1 p.
- Ms 47,846 / 2** c.1817  
Famine memorial from twenty-six starving families, begging for assistance in the district of Ballymack, County Tipperary. This was not part of the Mahon estate but may have been connected to a Trench estate. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,846 / 3** c.1822  
Eviction memorial from the Clooncanon tenants, Ahascragh, undated. A memorial signed on behalf of the tenants at Clooncanon, Ahascragh, pleading not to be evicted. Originates from the 1822-1823 period, but is not dated. 1 item

**Ms 47,846 / 4**

1825

A list of the tenants served with eviction notices at Tarmonbarry, 29-31 October 1825. A detailed list of over sixty families evicted from the Mahon estates. 4 pp.

## I.x. Grazing, Tillage & Stock

There is a large collection of material contained in the archive pertaining to grazing agreements and returns, along with conacre agreements and material pertaining to tillage and stock. The practice of conacre, also referred to as tillage plots or garden plots, i.e., plots of two acres and less, rented by tenant farmers for the sowing of vegetables and grazing of animals, persisted on the estate well into the 1930s. Agisment agreements are short-term lease agreements, pertaining to grazing lands and were commonly referred to as eleven-month leases. Returns of grazing collops are a unique item and a collop is a piece of land large enough to graze a cow and a calf for one year and was generally allotted to herds on estates. By the twentieth century, much of the estate was let to various large farmers who grazed sheep and cattle on grassland ranches, separate from the tenants' small holdings and the large demesne at Castlegar. Lease terms were set at less than a year to avoid the necessary stipulations and benefits accruing under successive Land Acts. Agreements have been variously catalogued by farmer, farmland as well as annually.

### I.x.1. Agisment (grazing) agreements for the Castlegar estate

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| <b>Ms 47,847 / 1</b>   | 1915-1929<br>Grazing agreements for the Castlegar estate: agreements for Cunninghams Park, Nutpark and Cloonlyon, 1915-1929. 43 items                        |
| <b>Ms 47,847 / 2</b>   | 1915-1929<br>Grazing agreements for the Castlegar estate: agreements for Lisaniska, Back lawn, Lower eight acres and others, 1915-1929. 35 items             |
| <b>Ms 47,847 / 3</b>   | 1915-1929<br>Grazing agreements for the Castlegar estate: agreements for Clover park, Well park, Gate field and Moneen, 1915-1929. 33 items                  |
| <b>Ms 47,847 / 4-5</b> | 1918-1929<br>Grazing agreements for the Castlegar estate: various agreements for farms at Castlegar with some correspondence, 1918-1929. 2 folders, 36 items |
| <b>Ms 47,847 / 6</b>   | 1920-1929<br>Grazing agreements for the Castlegar estate: agreements for Horse park, Lacks Paddock and Castlegar Upper, 1920-1929. 39 items                  |
| <b>Ms 47,847 / 7</b>   | 1930-1933<br>Grazing agreements for the Castlegar estate: various agreements for farms at Castlegar, 1930-33. 37 items                                       |

### **I.x.2. Grazing returns**

- Ms 47,848** 1808-1820  
Returns of grazing collops for the Tarmonbarry and Castlegar estates. Includes a return of collops, Castlegar, May 1809 until May 1809; return of collops, Tarmonbarry, 1809; return of grazing for Inch, May 1809 until May 1810; return of grazing tenants, Castlegar, November 09 until November 1811; return of grazing cattle, Greenwich, May until June 1820; return of grazing tenants, Castlegar, 1808-1811. 6 items

### **I.x.3. Conacre agreements**

- Ms 47,849** 1750-1799  
Eighteenth century conacre receipts for garden plots on the Castlegar estate. Consists of a large collection of small receipts. Some are merely scraps of paper and can be difficult to read. c.100 items
- Ms 47,850 / 1** 1778-1791  
Return of conacres on the Castlegar estate, 1778-1791. A collection of both loose and soft-bound conacre returns, listing acreage, rents and tenants over a twenty year period. Fragile condition. 8 items
- Ms 47,850 / 2** 1818-1824  
Annual conacre agreements for the Castlegar estate 1818-1824. Soft-bound ledger showing returns of conacre across the estate over a six year period, including detailed information on tenant leases. 8 pp.
- Ms 47,850 / 3-4** 1919  
Annual conacre agreements for the Castlegar estate, listing details of agreements and leases for 1919. Also contains a hard-bound notebook of agreements. 2 folders, 33 items
- Ms 47,850 / 5** 1920  
Annual conacre agreements for the Castlegar estate including some correspondence pertaining to same from tenants for 1920. 18 items
- Ms 47,850 / 6** 1921  
Annual conacre agreements for the Castlegar estate for 1921, listing details of terms and agreements. 22 items
- Ms 47,850 / 7** 1922  
Annual conacre agreements for the Castlegar estate for 1922, listing tenants details and terms of leases. 21 items
- Ms 47,850 / 8** 1923-1924

Annual conacre agreements for the Castlegar estate for the years 1923 and 1924, listing details of all lease agreements. 9 items.

- Ms 47,850 / 9** 1926-1929  
Annual conacre agreements for the Castlegar estate for the years 1926 and 1929 detailing terms of agreements. 7 items

#### **I.x.4. Tillage returns**

- Ms 47,851 / 1** 1812-1827  
Crop and field rotation on the Castlegar estate, 1812-1827. A series of rough charts, detailing field names and land usage across the estate. Rotation of crops and stock is noted for each year. 5 pp.
- Ms 47,851 / 2-3** 1917-1919  
Documents pertaining to tillage for the years 1917 to 1919. A set of accounts, correspondence, receipts and bills pertaining to tillage on the estate. Also includes correspondence pertaining to horticultural advice and material relating to grass and seed. 2 folders, 24 items
- Ms 47,851 / 4** 1918  
A list of oats sown on conacre plots on the Castlegar estate including acreage, amount of oats and prices received. 1 p.

#### **I.x.5. Stock valuation lists**

- Ms 47,852 / 1** 1790-1799  
Stock valuation lists for the Castlegar estate. Consists of rough sheets of valuations, listing stock on various portions of the estate for different years. Includes details about animals killed, prices received, sheep shorn and so on. 11 pp.
- Ms 47,852 / 2** 1815-1822  
A small collection of various miscellaneous stock lists, consisting of:
1. Orchard Pass Book, 1815. A soft bound note book with small entries only, pertaining to the sale of apples. 1 item.
  2. A list of the valuation of stock in the demesne of Castlegar, 16 May 1820. A lengthy list of stock, including entries on prices. 1 p.
  3. A list of horn cattle on the lands at Castlegar compiled by Michael Curley, August 1822. 1 p.



- Ms 47,852 / 3** 1819  
A collection of stock returns, lists of callow conacres, milk returns, labour returns and other standard estate returns for the year 1919. 15 items
- Ms 47,852 / 4** 1818-1820  
Return of stock valuations for the Castlegar estate for June 1818 and July 1820. Soft-bound ledgers listing values and numbers of stock on various portions of the estate, along with information on sales and herds. Also includes printed material: catalogue for sale of the stock of Thomas Paget, detailing costs of various breeds, 1793. 3 items

#### **I.x.6. Tithe material**

- Ms 47,853 / 1** 1772-1788  
Receipts for Public Money, 1772-1788. A collection of receipts for tithe money paid by Ross Mahon for various years throughout the eighteenth century. Also contains calculations of money owed, along with sundry notes. 15 items
- Ms 47,853 / 2** 1795  
'A List of tythes belonging to the vicars choralls of Christ Church and St Patrick.' Lists details of payments for Grange parish in the Barony of Kilconnell and Loughrea, County Galway. Undated, circa 1795. 1 p.
- Ms 47,853 / 3** 1808-1820  
A collection of loose leaf tithe material for the early nineteenth century. Consists of rough calculations, receipts and sundry drafts of applotments, along with returns. 15 items
- Ms 47,853 / 4** 1825, 1838  
Collection of tithe material including, tithe returns for the Castlegar estate, 1825. Includes, tithe returns for Ahascragh Parish, 1838, along with an undated tithe applotment form as well as details of tenants, addresses, valuations and totals. 3 items

## I.xi. Farm Enterprises

The Mahons, like many other Galway landlords of the time, such as the Grattan-Bellews and Lord Ashtown, landscaped portions of their estate and their large demesne was heavily planted with various different types of trees during the late eighteenth century. The estate produced a large amount of timber in the nineteenth century, and the timber valuation books give precise breakdowns of the expenditure involved in the enterprise. After the sale of the vast bulk of the estate to the tenants in the early decades of the twentieth century, the family continued with small scale farming enterprises, namely, dairy, poultry and game. There is a mixture of annual ledgers, spanning many decades, along with a series of loose accounts, collated annually. In particular, there is a significant amount of detail in the dairy accounts which provided essential revenue for the farm during the twentieth century. Game such as grouse and pheasant was also shot on the estate, along with rabbits and hares.

### I.xi.1. Timber valuation books

- Ms 47,854 / 1** 1807  
Soft bound timber valuation book for the year 1807. Extremely detailed and well preserved timber valuation book, containing the value of timber planted and harvested on the estate, along with acreage, prices received, value of timber, weights, etc, along and a range of other details for various plantations on the estate. 87 pp.
- Ms 47,854 / 2** 1812  
Valuation of timber at Castlegar, by John Duffy, November 1812. A detailed four page ledger listing weights, prices and values of trees on the estate. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,854 / 3** 1815  
Soft-bound timber valuation ledger for the year 1815. Extremely detailed and well preserved timber valuation book, containing the value of timber planted and harvested on the estate, along with acreage, prices received, value of timber, weights, etc, and a range of other details for various plantations on the estate. 33 pp.
- Ms 47,854 / 4** 1817-1819  
Soft-bound timber valuation ledger for the years 1817-1819. Extremely detailed and well preserved timber valuation book, containing the value of timber planted and harvested on the estate, along with acreage, prices received, value of timber, weights, etc, and a range of other details for various plantations on the estate. 14 pp.
- Ms 47,854 / 5** 1820, 1828, 1829  
Soft-bound timber valuation ledgers for the years 1820, 1828, 1829.

Three detailed soft bound ledgers pertaining to all aspects of the purchase and selling of timber and materials, with details of various timber sold from specific plantations, etc. 3 items

- Ms 47,854 / 6** 1829-1840  
Soft-bound timber valuation books for the years 1829-1834 and 1839-1840. Four detailed ledgers pertaining to all aspects of the purchase and selling of timber and materials, particulars of various plantations on the estate, etc. 5 items

### **I.xi.2. Poultry accounts**

- Ms 47,855** 1918-1928  
A collection of receipts, bills and expenditure pertaining to poultry, including chickens, ducks and geese on the estate during the period 1918-1928. Includes correspondence pertaining to the purchase of birds, along with notebooks with details of eggs and butter sold, as well as loose accounts for same. c. 70 items

### **I.xi.3. Dairy accounts**

- Ms 47,856 / 1** 1914-1916  
Dairy accounts, 1914-1916. A collection of loose leaf accounts consisting of bills and receipts for milk sold over a two year period. 50 items
- Ms 47,856 / 2-3** 1914-1932  
Milk yield account books, 1914-1932. Five copy books of weekly, monthly and annual milk yields, along with payments received for supplies by the local dairy. 2 folders, 5 items.
- Ms 47,856 / 4-5** 1915-1923  
Diary accounts, 1915-1923. A series of loose leaf diary accounts detailing all payments for gallons of milk sold, along with expenses and bills and sundry information. 2 folders, 60 items
- Ms 47,856 / 6-7** 1924-1932  
Summary diary accounts, 1924-1932. A series of annual diary accounts with yearly account sheets attached, listing all payments for gallons of milk sold, along with expenses, bills and sundry information. 2 folders, c.70 items

#### **I.xi.4. Stables accounts**

- Ms 47,857 / 1** 1903-1925  
Hardback annual ledger for the stables at Castlegar for the years 1903-1925, listing all expenses pertaining to horses and the stables in general. There are small entries only for most years and there are years with no entries. 60 pp.
- Ms 47,857 / 2-3** 1915  
A complete set of stable accounts for the year 1915. Includes bills, receipts, wages and expenses for 1915. Consists of loose bills with only some expenses collated monthly. 2 folders, 25 items
- Ms 47,857 / 4** 1923  
A small collection of bills and receipts for riding equipment and tack for the year 1923. 20 items

#### **I.xi.5. Game accounts and returns**

- Ms 47,858** 1813-1815  
'Certificates for Killing Game.' Three original certificates for consecutive years, signed by Sam Barrett, distributor of stamps for the town of Ballinasloe. 3 items

#### **I.xi.6. Gamekeepers' accounts, 1892-1906.**

- Ms 47,859** 1892-1906  
The Mahon's employed a permanent gamekeeper and were enthusiastic shots and hunted both for sport and for the household kitchen. Gamekeeper, Frank Hartigan compiled monthly game accounts during this period, recording everything from birds shot to traps bought and set, rabbits killed, etc, along with expenditure on ammunition, feed and so on. Hundreds of these accounts survive and are compiled chronologically.
- / 1** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1892. 1 items
- / 2** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1893. 12 items
- / 3** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1894. 12 items
- / 4** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1895. 12 items
- / 5** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1896. 12 items

- / 6** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1897. 12 items
- / 7-8** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1898. 2 folders, 12 items
- / 9** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1899. 12 items
- / 10** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1900. 12 items
- Ms 47,860 / 1-2** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1901. 2 folders, 12 items
- / 3-4** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1902. 2 folders, 12 items
- / 5-6** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1903. 2 folders, 12 items
- / 7** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1904. 12 items
- / 8** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1905. 12 items
- / 9** Gamekeepers' accounts for the year 1906. 3 items
- Ms 47,860 / 10** 1909-1922  
 Ledger of game on the Castlegar estate, 1909-1922. A large hardback ledger detailing all birds caught on the estate, details of various dogs and kennels maintained, expenses incurred on ammunition and so on. Gamekeepers' wages, the details of where and when and by whom particular birds were shot is also recorded in detail. There are also some loose accounts contained in the ledger. 80 pp.

## **I.xii. Income Tax Material, 1848-1861**

- Ms 47,861** There is a large amount of income tax material, including estate vouchers, contained within the collection. This material consists of a range of bills, receipts and accounts, particularly estate vouchers, labour expenses, tradesmen's bills, rental income, salaries and wages, poor rate vouchers, receipts for cess payments, along with income tax duplicates. There are also additional bundles of receipts and notes on income tax receipts, as well as other farm expenditure, such as seed and hay. There are a vast number of items for most years, with hundreds of receipts for some periods.
- / 1** Material pertaining to the years 1848-1849. 20 items
- / 2** Material pertaining to the year 1850. 20 items
- / 3** Material pertaining to the years 1851-1853. 15 items
- / 4-7** Material pertaining to the year 1854. 4 folders, c.350 items
- / 8** Material pertaining to the year 1855. c.150 items
- / 9-11** Material pertaining to the years 1855-1856. 3 folders, c.500 items
- Ms 47,862 / 1-2** Material pertaining to the years 1857-1858. 2 folders, c.250 items
- / 3** Material pertaining to the years 1859-1860. c.120 items
- / 4** Material pertaining to the year 1860. c.210 items
- / 5-6** Material pertaining to the year 1861. 2 folders, c.220 items

### **I.xiii. Estate Maps, Surveys and Valuations**

There are a very large number of estate maps contained in this collection, displaying a wealth of detail on the estate, including quality of land, field division, details of sitting tenants, conacre plots and various other pertinent information. These maps have been catalogued by date, rather than by townland or district. Thus, there may be several maps pertaining to one small area over a period of two hundred years. The vast majority of the maps relate to the Ahascragh estate, with only a few maps of the Roscommon portion of the estate. Most are in colour and remain in good condition. Along with estate maps, there is also a large collection of ordinance survey maps of north east Galway with the estate marked in colour. Where the surveyor or mapmaker has signed their work, their names have been noted in the description. A number of townland names have been spelt differently in various maps and the version of the name on the particular map is used in the description.

#### **I.xiii.1 Estate maps pertaining to County Galway**

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| <b>Ms L 199</b> | 1697<br>Rough sketch of lands at Ervallah Oughter, on the Castlegar estate, in the parish of Castlegar, shows filed divisions and acreage, surveyed by John O'Brien, February 1697. 1 item                               |
| <b>Ms L 200</b> | 1710<br>Sketch of Ahascragh village, in the Barony of Kilconnell, County Galway, by Gilbert Donnlen, showing land division and usage, scale of forty perches to an inch, 1710. 1 item                                    |
| <b>Ms L 201</b> | 1741<br>Sketch of the townland of Ervallahoughter, on the Castlegar Estate, in the parish of Ahascragh, by John Adams. Clearly legible sketch but roughly drawn and with some colour and relevant markings, 1741. 1 item |
| <b>Ms L 202</b> | 1751<br>Sketch of the lands at Ballyeighter, in the Barony of Kilconnell, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, noting one portion only, black and white, scale of 20 perches to an inch, May 1751. 1 item                   |
| <b>Ms L 203</b> | 1756<br>Sketch of the townland of Ervallahoughter, on the Castlegar estate, in the parish of Ahascragh, black and white, with acreage and topography noted, April 1756. 1 item   |
| <b>Ms L 204</b> | 1764   |

- Estate map of the townland of Kilcommeden and Ballinabanba, in the Barony of Kilconnell, in the County of Galway, by James Netterville, the estate of Richard and James Hussey, containing 426 acres, October 1764. 1 item
- Ms L 205** 1766  
Perfunctory sketch of the townland of Ballinabanaba, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, in the Barony of Kilconnell, surveyed by John Berne, February 1766. 1 item
- Ms L 206** 1768  
Sketch of the lands on the banks of the River Suck at Greenwich, in the parish of Ahascragh, showing field division and portions of the estate belonging to Peter Dowdle, surveyed by Owen Flanagan, 1768. 1 item
- Ms L 207** 1769  
Rough sketch of lands at Derrynamanagh, in the Barony of Kilconnell, on the estate of Ross Mahon, showing field division, land usage and so on, on a scale of 40 perches to one inch, black and white, April 1769. 1 item
- Ms L 208** 1770  
Sketch of a very small portion of the Castlegar Estate, surveyed by Owen Flanagan, scale of forty perches to an inch, 1770. 1 item
- Ms L 209** 1773  
Map and survey of the land at Killglass, in the parish of Ahascragh, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, with acreage, field division and relief noted, surveyed by Owen Flanagan, August 1773. 1 item
- Ms L 210** 1775  
Sketch of the lands of Ervallahoughter and Annabeg, in the parish of Ahascragh, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, on a scale of forty perches to one inch, surveyed by Owen Flanagan, May 1775. 1 item
- Ms L 211** 1776  
Survey of the townland of Ervallahoughter, on the Castlegar estate, in the parish of Ahascragh, land usage and field division marked, scale of forty perches to an inch, 1776. 1 item
- Ms L 212** 1776  
Sketch of the townland of Ervallahoughter, on the Castlegar Estate, in the parish of Ahascragh, scale of forty perches to an inch, 1776. 1 item
- Ms L 213** 1787  
Sketch of the 'park formerly held by Mr John Flannery near Ahascragh,



being part of the estate of Ross Mahon,' dated 1788. Notes field divisions land usage and acreage. Surveyed by P. O'Flanagan on a scale of 20 perches to an inch. 1 item

- Ms L 214** 1788  
Estate map of showing the townland of Eglisish with internal divisions, acreage, names of fields and land usage. Scale of 40 perches to an inch. 1 item
- Ms L 215** 1790  
Map of the pasture land at Lort in the parish of ahascragh. Colour map showing tenants' names, acreage, garden plots and land usage. 1 item
- Ms L 216** 1790  
Map and survey of the townland of Ballyglass, in the parish of Ahascragh, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, colour map showing land usage, relief, field division and acreage, surveyed by Evans, January 1790. 1 item
- Ms L 217** 1790  
Map of the village of Ahascragh, showing the various lettings, colour coded, with details of land use, plot size and field division, 1790. 1 item
- Ms L 218** 1790  
Map and survey of the townlands of Killupane and Balinrow, in the parish of Ahascragh, denoting relief, field division, topography and land usage, includes tables listing all tenants and plot sizes, full colour, scale; forty perches to an inch, 1790. 1 item
- Ms L 219** 1790  
Map of the portion of the estate known as Nutpark, on the Castlegar estate, in the parish of Ahascragh, surveyed by Owen Flanagan, showing land division and usage along with tenants' details, part of the farm of Edward Hudson, 1790. Damaged but clearly legible. 1 item
- Ms L 220** 1793  
Map of farms at Killyglass, on the Castlegar estate, in the parish of Ahascragh, by Owen Flanagan. Very detailed map showing plots, land use, divisions and tenants' names, 1793. 1 item
- Ms L 221** 1795  
Map of a portion of the Castlegar estate, in the parish of Ahascragh, colour coded, showing division and use of land in the townland of Kilcrin, around Eglisish Abbey including the farms at Ballynamona Park, Abbey Park, Eglisish Park, Pillar Park and Ram Park, May 1795. 1 item

- Ms L 222** 1797  
Estate map of the land at Ballyeighter, in the Barony of Kilconnell, County Galway, showing townland measurements and topographical details along with relief and field markings in full colour, scale of twenty perches to an inch, surveyed by Evans, 17 May 1797.
- Ms L 223** 1798  
Map and survey of the lands at Clonbanniv, in the parish of Ahascragh, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, showing relief, land use and acreage in colour, scale of forty perches to an inch, 1798. 1 item
- Ms L 224** 1800  
Rough sketch of the townland of Ballyglass and Cornamucklagh, in the parish of Ahascragh, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, black and white, scale of 40 perches to an inch, undated, circa 1800. 1 item
- Ms L 225** c.1800  
An undated rough sketch of the townland of Killupaune, showing divisions and acreage, scale of 40 perches to an inch. 1 items
- Ms L 226** 1807  
Estate map of the townland of Killupaun, on the Castlegar estate, in the parish of Ahascragh, noting plot size, tenants' details, field divisions and so on, full colour, February 1807. 1 item
- Ms L 227** 1807  
Map and survey of land at Ballyglass, in the parish of Ahascragh, part of the estate of Ross Mahon. Colour map, showing tenants' plots, field division and acreage, land usage is noted in separate tables, March 1807. 1 item
- Ms L 228** 1807  
Map of the townlands of Ervallahoughter, Ervallahagheighter and Killupaun, on the Castlegar Estate, in the parish of Ahascragh. Detailed map showing land divisions, arable, tillage and pasture land, as well as names of tenants in each plot, 1807. 1 item
- Ms L 229** 1808  
Map and survey noting the partition of the townland of Killupanne, in the parish of Ahascragh, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, full colour with field size, acreage and topography also noted, 1808. 1 item
- Ms L 230** 1808  
Sketch of Pat Grealy and Thomas Cosgrave's farm on the Castlegar estate, in the parish of Ahascragh, perfunctory map in good condition. 1808. 1 item

- Ms L 231** 1808  
Perfunctory sketch of the plots surrounding the Mill Race at Ahascragh village, small colour sketch with details of plots, 1808. 1 item
- Ms L 232** 1808  
Map of a proposed line of navigation from Shannon Bridge on the River Shannon to Ballinasloe and from thence to the town of Galway with an off branch to Lough Corrib, including also a proposed line of navigation from the Shannon near Portumna to Loughrea by Thomas Colbourne. Scale of two miles to an inch, by John Darling, 1808. 1 item
- Ms L 233** 1810  
Rough sketch of the townland of Cornamuckla, in the parish of Ahascragh, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, noting field size, plot divisions and acreage, black and white, undated, circa 1810. 1 item
- Ms L 234** 1810  
Map of part of South Killupaun and Ervallahoughter, in the parish of Ahascragh, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, noting plot size, field divisions and tenants' details, 1810. 1 item
- Ms L 235** 1810  
Map of the lands of Shragarriff, situated on the estate of Ross Mahon, in the parish of Ahascragh, in colour, with relief, land use and the course of the river Suck noted, November 1810. 1 item
- Ms L 236** 1811  
Map of the Townland of Kilcrin, on the Castlegar estate, contains relevant topographical features and details of arable land and pasture. Scale of twenty perches to an inch, 1811. 1 item
- Ms L 237** 1811  
Survey and map of the townland of Greenwich, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, noting relief, topography and the flood plains of the river Suck, full colour, July 1811. 1 item
- Ms L 238** 1811  
Map of the Ahascragh parish, featuring the townlands of Cornamucklagh and North Killuppane, with detailed tables on relief, topography and field size, scale of twenty perches to an inch, full colour, February 1811. 1 item
- Ms L 239** 1813  
Map and survey of the townland of Edricooles, in the parish of Ahascragh, in the County of Galway, showing tenants' plots, field

divisions, plot size and names of tenants, scale of twenty perches to an inch, black and white, December 1813. 1 item

- Ms L 240** 1814  
Map of Shralougher and Cregannagoorlawn, in the parish of Ahascragh, County Galway, in full colour with topography, relief and field size noted along with land usage, scale of 20 perches to one inch, May 1814. 1 item
- Ms L 241** 1815  
Map and survey of the townland of Ervallahoughter, in the parish of Ahascragh, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, colour map showing field division, relief, and the course of the river Suck, taken from Owen Flanagan's drawings, undated, circa 1815. 1 item
- Ms L 242** 1816  
Map of Derrynamanagh, in the Barony of Kilconnell, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, noting field divisions, plot sizes, acreage, some colour, scale of twenty perches to one inch. 1 item
- Ms L 243** 1818  
Map and survey of the river Suck, at Schraloughra, in the parish of Ahascragh, County Galway, noting relief and land usage, in full colour, with tables denoting land usage and quality, scale of 20 perches to an inch, August 1818. 1 item
- Ms L 244** 1819  
Map of townland of Kilcrin, in the parish of Ahascragh, on the Castlegar estate, scale; twenty perches to an inch, shows land use and division, 1819. 1 item
- Ms L 245** 1819  
Map and survey of the townland of Kilcrin occupied by William Trench, on the estate of Sir Ross Mahon, in the parish of Ahascragh, showing land usage, field divisions and acreage, scale of 20 perches to an inch, surveyed by William Foley, November 1819. 1 item
- Ms L 246** 1822  
Map of conacre plots on the Mahon estate at Castlegar, in the townland of Cornamuckla, in the parish of Ahascragh, denoting plot size, along with details of sitting tenants, black and white, February 1822. 1 item
- Ms L 247** 1822  
Sketch of the conacre plots in the townland of Cornamuckla, in the parish of Ahascragh, part of the estate of Sir Ross Mahon, noting field size, acreage and tenants, black and white, 1822. 1 item

- Ms L 248** 1828  
Map and survey of the townland of Killuppane, in the parish of Ahascragh, noting plot size, land usage and field divisions, black and white, scale of 20 perches to an inch, August 1828. 1 item
- Ms L 249** 1836  
Map and survey of the part of the lands of Ballyoughty, situated in the Barony of Ballinasloe and the County of Roscommon, being the property of Sir Ross Mahon and let in plots to different persons, containing detailed sketches of plots, with tenants listed alongside acreage and land usage, March 1836. 1 item
- Ms L 250** 1841  
Map of the townland of Killupanne, the farm of Michael Glynn, part of the estate of Ross Mahon, in the parish of Ahascragh. Details plot sizes and field divisions amongst sub-tenants, with dwellings and tenants' names included, scale of ten perches to an inch, surveyed by Michael Brennan, 1841. 1 item
- Ms L 251** 1850  
Sketching of Ahascragh village, tracing paper showing land division and listing buildings in detail. Probably traced from an O.S. map with no date, but probably mid-nineteenth century, circa 1850. 1 item
- Ms L 252** 1854  
Map and survey denoting the new boundary between the townlands of Gortbrack and Ballyglass and the 'the give and take' of lands formed by the new division between the two in the parish of Ahascragh, scale of twenty perches to an inch, February 1854. 1 item
- Ms L 253** 1870  
Ordinance survey map of the Derrynamanagh Farm, Beech Hill, in the Barony of Kilconnell, showing individual tenants' plots, undated, c. 1870. 1 item

### **I.xiii.2 Estate maps pertaining to County Roscommon**

- Ms L 254** 1819  
Map of the part of the cutaway bog at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, laid out for the purpose of sowing reap, surveyed by James Johnston. Colour sketch showing field division and acreage, May 1819. 1 item

- Ms L 255** 1844  
Map of the village of Tarmonbarry and environs, County Roscommon, surveyed by John McCann. Coloured map of the area with plots, dwellings, etc, marked and colour coded, 1844. 1 item
- Ms L 256** 1850  
Large size map of the Shannon riverside at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon. Large tracing on tracing paper, showing the riverbank, bridge and weir, along with plots owned by the Mahons marked in colour. No date, probably based on an Ordinance Survey map, late eighteenth century, scale of 50 feet to an inch, 1850. 1 item
- Ms L 257** 1838  
Large size ordinance survey map of County Roscommon, 1837 edition, sheet 30, soft-bound and reinforced with the Tarmonbarry portion of the Mahon estate highlighted in colour, scale 1/2500, dated 1838. 1 item

### **I.xiii.3 Estate maps pertaining to other counties**

- Ms L 258** 1801  
Map of part of the lands at Stackumnie, in the Barony of Lower Salt, in the County of Kildare, surveyed by Joseph O'Brien, at the request of Laurence O'Rorke, showing acreage field division and relief, January 1801. 1 item

### **I.vii.4 Ordinance Survey maps**

Consists of a collection of Ordinance Survey maps, 1915 edition, 1/2500 scale, pertaining to County Galway. A collection soft bound maps with the Mahon estate highlighted in detail, divisions and portions of the estate are marked in colour, along with the names of farms and parts of the estate. Maps of overlapping and adjoining portions of the estate have been included together. These maps were prepared in advance of the sale of the estate to the state for division amongst the tenants.

- Ms 47,863 / 1** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions of the townlands of Castlegar east, Castlegar west, Tummeralin, Kilcrin, Knockaunroe, Eglis and Addergoole north, in the parish of Ahascragh, County Galway, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. 1 item
- Ms 47,863 / 2** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions the townlands of Castlegar west, Sunnagh, Killupane, Ervillagh Eighter, Ervillagh Oughter in the

parish of Ahascragh, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. 1 item

- Ms 47,863 / 3** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions the townlands of Castlegar east, Eglish, Addergoole North, Addergoole west, Cool, Ervillagh Eighter, Ervillagh Oughter in the parish of Ahascragh, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. 1 item
- Ms 47,863 / 4** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions the townlands of Addergoole, and Ervillagh Eighter, in the parish of Ahascragh, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. 1 item
- Ms 47,863 / 5** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions the townlands of Addergoole North, Addergoole South and Ballyeighter, in the parish of Ahascragh, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. 1 item
- Ms 47,863 / 6** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions the townland of Sunnagh in the parish of Ahascragh, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. 1 item
- Ms 47,863 / 7** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions the townlands of Shraloughra and Lissegan, in the parish of Ahascragh, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. Includes a second map showing part of the townland of Shraloughra. 2 items
- Ms 47,863 / 8** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions the townland of Ballyeighter, in the parish of Ahascragh, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. 1 item
- Ms 47,863 / 9** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions the townlands of Cornamuckla and Weston, Mountain, Castlegar east and Lisseagan in the parish of Ahascragh, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. Includes a second map showing part of the townland of Weston and Cornmuckla. 2 items
- Ms 47,863 / 10** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions the townlands of Kilcrin, Tumeralin, Dalysgrove, Castlegar east and Lisseagan in the parish of Ahascragh, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. 1 item

- Ms 47,863 / 11** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions the townlands of Dalysgrove and Shraloughra in the parish of Ahascragh, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. 1 item
- Ms 47,863 / 12** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions the townlands of Clonbanniv, Eglis, Addergoole and Knockaunroe in the parish of Ahascragh, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. 1 item
- Ms 47,863 / 13** 1915  
Ordinance Survey map showing portions the townlands of Ahascragh west, Mountain, Weston, Killupane, Ahascragh east and Castlegar west in the parish of Ahascragh, with the Mahon estate highlighted in colour. 1 item

#### **I.vii.5. Maps noting tenants and arrears**

The Mahons compiled a series of maps noting tenants' plots on their estate, possibly in advance of the sale of the estate to the state. A series of maps with individual plots highlighted in colour survive in the collection. These maps correspond to an accompanying collection of schedules of arrears, denoting plot size alongside the value and rent for each holding. This material constitutes a detailed profile of the entire estate. Not all the corresponding schedules of arrears have survived and there are some maps without corresponding schedules and vice versa. See each individual manuscript description for details.

- Ms 47,864 / 1** 1906  
Map and schedule of arrears for the townland of Ballytoohy, County Roscommon, 1906. The original map with all tenants listed has become detached and a small O.S. map showing only part of the estate is attached. 2 items
- Ms 47,864 / 2** 1907  
Map, rental and schedule of arrears for the townland of Loonaghtan, in the parish of Ahascragh. Detailed schedule attached to an O.S. map with relevant details regarding rent entered in detail. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,864 / 3** 1908  
Map and schedule of arrears for the townland of Ballynabanaba, in the parish of Fohenagh, County Galway. Detailed schedule attached to an O.S. map with relevant information regarding rent entered in detail. 3 pp.



- Ms 47,864 / 4-6** 1908  
Ordinance Survey maps for the parish of Ahascragh, showing the Mahon estate in colour, with tenants' plots marked in colour, along with two schedules of arrears for the townland of Ahascragh and the townland of Lisseyegan. Consist of five O.S. maps, along with two schedules of arrears listing over 160 tenants' details. The schedules are very detailed containing 16 pages of entries denoting value, size and rent for each holding. 3 folders, 7 items.
- Ms 47,864 / 7** c.1908  
O.S. map of the entire Mahon estate at Castlegar, with the entire estate included. Land divisions and plots are individually marked, tenants' names included and field names, etc recorded. Conacre plots, flood plains, etc are also marked. This is a very important map in the context of this collection. 1 item.
- Ms 47,864 / 8** 1951  
Land Commission maps denoting rights of way on the Mahon estate at Castlegar. The family held onto much of their original demesne after the sale of the vast bulk of the estate to the Land Commission. This map refers to rights of way between various portions of the old estate. 3 items.

#### **I.vii.6. Surveys and valuations**

- Ms 47,865 / 1** 1820-1830  
Surveys, valuations and proposals for land, 1820-1830. A collection of surveys of various portions of the estate, along with sketches of several townlands and proposals for lease and purchase of same, including some correspondence, bills and receipts. 47 items
- Ms 47,865 / 2** 1838  
Printed Material: Commission for the improvement of the River Shannon, Act 5 & 6, William IV., Cap. 07. Large printed notice listing properties and improvements to be made along the Shannon. 1 item
- Ms 47,865 / 3** 1841  
Valuation of the demesne at Castlegar by Messer's Brennan, Glynn and McDonagh. Lists rates and acreage on each portion of the estate, broken down into field names and townlands, 1841. 1 item
- Ms 47,865 / 4** 1844  
Report on the Caraun Island and Derrynamanagh River, County Galway by Peter Blake, 24 April 1844, now Raford River. Map, report and survey included. 3 pp.

- Ms 47,865 / 5-7** 1874-1880  
Correspondence and related material regarding the scheme to drain the sections of the river Suck bordering the Mahon and Clancarty estates. Includes letters from various landlords in the districts, along with official documents from the state including reports, estimates of work and costs and tracing of sections of the river and adjoining land. 3 folders, 40 items
- Ms 47,865 / 8** 1877  
'A Return of the Reverend Sir William Ross Mahon's Property, According to the Last Poor Law Valuation, the Name of Each Occupier, the Extent of each Holding Institute and Irish Plantation Measure, the Average Value per Statute and Irish Acre, 1877.'  
Contains a significant amount of detail on occupiers, lessors, area, buildings, land usage and valuation. Slightly damaged but still legible. 12 pp.
- Ms 47,865 / 9** 1877  
Landed Property Improvement Act, Estimate for the Townland of Ballinabanba, Ahascragh, County Galway, 1877, part of the estate of Sir Ross Mahon. A detailed estimate of improvements to be carried out, under the Act, with breakdowns of labour required and an estimate of costs, 1877. The material is somewhat damaged but still very legible. 10 pp.
- Ms 47,865 / 10** 1878  
Surveys and valuations of grassland on the Castlegar estate, 1878-1885. A notebook of valuations of various portions of the estate, along with a number of additional loose valuations of various farms in the parish of Ahascragh. 18 items
- Ms 47,865 / 11** 1914  
Acreage of property of the estate of Sir William H. Mahon, 10 October 1914. Consists of a breakdown of the acreage and property of Sir W.H. Mahon, listed by parish and townland. 1 p.
- Ms 47,865 / 12** 1918  
Valuation of the Galway estate of Sir William H. Mahon, 1918. Consists of a detailed breakdown of all land on the estate. Contains detailed entries on occupiers, lessors, area, buildings, land usage and valuation. 12 pp.

## II. FAMILY PAPERS

### II.i. Marriage Settlements

A large number of marriage settlements and related material pertaining to both the immediate and the extended Mahon family are included in the catalogue. These documents, many of which are transcribed on vellum parchment with original seals intact, contain a vast amount of financial and legal detail concerning the families involved. There are also a considerable number of other legal documents pertaining to marriage settlements, including drafts of settlements, correspondence and legal papers. These have been catalogued chronologically along with the settlements themselves.

- Ms 47,866 / 1** 1672  
Articles of agreement between Thomas Collin, Oughtercloony and Breine (Bryan) Maghan of Loughrea, concerning the marriage of James Maghan to Alison Collin, 21 September 1672. Consists of two copies of the original settlement including one on vellum, along with a small fragment of the original settlement. 5 items
- Ms 47,866 / 2** 1721  
Articles of marriage between Ross Mahon of Castlegar and Jane Ussher, 12 December 1721. Agreement between Ross Mahon, Castlegar, of the first part, John Ussher, City of Dublin and Jane Ussher, of the second part, Denis Daly of Frenchbrooke, in the County of Mayo and Christopher Ussher of the City of Dublin, of the third part. Original vellum parchment. 2 membranes. Also includes a copy of said agreement, along with an agreement made between Bryan Mahon and his son, Ross, dated 1721. A rough copy, difficult to read, with some damage, 4 pp. 3 items
- Ms 47,866 / 3** 1734  
Articles of agreement between William Kelly, Muckloon and his sister Lucy Kelly, and Nicholas Bellew, City of Dublin, concerning the marriage of Nicholas Bellew and Lucy Kennedy, 5 October 1734. Legible with some superficial damage. 1 p.
- Ms 47,866 / 4-5** 1762  
Settlement on the intermarriage of Ross Mahon, Castlegar, with the Honourable Anne Browne, 4 October 1762. Settlement between Ross Mahon, the elder, and Ross Mahon, the heir apparent, Lord John Browne, Mount Eagle, John Ussher of Mount Ussher, County Wicklow, James Browne, City of Dublin and John King, Ballylin, King's County, 4 October 1762. An elaborate original parchment containing a vast amount of legal and financial details. Very large parchment consisting of 11 membranes. Also includes a separate

collection of nine financial papers pertaining to the marriage settlement. Stored in its own document box, with documents in a separate folder. 11 membranes. 2 folders

- Ms 47,866 / 6-7** 1786  
Marriage settlement of Lady Elizabeth Browne and Ross Mahon, 6 August 1786. Agreement between Ross Mahon, the elder, and Ross Mahon, the heir apparent, John, Earl of Altamont and the Honourable Lady Elizabeth Browne, the Honourable James Browne, City of Dublin, John Ussher, Mount Ussher, County Wicklow, Denis Browne, Westport, County Mayo and James King, Ballylin, King's County, 6 August 1786. An elaborate vellum parchment containing 11 membranes. A copy of the settlement is also included along with a separate parchment, 'deed Declaring uses of Fines, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway to Robert Blakeney, City of Dublin', 26 July 1805. This document refers to the original marriage settlement. Stored in its own document box, with documents in a separate folder. 11 membranes, 2 folders
- Ms 47,867 / 1** 1793  
Settlement on the intermarriage of Annesley Gore Knox with Miss Harriet Mahon, 27 July 1793. Agreement made between Francis Knox, Rappa, County Mayo, Annesley Gore Knox, his eldest son, of the first part, Ross Mahon and his sister, Harriet, of Castlegar, of the second part, the Right Honourable Henry King Beleek, County Mayo and Denis Browne, County Mayo, of the third part, Arthur Knox, Woodstock, County Wicklow and John King, Ballylin, in the King's County, of the fourth part. Twelve large vellum pages. 12 membranes
- Ms 47,867 / 2** 1796  
Settlement on the intermarriage of Thomas William Filgate, Arthurstown, County Louth with Miss Emily Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway, 29 September 1796. Copy of original document. 24 pp.
- Ms 47,867 / 3** 1802  
Settlement on the marriage of the Reverend Henry Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway with Miss Anne Symes, Hillsborough, County Down, 22 July 1802. Copy of original document.,17 pp.
- Ms 47,867 / 4** 1805  
Declaration of trusts of £20,000 on the marriage of Ross Mahon, Castlegar with Diane Baber, 15 September 1805. Agreement made between Edward Barber, Governor Square, London, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, Denis Browne, Mount Browne, Harvey Marriot, Temple, London, William Cowper, Pall Mall, London, and Thomas Metcalf,

Lincoln's Inn. Original parchment with two other copies included. 3 items

- Ms 47,867 / 5** 1806  
Copy of a settlement by John Cator, Beckenham Place, Kent, for a sum of £20,000, previous to his marriage with Elizabeth Louisa Mahon, daughter of Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 1806. 10 pp. Consists of two undated copies but the marriage took place on 13 September 1806. 2 items
- Ms 47,867 / 6** 1806  
Settlement on the intermarriage of Ross Mahon, Castlegar with Mary Fitzgerald, 30 September 1806. Agreement between Ross Mahon, Castlegar, of the first part, the Right Honourable James Fitzgerald, City of Dublin, one of His Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council of Ireland, and Mary Fitzgerald, of the second part, Denis Browne, Mount Browne, County of Mayo, one of His Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council of Ireland, William Fitzgerald, City of Dublin, of the third part, James Mahon, Castlegar and Henry Fitzgerald, City of Dublin, of the fourth part. Original document, nineteen elaborate vellum pages. 19 membranes
- Ms 47,868 / 1** 1813  
Settlement on the intermarriage of John Henry Blakeney, Abbett, County Galway with Charlotte Mahon, Castlegar, 29 June 1813. Agreement between Theophilus Blakeney, Abbett, County Galway and his wife, Margaret Blakeney, their son, John Henry Blakeney, of the first part, and Ross Mahon, Castlegar and Charlotte Mahon, his third daughter, of the second part, William Knott, City of Dublin and the Right Honourable Denis Browne, County Mayo, of the third part, Robert French, Monivea, County Galway and Reverend James Mahon, Dean of Dromore, of the fourth part. 6 membranes
- Ms 47,868 / 2** 1822  
Settlement on the intermarriage of the Reverend Rawdon Griffith Greene, Stillorgan, County Dublin with Miss Anne Charlotte Mahon, Castlegar, 22 April 1822. Agreement between Reverend Rawdon Griffith Greene, Parson of Stillorgan, County Dublin, of the first part, Sir Ross Mahon and Anne Charlotte Mahon, Castlegar, of the second part, George Mahon, Mount Pleasant, County Mayo, and Richard John Griffith, of Glenageary, County of Dublin, and the very Reverend Henry Vesey Fitzgerald, City of Dublin, of the third part. Original document, four vellum pages. 4 membranes
- Ms 47,868 / 3-6** 1843  
Correspondence and legal documents concerning the marriage of John

Adair, 3 Fitzgibbon Street, Dublin and Leticia Mahon, Ahascragh, 1 September 1843. Consists of a large bundle of legal, and financial documents, concerning the financial settlement of Adair with Mahon, as well as the financial affairs of John Adair. A number of these items are copies of earlier eighteenth century financial and legal papers, and together, construct a detailed financial and family history of John Adair. 4 folders, 82 items

- Ms 47,868 / 7** 1844  
Copy of the settlement on the intermarriage of Charles George G. Mahon, Mount Pleasant, County Mayo and Miss Henrietta Low, Ballynanty, Bruff, County Limerick, 22 October 1844. 14 pp.
- Ms 47,868 / 8-9** 1845, 1846  
Legal correspondence and documents pertaining to the marriage of James Thomas Leslie Foster, Moyriesk, Quin, County Clare and Miss Henrietta Louisa Mahon, Stephens Green, City of Dublin, 4 December 1845. Consists of a large collection of draft legal documents relating to the marriage settlement, as well as correspondence and proposals. 2 folders, 52 items
- Ms 47,868 / 10** 1848  
Copy of a 'Release from Trusts of Marriage Settlement,' originally dated 25 October 1841. Ross Mahon esquire and others to the Right Honourable Earl of Ross. 16 pp.
- Ms 47,868 / 11** 1853  
Copy of the settlement on the intermarriage between the Reverend William Vesey Ross Mahon with Miss Jane King, 12 October 1853. Agreement between the Reverend Henry King, Ballylin, King's County, of the first part, Jane King, his daughter, of the second part, the Reverend Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon, Castlegar and Rawmarsh, York, of the of the third part, Dame Mary Geraldine Mahon, Castlegar of the fourth part, John Gilbert King, Ballylin, King's County and Reverend Sir William. 32 pp. Two documents concerning William V. R. Mahon's solicitor's costs are also included. 3 items
- Ms 47,868 / 12** 1889  
Abstract from the settlement of the marriage of Harry P. Chambers and Alice Jane Mahon. A handwritten copy transcribed from the original. 5 pp.

## II.ii. Testamentary Material

There are a large number of wills, codicils and inheritance settlements, along with related documents, pertaining to both the immediate Mahon family, as well as extended family members contained in the catalogue. There is also some material pertaining to related families such as the Gerry family of Southampton and Lord Clonbrock. The material has been arranged chronologically, in terms of the date of the documents, along with relevant correspondence and other material.

- Ms 47,869 / 1** 1686  
The last will and testament of Thomas Cullen, Oughtercloony, County Galway, 5 May 1686. An original copy, along with a velum copy in pristine condition. Contains significant details on the early origins of the Mahon estate at Beech Hill. 2 items
- Ms 47,869 / 2** 1703, 1740, 1756, 1774  
Copies of abstract of various eighteenth century wills, including abstract of the will of Henry Vesey, Clerk and Warden of the town of Galway, 1774; abstract of the will of John Gerry, Galway, 1703; abstract of the will of George Gerry, Galway, 1740; abstract of the will of Charles Gerry, Galway, 1756. Also includes extracts from letters regarding the Gerry family from A. Hill, Nethook, Caduam, Southampton, genealogist. 6 items
- Ms 47,869 / 3** 1719  
Last will and testament of Bryan Mahon, 8 June 1719. Original document, delicate but legible, 4 pp.
- Ms 47,869 / 4** 1751  
Last will and testament of James Mahon, *d.* August 1752, Ballyglass House, Ahascragh, County Galway. James Mahon was a brother of the first Ross Mahon and not to be confused with his cousin, James Mahon of Oughtercloony. 4 pp. Consists of an original copy and a transcribed copy. 2 items
- Ms 47,869 / 5** 1766  
Probate of the last will and testament of the first Ross Mahon, Castlegar, *d.* 10 April 1767, dated 15 November 1766. Includes original copy on velum. 1 membrane, along with a copy, 4 pp. Extremely delicate. 2 items
- Ms 47,869 / 6** 1775, 1785  
Copy of the last will and testament of John Mahon, Castlegar, son of the first Ross Mahon, *d.* 1785, dated 4 June 1775. Also includes a bill of probate, dated 18 August 1785. Original document, written on velum

with a fragile copy on paper also attached. 3 items

- Ms 47,869 / 7** 1786  
Last will and testament of the second Ross Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway, *d.* 17 March 1788. Original document, velum parchment; 1 membrane, some damage and difficult to read, with a fragile copy also included, dated 4 May 1786, 12 pp. 2 items
- Ms 47,869 / 8** 1805  
Copy of a 'Release in fee of estates in the County of Galway from the Marquis of Sligo, the surviving devisee in trust of those estates in the will of the late Ross Mahon, to Ross Mahon, and release of the same estates from £12,000 directed by the will be raised thereabout for the testators' younger children from the Right Honourable Denis Browne and others, 1805.' 21 pp.
- Ms 47,869 / 9** 1806  
Printed copy of the last will and testament of John Cator, D.L., J.P., Beckingham, Kent and Woodbastwick Hall, Norfolk, *d.* 20 August 1858. He married Elizabeth Louisa Mahon in 1806. 18 pp.
- Ms 47,869 / 10** 1808  
The last will and testament of John Denis Browne, 2nd Earl of Altamont, 1<sup>st</sup> Marquis Sligo, *d.* 2 June 1809, dated 31 March 1808. John Denis Browne was the brother of Charlotte Browne, who married John Mahon in 1794. He was also the nephew of Lady Anne Browne, who was also his mother-in-law. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,869 / 11** 1818  
Copy of the last will and testament and five codicils of the Reverend Henry Mahon, Killygally, King's County, *d.* 29 July 1838, 5 June 1818. Reverend Henry Mahon was a brother of the first Sir Ross Mahon. 10 pp.
- Ms 47,869 / 12** 1823  
Copy of the last will and testament of Edward Baber, 15 October 1823. Baber, of Hanover Square, London, was the brother of Diane Baber, *d.* 2 December 1807, Sir Ross Mahon's second wife. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,869 / 13** 1826, 1830  
Copy of the last will and testament of Peter Daly, Cloncha, County Galway, 24 February 1826. 37 pp. The Dalys of Dunsandle were one of the wealthiest landowning families in Galway in the nineteenth century. Also includes a legal opinion on the last will and testament of Peter Daly, 1830. 12 pp. Also includes a rental from a Daly property, 1811-1829. 4 pp. 3 items



- Ms 47,869 / 14** 1833, 1835  
Last will and testament of the first Sir Ross Mahon, *d.* 15 August 1835, along with various codicils, legal papers and correspondence. Includes various legal documents, costs and family correspondence. 12 items
- Ms 47,869 / 15-16** 1838  
Copy of the last will and codicils of William Lord Fitzgerald and Vesce. *d.* 11 May 1841. He was famously defeated by Daniel O'Connell in the Clare election of 1828 and was the brother of Honourable Mary Geraldine Fitzgerald, wife of the first Sir Ross Mahon. There are also a number of correspondence and legal documents concerning the same attached, along with three copies of the original document. 2 folders, 20 items
- Ms 47,869 / 17** 1842  
Letters of administration, Sir Ross Mahon, 2nd Baron, *d.* 5 April, 1842. Sir Ross Mahon Lieutenant K.R.R.C. (60th Rifles), died without issue and the title passed to his brother, James, dated 26 April 1842. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,869 / 18** 1844  
The last will and testament of Sir James Fitzgerald Ross Mahon, *d.* 11 March 1852. He died without issue and the title passed to his brother William. 8 April 1844. 24 pp.
- Ms 47,869 / 19** 1848  
Appointment of Sir James Fitzgerald Ross Mahon as next of kin of Maria Elizabeth Mahon, Castlegar. Maria Elizabeth Mahon was the daughter of Sir Ross Mahon and Lady Elizabeth Browne and died young sometime in 1848. 1 membrane.
- Ms 47,869 / 20** 1849  
Last will and testament of Marian Lineau, spinster, 5 March 1849. John Ross Mahon was the administrator. 2 membranes.
- Ms 47,869 / 21** 1853  
Letters of administration of the goods of Sir James Fitzgerald Ross Mahon, *d.* 11 March 1852, deceased, limited until the will of the said deceased be found and duly proved, 1 June 1853. Also includes; Renunciation of Next of Kin, 15 February 1853. Declaration signed by Mary Geraldine Mahon, John Ross Mahon, Catherine Geraldine Purdon and her husband Reverend William Purdon, Leticia Anne Adair and her husband John Adair, Henrietta Louisa Foster and her husband James Leslie Foster, Georgia Hill and Samuel Hill, Emily Jane Mahon, Jane Alicia Mahon and Caroline Mahon. 4 pp, including two letters in

relation to the settlement from family members. Also includes copy of 'appointment of new trustee of settlement' of 12 October 1853, dated 1894, Dame Jane Mahon to George Gilbert Mahon, 14 pp. 5 items

- Ms 47,869 / 22** 1859  
Copy of bill of probate of the last will and testament and three codicils of the Honourable Dame Mary Geraldine Mahon, *d.* 20 March 1859, widow of Sir Ross Mahon and daughter of Right Honourable James Fitzgerald. 4 June 1859. 12 pp.
- Ms 47,869 / 23** 1877  
Last will and testament of the Reverend Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon, *d.* 14 August 1893. Reverend Mahon was rector at Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Yorkshire. An original document written on velum and perfectly preserved, dated 7 April, 1877, 4 pp, along with a bound copy. 2 items
- Ms 47,869 / 24** 1910  
First codicil to the last will and testament of Sir William Henry Mahon dated 10 March 1910. Also contains a copy of the 'goods of Sir William H. Mahon, deceased' by Rooke and Rooke solicitors. 2 items
- Ms 47,869 / 25** 1914  
Last will and testament of Luke Gerald Dillon, Lord Baron Clonbrock, *d.* 12 May 1917, dated 26 May 1914. The Dillon were neighbours and in-laws of the Mahons and lived in Ahascragh. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,869 / 26** 1932  
Costs of the codicil to the last will and testament of Lady Edith Mahon. 3 pp.

### II.iii. Commissions and Appointments

Like many of their peers in the land owning elite of County Galway, the Mahon family held a number of ceremonial and legal commissions. As well as being perennial Justices of the Peace, members of the family held the office of Sheriff, Under Sheriff and Deputy Lieutenant of the Yeomanry Corp of County Galway. A number of documents and correspondence in relation to these appointments are included along with related paraphernalia. There are also a number of canonical appointments relating to Reverend William Ross Mahon and military commissions belonging to Sir William Henry Mahon. The most remarkable item is Brian Mahon's commission as a captain in the Jacobite army, three months before the Battle of the Boyne, which is signed by King James II.

#### II.iii.1. Canonical appointments

- Ms 47,870 / 1** 1807  
Grant to the Deanery of Tuam to Reverend James Mahon, Castlegar, 11 August 1807. An elaborate parchment with seal attached. Manuscript is in good repair but seal is broken and some superficial damage to parchment. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,870 / 2** 1836  
Nomination of Reverend William Vesey Ross Mahon to succeed to the title of assistant curate to the parish of Ahascragh, in the diocese of Elphin, and request that he be admitted into the Holy Order of Deacon, 14 July 1836. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,870 / 3** 1837  
Reverend William Vesey Ross Mahon's appointment to the petty canonry of the Collegiate and Cathedral Church of St Patrick's Dublin, 18 August 1837. Original document with seal, delicate. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,870 / 4** 1838  
Reverend William Vesey Ross Mahon's appointment to Petty Canonry at Collegiate and Cathedral Church of St Patrick's Dublin, 27 April 1838. Original document with seal, delicate. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,870 / 5** 1844  
Reverend William Vesey Ross Mahon's appointment to the Rectory at Rawmarsh, in the County of York, England, 22 June 1844. Original document with seal. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,870 / 6** 1842  
Appointment of William Ross Mahon to the rectory in the parish of Hornington in the County of Suffolk, England, 24

June 1842. Original document with seal. 1 membrane

### **II.iii.2. Civil appointments**

- Ms 47,871 / 1** 1792  
Commission of the Peace for County Galway, Sir James Ross Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway, 21 December 1792. Velum parchment, 1 membrane
- Ms 47,871 / 2** 1795  
Commission of the Peace for County Roscommon, Sir James Ross Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway, May 1795, Velum parchment, 1 membrane
- Ms 47,871 / 3** 1844  
Commission of the Peace for County Galway, Sir James Ross Mahon, Castlegar, County Galway, 3 January 1844. Velum parchment, slightly torn. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,871 / 4** 1895  
Commission of the Peace for County Galway, Sir William H. Mahon, 1895. Velum parchment, 1 membrane. Includes a small number of correspondence including an official notice from Dublin Castle along with a note from Lord Clonbrock. 5 items
- Ms 47,871 / 5** 1896  
Official seal of the Deputy Lieutenant for County Galway, Sir William Henry Mahon, 27 October 1896. Signed by Luke Gerald Dillon, Lord Clonbrock, nominating Sir William Mahon as his deputy. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,871 / 6** 1898  
Sir William H. Mahon, High Sheriff of County Galway, deed of indemnity to John Reddington, Dartfield, County Galway, to act as Deputy Sheriff of County Galway, 1898. 5 pp.

### **II.iii.3. Military appointments**

- Ms 47,872 / 1** 1690  
Brian Mahon's commission as Captain of the Company of Grenadiers, in place of John Talbot, late Captain in the Regiment commanded by the Earl of Clanricarde, 5 April 1690. Original parchment, commissioned three months before the Battle of the Boyne in which the regiment was practically destroyed. Signed by

King James II. 1 membrane

- Ms 47,872 / 2** 1803  
Ross Mahon's Yeomanry Commission as first lieutenant in the Ahascragh Corp of the Galway Yeomanry, 26 October 1803. Original document. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,872 / 3** 1881  
William Henry Mahon's appointment to the rank of lieutenant in her majesty's forces, 4th Militia Battalion, the Prince of Wales' Own West Yorkshire Regiment, 11 August, 1881. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,872 / 4** 1882, 1908  
Certificate to be obtained by a Lieutenant of Militia before promotion to the rank of Captain, Lieutenant William Henry Mahon, 4th West Yorkshire Regiment of Militia, 11 August 1882. Also includes a record of Mahon's military career from 1889-1908. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,872 / 5** 1901  
Major Sir William Henry Mahon's appointment as a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order (DSO), 26 September 1901. Includes some official correspondence along with information for officers on investiture by the King. 4 items

## II.iv. Clanricarde Papers

Captain Bryan Mahon was a land agent and soldier for the Burke family, the hereditary Earls of Clanricarde of Portumna House. These papers pertain to Bryan Mahon's dealings with various members of the Clanricarde dynasty and a legal dispute involving the Revenue Collector, John Carr and Richard Burke, 4th Earl Canricarde. The material consists of legal and financial papers, as well as some correspondence. Captain Bryan Mahon's commission in the Clanricarde Regiment of Foot in 1690 is catalogued along with the family's other military commissions, see **II.iii.3. Appointments and Commissions**.

**Ms 47,873 / 1** 1692-1716

A series of legal documents pertaining to the Earl of Clanricarde and Bryan Mahon. All of these papers are delicate.

1. An itemised list of payments of £977 paid from 1694 to 1700 by the Right Honourable John Burke, Lord Bophin to Captain Bryan Mahon, dated 1702. 1 p.
2. Document entitled 'The manner how the Earle Clanricarde thinks he can discharge Coll. Thomas Burke's charge and demand on him of £14,620 and the said Earle is willing to wave any error that shall or may be found in his discharge, but he saves to himself any other matter that he can offer in and towards discharging or avoiding the said Colonel Burke's Demand.' c.1705, 4 pp.
3. Denis Daly's account of monies paid and interest due from the Honourable Richard, now Earle of Clanricarde and his brother John in May 1692 on the mortgage of lands. 2 pp.
4. A list of payments made by 'My Lord Clanricarde to Captain Mahon', 1713-1716. 4 pp.
5. A series of receipts for monies paid by Captain Bryan Maghan signed by Denis Daly, the Treasury, Michael Burke and Richard Burke, 1698-1707. 4 items

**Ms 47,873 / 2** 1692

Bond signed by Rickard, Earl of Clanricarde, pertaining to a debt of £334 owed to Captain Bryan Maghan (Mahon) of Loughreagh, (Loughrea) County Gallway (Galway), 30 February 1692. 2 pp.

**Ms 47,873 / 3** 1701

Lease for land in County Galway between Luke Dillon and Captain

Bryan Mahon. Refers to lands at Kilcrin and Clonncannon, in the parish of Ahascragh, 4 August 1701. Also refers to a lease for the life of the Countess Dowager of Clanricarde. Fragile document and torn at the edges. 1 p.

- Ms 47,873 / 4** 1707  
Bill of sale referring to the sale of stock between Luke Dillon, Ahascragh, and Bryan Mahon, Castlegar, 15 December 1707. Signed by Henry Burke, Thomas Mahon, Luke Dillon and Robert Dillon. Delicate, 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 5** c.1710  
Particulars of the mortgage of the several estates particular to Helen Countess of Clanricarde, Richard Burke, Earl of Clanricarde, Ulick Burke, Lord Viscount Gallway and Captain John Burke, dated c. 1710. Undated document detailing Burke estates in twelve baronies, along with details of mortgages. Some superficial damage to parchment. 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 6** c.1710  
'Headers of Agreement by the Umpires in the differences submitted to them by the Earle of Clanricarde'. Agreement concerning the dispute over the encumbrances and revenue of the Clanricarde lands. Refers to Garret Moore. Superficial damage. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,873 / 7** c.1710  
Legal document pertaining to the inheritance of the estates of the Clanricarde family. Refers to decree of Parliament of April 1688, and lands granted to Richard, Lord Clanricarde, also to Charles, Viscount Muscrey, (Donough MacCarthy, 1594–1665, 2nd Viscount Muskerry), 1st Earl of Clancarty, and payments due by heirs of the late Ulick Burke, 1st marquess of Clanricarde. Also refers to the Countess Dowager of Clanricarde and the settlement of 1688, concerning the lands of Richard, Earl of Clanricarde. Also refers to Mary Talbot, daughter of James Talbot. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,873 / 8** 1710  
Legal opinion of Theobald Butler on the decree of Parliament of 1688, relating to the estate of Richard, Earl of Clanricarde, 8 July 1710. Document has minor damage but is legible. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,873 / 9** 1710  
Legal opinion on the decree of Parliament of 1688 relating to the estate of the family of Clanricarde, and specifically the previous legal opinion of Theobald Butler, 14 August 1710. Legal opinion by R. Nutley on the opinion of Theobald Butler on the award by the Earl of

Tyrconnell and Major General MacCarty. Refers to Colonel Thomas Burke and his sister, Countess Honoura, Dowager of Clanricarde. 2 pp.

- Ms 47,873 / 10** 1716, 1727  
Lease for land in north Galway, Luke Dillon, William O'Bryan and Ross Mahon, 18 March 1716. Lease for lands at Killupuan in the Ahascragh parish between William O'Bryan and Luke Dillon. Includes a subsequent amendment to the lease by William O'Bryan signing over his interest to Ross Mahon, 5 March 1727. 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 11** 1717-1769  
A collection of Ross and Bryan Mahon financial papers detailing farm accounts and other financial matters between 1717 and 1769. Also refers to the purchase of lands at Derrynamanagh, County Galway.
1. Ross Mahon's farm account with Peter Mahon, 1732. Single page of accounts referring to personal spending. Partially torn. 1 p.
  2. A small set of Bryan Mahon's accounts, 14 August 1716 until 1730, listing details of payments on both sides of one sheet. 3 items
  3. Farm accounts, 1767-1769, listing details of stock, rents and conacre on the Castlegar estate, along with details of tenants. 20 pp. Includes details of farm accounts, with payments listed from 1719-1751. Very delicate but legible. 3 items
  4. Ross Mahon's pocket books, 1728-1729 and 1758. Consists of two delicate but legible notebooks, with details of minor financial transactions. 2 items
  5. A schedule of the estate of Ross Mahon of Castlegar, 1763. One page document, listing legal and financial agreements and arrangements pertaining to Castlegar. 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 12-13** 1720-1747  
Collection of Ross Mahon's financial papers and correspondence, 1720-1747. A very fragile, partially damaged series of accounts, financial papers and estate correspondence. Many of the pages are torn but details of correspondence with John Carr, Revenue Collector over excess payments are legible, along with details of tithes assigned over by John Carr to John Blakeney, May 1735. Includes correspondence and legal material relating to Robert Blakeney, along with details of revenue payments and some farm accounts. 2 folders, 9 items



- Ms 47,873 / 14** 1722-1767  
A series of Ross Mahon's legal documents, 1722-1767. Consists of heads of a legal agreement made between John Carr, Kellysgrove, County Galway and Daniel McHugh for 40 acres of land for a period of 30 years, 1733; several bonds signed by John Carr and others, 1735-1738; a set of legal costs for Trinity term, 1760, Ross Mahon against Smyth, Earl of Clanricarde, Henry Lord Dunkellin and John Howard; Ross Mahon's account with Thomas Mahon, 1722; 'Case of Ross Mahon', Robert Tisdall, 1767; series of loose legal accounts, 1735-1755. 16 items
- Ms 47,873 / 15** 1725  
Copy of William Daly and Richard Nutley's legal opinions, 26 November 1725. Refers to a settlement of 1677 and 1692 concerning Bryan Mahon and the Earl of Clanricarde. Very delicate, 2 pp.
- Ms 47,873 / 16** 1726  
Legal agreement regarding lands at Killupaun, in the parish of Ahascragh, County Galway signed by Robert Dillon and Ross Mahon, 17 May 1726. Well preserved original parchment with seals attached. 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 17** 1729  
'Bond of Ross Mahon unto Richard Fitzpatrick and Patrick Martin, Galway merchants, as well as unto Thomas Blakeney and John Burke, 3 October 1729.' Two bonds on a single parchment both dated 3 October 1729. Torn and damaged. 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 18** 1729  
Lease for land at Fohenagh, for a term of three lives, Henry Talbot, Mount Talbot and James Mahon, Castlegar, 27 October 1729. 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 19** 1731  
Lease for land at Lisduff, County Galway, 14 May 1731. Lease of lands between John Donolan and Ross Mahon, signed by Thomas Bourke. Torn and extremely fragile. 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 20** 1733  
Confirmation of lease for lands in east Galway, David Power to Ross Mahon, three life term, 20 November 1733. Indenture signed by Denis Daly, Raford, County Galway, confirming yearly rent for seventy pounds for lands in mortgage to Denis Daly. Receipts for rent from James Mahon attached, dated 1736. 2 items
- Ms 47,873 / 21** 1733-1738

A small collection of receipts for monies paid by Bryan Mahon and received by John Carr, Revenue Collector of Loughrea. Consists of four receipts in good condition. 4 items

- Ms 47,873 / 22** 1735-1839  
A collection of correspondence from John Carr, Collector of Revenue, to Ross Mahon, concerning the 'double and wrong charges of composite rents on the lands in the name of the Earl of Clanricarde,' Also refers to 'that perfidious wretch', presumably Clanricarde, and 'the most cruel treatment in this affair' and legal meetings with Mr. Ousley, Mr. Grey, William Rockington, Mr. Glover, and Reverend Henry Wright amongst others. Some letters are very delicate. 11 items
- Ms 47,873 / 23** 1738  
'Abstract of the several double, over and existing charges of composite rents reported chargeable in the name of the Earl of Clanricarde, with these short charged with composition and crown rents, asked by the said Earles patent, 8 April 1662.' Dated 22 February 1738. 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 24** c.1740  
A short undated letter to Ross Mahon regarding the cutting of wood on the estate, circa 1740. Refers to a Mr. Molynoux. 1 p. Includes a fragment of a page listing items of clothing, including a shirt, a cravat and stockings. 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 25** 1742  
Letter from D.P., probably David Power, to James Mahon, his relation, regarding a lease agreement with Mathew Kelleher, 4 November 1742. Details of lease are included. 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 26** 1748  
'Balance of his account stated by the Accomplished gentleman, ending Mid-Summer 1735. To Several Surcharges of Quit, Crown and Composition Rents Represented by Affidavit untruly made by Henry Brien and his clerk for above 16 years to be due to the Crown, and that he, the said Carr, should have received the same and not accounted for, without producing the said Carr's remittances, as in such cases always usual, although most of which sums as may appear by the particulars, are not charged to the Crown.' Dated November, 1748, by John Carr. 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 27** 1748  
Release by Mrs Rebecca King to John King Esq., of mortgage for lands in the County of Longford, 10 November 1748. Agreement witnessed and signed by Ross Mahon. 1 p.

- Ms 47,873 / 28** 1749  
Lease for lands at Ballyglass, County Galway, for a life term, Ross Mahon and James Mahon, 10 April 1749. A very early lease for lands at Ballyglass between the Mahon families. 1 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 29** 1749  
Legal agreement, signed by Ross Mahon, 2 November 1749. Legal agreement pertaining to a marriage settlement of £1,000, used as security for lands at Oughtercloony. Refers to John King, County Longford, Luke Dillon of Clonbrock, Collum Glynn and Ross Mahon. Very fragile, torn at the bottom but still legible. 2 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 30** 1750  
A partially coded letter addressed to George Thomas, Hearth Collector from 'King's Fisher' mentioning 'the innocent papist', Richard Dillon and the lands of Clonbrock and the Act of Settlement. Part of this letter is written in code and refers to 'fishing in County Galway – 'there is a scarcity there at present'. Fragile, 2 p.
- Ms 47,873 / 31** 1758  
Papers relating to the executorships of Ross and James Mahon's estates, 10 September 1758. Consists of a handwritten, soft bound account of the circumstances of the estate of the first Ross Mahon, following his death 1767. 8 pp. Also includes three accompanying documents including a letter from William Kelly addressed to Ross Mahon. 4 items
- Ms 47,873 / 32** 1788  
Solicitor General's legal opinion on the purchase of land involving William Talbot, Lord Clanricarde, Thomas De Burgh and Edward Woodcock, 1788. Signed by Arthur Wolfe, 1st Viscount Kilwarden. 1 pp.

## II.v. Political Material

The catalogue contains a significant amount of material relating to unionist politics in County Galway at the turn of the century. The most significant material pertains to the activities of the Irish Unionist Alliance in County Galway, of which Sir William Mahon was acting chairman in 1912. The minute books of the Galway I.U.A. from 1912-1918, along with a large collection of letters, policy documents and internal memoranda are included in the catalogue. As chairman of the association of Galway unionists, Sir William Mahon handled the general correspondence of the movement, which has been preserved in this collection in its entirety. It consists mainly of letters from other leading gentry families and some Protestant ministers in the county, concerning all aspects of unionist politics in their respective districts, as well as the individual political opinions of respondents. This material is complimented by a range of documents pertaining to the Galway War Fund Association, of which Lady Mahon was an active member, and which shared a large overlap in terms of membership with the I.U.A.

### II.v.1. Irish Unionist Alliance

- Ms 47,874 / 1** 1905-1918  
Irish Unionist Alliance, Annual Reports. Includes a copy of the 'Draft annual report of the Irish Unionist Alliance, 1905-6: to be presented by the executive committee at the annual general meeting of the council, 29 August 1906.' 12 pp. Also includes, 'Irish Unionist Alliance, Twenty-Eighth Annual Report, 1912-13.' The annual printed report of the IUA, detailing all the organisation's official posts and officers, as well as a full list of all county committees and members. 53 pp. 2 items
- Ms 47,874 / 2** 1908-1912  
Internal memorandum and notes on the composition of the membership and organising committee of the Galway branch of the Irish Unionist Alliance. Includes various lists of names and addresses of members, as well as comments and their respective position in the movement. 8 items
- Ms 47,874 / 3** 1910, 1918  
Irish Unionist Alliance, printed material. Includes a handbill entitled 'Reasons for Supporting the Call to Unionists', outlining the position of the hard-line unionist faction within the Irish Unionist Alliance in 1918. 1 p. Also includes a Handbill entitled, 'Call to Unionists: the Convention Report and Home Rule, 13 April 1918,' a pamphlet outlining the position of the hard-line unionist faction within the national Irish Unionist Alliance during the rift between extremists and moderates in 1918. Also includes 'Franchise Qualification: Showing what constitutes the right to vote at parliamentary and local government elections' published by the Irish Unionist Alliance, 1910. 4 pp. 3 items

- Ms 47,874 / 4** 1911  
Correspondence from Lord Clonbrock to W. Waithman, Merlin Park, regarding unionist politics in County Galway, 1911 - May 1912. Consists of twenty-one letters written by Lord Clonbrock to Waithman, two of the county's leading unionists, discussing the activities of the Galway Unionist Alliance and their efforts to re-organise a unionist association in the county. 21 items
- Ms 47,874 / 5** 1911-1918  
Minute Books for the County Galway Irish Unionist Alliance, 1911-18. Two detailed ledger books listing contributions and subscribers to the branch, along with a second ledger listing meetings held, officer board members elected, the attendance at meetings and resolutions passed. In need of conservation. 2 items
- Ms 47,874 / 6** 1912  
Correspondence from Lord Clonbrock to William Waithman, regarding unionist politics in County Galway, 1912. Consists of twenty-one letters written by Lord Clonbrock to Waithman of Merlin Park, a prominent Galway unionist. 11 items
- Ms 47,874 / 7-10** 1912  
Correspondence of the Galway Branch of the Irish Unionist Alliance, 1912. Consists of a large collection of letters from practically the entire gentry and unionist community of County Galway, written in response to William Mahon's plea to unionists in the county to sign a petition against Home Rule. There are also a number of responses to a general invitation to unionists to attend a meeting in Athenry in May 1912. 4 folders, 84 items
- Ms 47,874 / 11** 1912-1914  
Correspondence from the central branch of the Irish Unionist Alliance to the Galway branch. Consists of a number of letters from the Dublin central organising committee to their regional branches regarding their campaign against Home Rule. 8 items
- Ms 47,874 / 12** 1912-1923  
Internal Irish Unionist Alliance memorandum and notes on resolutions passed and proposed at various meetings, along with notes on speeches given at meetings of the IUA. Also includes a small number of letters and notes regarding subscriptions and bonds. 10 items
- Ms 47,874 / 13-16** 1913  
Correspondence of the Galway Branch of the Irish Unionist Alliance, 1913. Correspondence from various Galway unionists relating to

subscriptions, attendance at meetings and the difficulties in generating support for the anti-home rule cause in the county. 4 folders, 91 items

- Ms 47,874 / 17** 1914  
Correspondence of the Galway Branch of the Irish Unionist Alliance, 1914. Correspondence from Galway unionists regarding the possible reaction in the county following a resolution of the Home Rule Bill. 19 items
- Ms 47,874 / 18** 1918  
Correspondence from John E. Walsh of the Southern Unionist Committee to Sir William Mahon regarding the political composition and direction of the organisation, following the controversial 'call to unionists'. 5 items
- Ms 47,874 / 19** 1919  
Correspondence of the Galway Branch of the Irish Unionist Alliance, 1919. Correspondence regarding annual subscriptions and the state of unionism in County Galway. 21 items
- Ms 47,874 / 20** 1923  
An edition of 'Notes From Ireland', published by the Irish Unionist Alliance, No. 13, Vol. 29, May 1923. A newspapers produced by the IUA with extensive content covering events in Ireland. 8 pp.

## **II.v.2. Galway War Fund Association**

- Ms 47,875 / 1-2** 1915-1918  
Correspondence to Lady Edith Augusta Mahon and the Galway War Fund Association, from various parties, 1915-1918. Consists mainly of notes from other local people concerning the organisation's endeavours in the county. 2 folders, 35 items
- Ms 47,875 / 3-4** 1915-1918  
Correspondence from various Connaught Rangers, prisoners of war, Limburg, to Lady Edith Augusta Mahon, 1915-18. Consists of a series of brief notes and letters of thanks for aid parcels received by prisoners at a German POW camp. Prisoners also outline many of the difficulties faced by the men and encourage Lady Mahon in her endeavours to send more aid. 2 folders, 35 items
- Ms 47,875 / 5** 1916-1918  
Galway War Fund, miscellaneous documents, 1916-1918. Includes a 'list of additional names for war service list for County Galway, 1918', consisting of a small list of eight names for the war service list, 1 p. A

pamphlet, 'Tricks for the Trenches and Wards', a booklet of tricks with hands and string written for soldiers to help pass the time, 54 pp. Printed poem, 'Erin Mavoureen', by Geraldine De Ros, January 1918, 1 p. A propaganda handbill designed to aid the war effort. A collection of postcards showing the destruction of Dublin following the 1916 Rising, 6 items. A list of contributions and subscription to the Galway War Fund Association, 1 p. 10 items

- Ms 47,875 / 6** 1917  
Galway War Fund Association handbills, entitled, 'What We Have Done'. Consists of a series of handbills outlining the work carried out by the Galway War Fund Association from April 1917 to April 1918. 10 copies
- Ms 47,875 / 7** 1918  
Letters pertaining to the 'Irish Women's Association to Aid Irish Regiments and Prisoners of War.' Consists of six letters from the central office of the organisation to Lady Mahon of the Galway Committee concerning Galway prisoners of war. 6 items
- Ms 47,875 / 8** 1919  
Account of a dinner held in honour of Galway ex-servicemen from the Connaught Rangers at the town hall in Ballinasloe, 4 February 1919. Includes an account of life in a German POW camp from a former prisoner, including some details of the activities of Casement's Brigade in trying to attract recruits. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,875 / 9** 1919  
Galway War Fund Association: 'some War Work in County Galway, 1914-1918'. A typed list of the activities and revenue raised by the Galway War Fund Association in the county from 1914 until 1919. Also contains details of financial returns and expenditure during this period. 6 pp

### **II.v.3. General political material, 1795-1923**

Sir William Mahon was an active member of the Galway Landowners Association, the Galway Unionist Alliance, the County Galway Farmer's Association, the Galway branch of the Red Cross and the conservative, Primrose League in England. Important local material ranges from documents pertaining to accounts of 'defenderism' in north Galway, shortly before the Rebellion of 1798, letters relating to the Land War in Galway 1879-1882, along with hand-written accounts of significant events from the War of Independence and Civil War.

- Ms 47,876 / 1** 1795

- A collection of correspondence, notes and accounts, compiled by Ross Mahon, Castlegar, concerning 'defenderism' in north Galway/south Roscommon, 1795. A collection of material on 'disturbances' in the hinterland of the Mahon estate by local secret societies, including accounts of incidents, lists of names and the various activities of secret societies. 14 items
- Ms 47,876 / 2** 1811  
A very well preserved collection of certificates for forty shilling free-holders in the Ahascragh district. A forty shilling freehold was the statutory qualification for the voting franchise from 1793 until 1829. 10 items
- Ms 47,876 / 3** 1817  
A well preserved collection of certificates for forty shilling free-holders in the Ahascragh district. 26 items
- Ms 47,876 / 4** 1879-1885  
Four circulars from the Irish Defence Union, an organisation started by landowners to combat the Irish National League and the Plan of Campaign, October 1885. Includes a 'List of persons suffering under illegal coercion in Ireland' and 'What boycotting Means'. Also includes two reports cut from the *Roscommon Herald* of National League meetings held on the Mahon estate, and an undated copy of a letter written to the *Western News* newspaper during the Land War of 1879-1882. The letter is critical of the Mahon family and is representative of the tenants' point of view. A member of the extended Mahon family was later assassinated in connection with the campaign. 1 p. Also includes a notice from the Rotherham Conservative Association and the Ahascragh Parish Church Sustentation Fund and a copy of a parliamentary bill, 'An Act to enable clergymen permanently incapacitated by illness to resign their benefices with provision of pension.' 9 items
- Ms 47,876 / 5** 1885, 1886  
Hand-written extracts from *Anecdotes of the Connacht Circuit* by Oliver J. Burke, 1885 regarding the Daniel O'Connell election of 1828 in County Clare. Also includes some extracts from Burke's peerage concerning William 1st Baron Fitzgerald, who contested the seat against the Liberator. William Fitzgerald was the first, Sir Ross Mahon's son-in-law. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,876 / 6** 1887  
*Notes from Ireland*, No 27, 26 March 1887. A conservative propaganda sheet which specialised in attacking nationalist political figures in



Ireland and Parnell in particular written by Lord Ashtown of Woodlawn, County Galway. This edition features items on the Plan of Campaign and similar stories on the land question. 4 pp.

- Ms 47,876 / 7** 1888  
A scrapbook of newspaper cuttings concerning Irish politics during the year 1888. Consists of extensive coverage of the Phoenix Park murders of May 1888, along with other material relating to the Home Rule debate, the Plan of Campaign and other political issues of the period. 80 pp.
- Ms 47,876 / 8** 1889  
Extracts from the publication 'Irish Legislature Systems' by the Right Honourable F.J. Ball, 1889. Consists of handwritten extracts from Ball's popular treatise on the Irish political system. 16 pp.
- Ms 47,876 / 9** 1903  
The official program of events for the royal visit to Ireland by King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, 21 July to 1 August 1903. Outlines the complete series of royal engagements, deputations, addresses and travel and ceremonial arrangements. 16 pp.
- Ms 47,876 / 10** 1910  
The official form of service of the funeral of King Edward VII, Westminster Abbey, 20 May 1910, 8 pp. Also includes a copy of 'The Street Arab's Tribute', a ballad written in commemoration of the event. 1 p. 2 items
- Ms 47,876 / 11** 1910-1918  
A collection of newspaper cuttings from the years 1910-1918, featuring Galway peers, Lord Clancarty, Lord Clonbrock and others, along with a number of obituaries of prominent Galway gentry. 7 items
- Ms 47,876 / 12-13** 1911  
Official invitation, instructions for participants, form and order of events, and various other information for those participating in the coronation ceremony of King George V and Queen Mary at Westminster Abbey, 22 June 1911. These were given to the Mahon family by 24th Lord Grey De Ruthyn, Cecil Talbot Clifton, Bellew's Grove, MountBellew, County Galway. Cecil Talbot Clifton, *d.* 21 May 1934, was a rancher from Northfields, Montana, who inherited the title from his late brother in 1912 and returned to live in Ireland. He played a ceremonial role in the coronation due to his hereditary peerage. 2 folders, 27 items
- Ms 47,876 / 14** 1912

Sir William Mahons's life-time membership card of the conservative organisation, the Primrose League. Also contains a letter and a receipt acknowledging his financial contribution, 16 February 1912. 2 items

- Ms 47,876 / 15** 1910-1928  
Newspaper cuttings from various national and regional papers, including *The Times*, mainly covering events during World War I, the centenary of the Battle of Waterloo, the formation of the Ulster Volunteers and related topics. 2 folders, 40 items
- Ms 47,876 / 17** 1914, 1917, 1922  
Sir William H. Mahon's membership card of the County Galway Farmers' Association, 1922, along with the association's rule book for the year 1914, a copy of the association's annual report for the year 1917 and an undated pamphlet outlining the organisation's branch rules. 4 items
- Ms 47,876 / 18** 1916  
Copies of two Galway newspapers, the *East Galway Democrat* and the *Galway Express*, featuring coverage of the 1916 Rising and aspects of the Rebellion in County Galway and other parts of the west of Ireland, as well as reports from the commission of enquiry into the Rising. 4 items
- Ms 47,876 / 19** 1923  
An account of an incident during the Civil War in County Clare, 1923. Letters from Mrs. Geraldine Crowe, Moyriesk, Quinn, County Clare, regarding her kidnapping by local people during the Civil War, following a dispute over grazing rights. Also includes a number of press cuttings in relation to the case along with related correspondence. 15 items
- Ms 47,876 / 20** 1923  
An account of an incident during the Civil War in County Galway, 1923. Hand written account by George Stacpoole, the 4th Duc De Stacpoole, concerning the commandeering of his home at Mount Hazel, Ballymacward, in north Galway by the Volunteers of the IRA. 18 pp.
- Ms 47,876 / 21** 1926  
A selection of printed material including editions of *Daily Mail*, *British Gazette*, *Daily Mirror*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Punch Magazine*, *Illustrated London News*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Evening News*, and *Sphere Magazine* covering the May 1926 general strike in Britain. Coverage from the workers' point of view includes an edition of *The British Worker*; *Official Strike News Bulletin*, published by the General Council of the Trades Union Congress. 14 items

## II.vi. Mahons of Beech Hill

The Mahons of Castlegar and the Mahons of Beech Hill, along with the Mahons of Bellville, constituted the three main strands of the Mahon family in County Galway. Bryan Maghan, who bought land near Loughrea in 1665, was the progenitor of all the Mahons, with his two sons, Bryan and James, founding the Castlegar and Beechill branches respectively. This collection of papers relates mainly to financial and legal dealings between the two families at Castlegar and Beech Hill. Beech Hill no longer exists as a place name, but the estate was located in what is now Ballyfa, New Inn, County Galway. The Beech Hill estate was eventually sold in the encumbered estates court in the late nineteenth century.

### II.vi.1. Correspondence

- Ms 47,877 / 1** c.1730  
A fragment of a letter from Thomas Mahon, Oughtercloony to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, circa 1730. Very delicate and fragile with only a few words legible. 1 p.
- Ms 47,877 / 2** 1722  
A copy of a letter written by one of the Mahon family, possibly by Ross Mahon, *d.* 1767, to James Mahon, Oughtercloony, his uncle, regarding the purchase of land in County Galway. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,877 / 3** 1764  
Two notes from Ross Mahon, Castlegar, to James Mahon of Oughtercloony notifying him that he has appointed a bailiff: 'to whom you are to give possession of Oughtercloony'. 2 items
- Ms 47,877 / 4-5** 1781-1791  
A series of letters from James Mahon of Beech Hill to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, regarding debts owed by the former to Ross Mahon. One letter is undated. 2 folders, 11 items
- Ms 47,878** 1805-1816  
A series of letters to Ross Mahon from his cousin James Mahon of Beech Hill, brother of Bernard Mahon, regarding the Mahon's unsettled estates and financial and legal claims being pursued against them.
- / 1** Letters from James Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1805-1806. 5 items
- / 2** Letters from James Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1807-1809. 10 items
- / 3** Letters from James Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1810-1811. 4 items
- / 4** Letters from James Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1812-1813. 7 items

- / 5 Letters from James Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1814. 7 items
- / 6 Letters from James Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1815. 13 items
- / 7 Letters from James Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1816. 3 items
- Ms 47,879** 1815-1825  
A series of letters to Ross Mahon from his relative Bernard Mahon of Beech Hill, brother of James Mahon, regarding the Mahon's unsettled estates and financial and legal claims being pursued against them.
- / 1 Letters from Bernard Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1815-1818. 9 items
- / 2-3 Letters from Bernard Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1821. 2 folders, 17 items
- / 4 Letters from Bernard Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1822-1823. 8 items
- / 5 Letters from Bernard Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1824. 12 items
- / 6 Letters from Bernard Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1825. 16 items
- Ms 47,880** 1826-1835  
A series of letters to Ross Mahon from his relative James C. Mahon, of Beech Hill, regarding the Mahon's unsettled estates and financial and legal claims being pursued against them.
- / 1 Letters from James C. Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1826. 15 items
- / 2 Letters from James C. Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1827. 5 items
- / 3 Letters from James C. Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1829-1832. 11 items
- / 4 Letters from James C. Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1833. 6 items
- / 5 Letters from James C. Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1834. 11 items
- / 6 Letters from James C. Mahon to Ross Mahon, 1835. 7 items

## II.vi.2. Legal and financial papers

- Ms 47,881 / 1** 1710, 1721, 1732  
A series of bonds and warrants referring to James Mahon, Oughtercloony, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, and Thomas Mahon, Oughtercloony, pertaining to money borrowed from Richard Ferrall,

Captain Bryan Mahon and James Lynch. 3 items

- Ms 47,881 / 2** 1731, 1732  
Bryan Mahon's lease agreement for lands at Derrynamanagh, County Galway for a term of ninety-nine years to Christopher Ussher, along with a legal agreement signed by Andrew Mahon dated March 1732 and an agreement between Ross Mahon and Lewis Ward regarding land at Oughtercloony. 3 items
- Ms 47,881 / 3** 1738-1790  
A series of memoranda of bills, debts, loans and financial agreements made between James Mahon, John Mahon, Lewis Ward, Thomas Tully and others during the period 1738 to 1790. 8 items
- Ms 47,881 / 4** 1748  
A legal document signed by Thomas Blake, Mullaghmore, County Galway pertaining to the articles of agreement made between Bryan Mahon and Thomas Mahon both of Oughtercloony dating 18 October 1725. Concerns the origins of the dispute between the two branches of the family. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,881 / 5** c.1780  
An undated hand written account of the origins of the financial dispute involving Thomas Tully, James Ward, James Mahon and Henry Dillon, dating from November 1758. Includes a number of technical and legal points about the dispute. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,881 / 6** 1780-1800  
A collection of bonds, judgements and warrants concerning James Mahon, Beech Hill, pertaining to debts owed to Ross Mahon, Dominic Trench and others. Consists of a series of bonds and related warrants. 12 items
- Ms 47,881 / 7** 1781-1786  
Accounts of sums paid by James Mahon, Beech Hill, along with Thomas Tully and Dominick Trench for the purpose of discharging the encumbrances affecting the estate of James Mahon in consequence of an agreement entered into by said parties bearing the date February 1786 for the sale and purchase of lands at Killaghbeg, County Galway. Consists of several accounts of various financial transactions between said parties and others in County Galway between 1781 and 1786. 7 items
- Ms 47,881 / 8** 1782  
Assignment of a judgement obtained against James Mahon of Beech Hill for £94: executors of the estate of the late Thomas Ward to Lucy

Bellew, City of Dublin, 10 July 1782. Original copy. 2 pp.

- Ms 47,881 / 9** 1784-1787  
A series of legal bonds and agreements. Consists of: bond between James Mahon and John Keogh, City of Dublin, 1785; copy of a legal agreement referring to the lands at Killaghbeg and mentioning Lewis Ward and James Mahon of Oughtercloony, 1786; legal agreement signed by James Mahon referring to John Mahon and Mr Bellew, referring to a bill dated 1780: two bonds referring to Tereasa Fortune, Bridget Concannon and Thomas Fallon, dated 1787. 5 items
- Ms 47,881 / 10** 1785-1788  
Receipts for monies paid by James Mahon and Thomas Tully to Ross Mahon, Castlegar. Includes references to monies paid by Laurence Ward, Thomas Kelly, and others. 28 items
- Ms 47,881 / 11** 1787  
A deed of assignment between Honoura Lynch, widow of Neptune Lynch, late of Kellysgrove, County Galway and Ross Mahon, Castlegar of the second part. Refers to a judgement obtained against James Mahon, Oughtercloony for a sum of £200. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,881 / 12** 1815  
A collection of legal documents pertaining to the lands at Killaghbeg County Galway. Includes: draft deed of release of lands at Killaghbeg, Francis and Bridget Burke his wife, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 10 October 1815; King's Bench, negative search for encumbrances against James Mahon, dated 1785: case of Ross Mahon and title to Killaghbeg, 5 pp. 5 items
- Ms 47,881 / 13** 1819-1821  
A set of farm accounts compiled by Bernard Mahon, Beech Hill, for the period 1819-1821. Consists of standard entries with totals compiled and comments in the margin by Bernard Mahon. 3 items
- Ms 47,881 / 14** 1824-1834  
A collection of legal documents pertaining to debts owed by the Mahons of Beech Hill to the Mahons of Castlegar. Includes: Bernard and James Mahon's account with Sir Ross Mahon, 1834; copies of searches for judgements against Bernard and James Mahon; a number of bonds between both parties dated 1824: Ross Mahon's costs at the Court of Common Pleas, 1834: substance of agreement between the two parties, 1832. 10 items
- Ms 47,881 / 15** 1828  
Printed Material: 'An Act to Protect Purchasers for Valuable

Consideration in Ireland against Judgements Not Revived or Redocketed Within a Limited Time, 27 June 1828.' 4 pp.

## **II.vii. Rawmarsh Parish, Yorkshire**

There is a significant amount of material relating to Reverend Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon's time as rector at Rawmarsh Church, Rotherham, Yorkshire contained in the archive. He lived with his family at Rosehill, Rotherham and was succeeded by his son Ross, who predeceased him in 1876, aged twenty years old. The items include standard domestic bills, accounts and financial documents, various ephemera relating to the social and religious life of the Church, along with correspondence and legal documents. Most of this material is of a routine nature and items pertaining to canonical appointments are catalogued elsewhere, see section **II.iii. Appointments and Commissions.**

### **II.vii.1. Church ephemera**

- Ms 47,882 / 1** 1868  
Prayer books for an Easter Church service in aid of the Rawmarsh building fund held at Christ Church, Parkgate. Consists of twenty-three prayers chosen by Lady Mahon. Includes three copies. 24 pp.
- Ms 47,882 / 2** c.1895  
Poster for Church Fete and sale at Rawmarch Parish and Church in aid of church funds, held in the grounds of the rectory, featuring grand evening opening by the 'Cheerios' of Swinton, stalls and attractions. 1 item
- Ms 47,882 / 3** 1923  
Programme of Church service at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Prince Consort Road, Kensington Gore in memory of Richard Clere Parsons, 26 January 1923. Parsons was the son of the Earl of Rosse, and President of the Royal Society. 4 pp.

### **II.vii.2. Accounts**

- Ms 47,883 / 1** 1872  
A collection of share certificates for the Parkgate Wagon Works Company Limited in the name of Richard Kendall Evans of Rotherham, wagon builder, 1872. 24 items
- Ms 47,883 / 2** 1888  
A collection of loose domestic bills and small accounts for the year 1888 including groceries, food and standard household and sundry family expenses. 35 items
- Ms 47,883 / 3-5** 1890-1898



A collection of small notebooks noting personal spending on household and other routine items, with small entries only by Sir William and Lady Mahon. 3 folders, 6 items

- Ms 47,883 / 6** 1893  
A collection of receipts, loose bills and small accounts for the Civil Service Co-operative Society at Haymarket London for the year 1893. Relates to standard expenses including food and sundry goods. 45 items
- Ms 47,883 / 7-8** 1894  
Family expenditure for the year 1894, including small bills, loose accounts and sundry receipts for utilities, food, travel etc. Includes a summary of expenditure calculated by Sir William Mahon. 2 folders, 85 items
- Ms 47,883 / 9-11** 1895  
Household expenditure and utilities for the year 1895. A large collection of standard household expenses of a routine nature, including food, fuel, etc. 3 folders, 110 items

### **II.vii.3. Church property**

- Ms 47,884 / 1-3** 1856, 1873, 1887, 1890, 1894  
A collection of lease agreements pertaining to Church property at Rawmarsh Church, Rotherham. These leases pertain to Rosehill, which was the residence of the rector, in this case, the Reverend Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon. These are standard lease agreements for the home occupied by the family and leased from the Church. There are various related leases and renewals dated 1856, 1873, 1887, 1890 and 1894. Also includes a ledger dated 1893 listing a series of leases connected with the property. 3 folders, 6 items
- Ms 47,884 / 4-5** 1882-1886  
Routine correspondence regarding building and repair work at the Church. Includes correspondence from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners regarding payments and liability for damage and dilapidation to Church property and correspondence with various builders regarding repair work and insurance. 2 folders, 15 items
- Ms 47,884 / 6-9** 1894-1898  
A collection of routine correspondence, mostly regarding repair work carried out at the Church, grazing on church lands, the purchase of a new coach and other standard maintenance and building issues. 4 folders, 55 items

## **II.viii. 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment**

Sir William Henry Mahon served in the British army before retiring to live in Ahascragh in 1902. He served with the 4th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment and was stationed in South Africa during the second Boer conflict, 1898-1902. The catalogue contains a significant amount of material relating to his time in South Africa, when he was stationed at Heidelberg and elsewhere. Notable items include Mahon's appointment as a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order (DSO), war diaries and various ephemera relating to regimental life. Financial papers relating to the future of the regiment from the period 1905-08 are also included. There is also an impressive collection of photographs from the Boer conflict including group photographs of officers and shots of various training activities.

### **II.viii.1. Documents and correspondence**

- Ms 47,885 / 1** 1896, 1904  
A small number of ephemera relating to the 4th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Consists of a programme of events for a cycle gymkhana, 21 May 1896, 4 pp, and a programme of events for a sports day, 23 June 1904, 4 pp. 2 items
- Ms 47,885 / 2** 1899  
A small collection of battalion orders, undated, along with a small amount of routine paper work pertaining to civilian employment. 6 pp.
- Ms 47,885 / 3** 1901  
A brief war diary of the 4th West Yorkshire Regiment, stationed at Heidelberg, South Africa during the Boer conflict. Entries date from 2 – 29 September 1901 and consist of routine entries on day-to-day aspects of regimental life. 101 pp.
- Ms 47,872 / 5** 1901  
Mayor Sir William Henry Mahon's appointment as a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order (DSO), 26 September 1901. Includes some official correspondence along with information for officers on investiture by the King. 4 items
- Ms 47,885 / 5-9** 1901  
A collection of routine financial accounts, 4th West Yorkshire Regiment, stationed at Heidelberg, South Africa, 1901. Consists of numerous small bills and accounts, cheque books, correspondence and routine financial papers, mainly relating to the officers mess. 5 folders, 150 items
- Ms 47,885 / 10** 1901

Routine paperwork pertaining to the horses of the 4th West Yorkshire Regiment, stationed at Heidelberg, 1901. A routine collection of inventories of horses and related information. 25 pp.

- Ms 47,885 / 11** 1903  
'The Record of the 4th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment during the Boer War, 1899-1902' by Capt A. B. Ritchie. A hardback and a paperback copy of the Regimental history of the 4th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment's involvement in the Boer War, 1899-1902, 66 pp. Includes a brief piece on the military record of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir W.H. Mahon. 2 items
- Ms 47,885 / 12** 1904  
4th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, Inventory of Property of the Officers' Mess. Small ledger from the officers' mess detailing a standard inventory of sundries, June 1904. 21 pp.
- Ms 47,885 / 13** 1904-1908  
Legal and financial documents relating to the 4th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Consists of a series of documents relating to the financial and legal affairs of the battalion between 1905 and 1908. Includes a 'declaration of trust upon the battalion becoming the 4th (extra Reserve) Battalion, 26 June 1908', 8 pp; 'declaration of trust, signed by Sir W. H. Mahon, 2 May 1905', 20 pp; 4th Battalion, legal costs, 1907 and 1908, 2 items; 4th Battalion, costs of deeds of trusts, 1904: 4th Battalion, Copy of queries and answers; five solicitor's letters pertaining to same. 7 items
- Ms 47,885 / 14** 1904, 1912  
Programme for the Regimental Church Service for the West Yorkshire Regiment at Yorkminster, 13 October 1904. A programme of dedications and prayers, listing the members of each battalion who lost their lives serving with the regiment in South Africa, 1899-1902, 4 pp. Also includes a programme for a special service at Leeds Parish Church for a reception of the regimental colours of the 4th Battalion, 21 July 1912, 4 pp, 2 copies. 3 items
- Ms 47,885 / 15** 1905  
Menu for a regimental dinner of the 4th Batt. West Yorkshire Regiment, Savoy Hotel, 8 December 1905. A small menu with regimental crest, wine list, etc, attached. 1 p.

## II.viii.2 Photographs

- Ms 47,886 / 1** 1900

A series of photographs of officers and men at Warrenton, Northern Cape, South Africa, during the Boer War, December 1900. Officers named are 2nd Lieut. Price, Captain and Quartermaster, J. Wilson, 2nd Lieut. Whaley, Major Sir W.H. Mahon, Captain F.H. Edwards, Captain and Adjutant A.B. Richie and Lieut. Col. Walker. 9 items

- Ms 47,886 / 2** 1900  
Two small photographs of different groups of prisoners of war, captured during the Boer conflict, 1900. Includes one striking image of high quality, labelled 'commandeered at Mayfontein, prisoners of war, transport, *City of Cambridge*, Simonstown, June 1900'. 2 items
- Ms 47,886 / 3** c.1900  
A miscellaneous collection of small photographs of regimental life in South Africa during the Boer conflict. Includes shots of soldiers in various poses. Labels include: group photograph of Ford, Whaley, Hawley; Conductor Webster; Major Bulkeley, on board *City of Cambridge*; Long Cecil at Kimberely; Capetown, New Dock Excavation; Guns at Greenport Camp, Capetown. 8 items
- Ms 47,886 / 4** 1901  
A collection of large photographs of life at the 4th West Yorkshire regiment's camp at Heidelberg, Western Cape, South Africa, during the Boer campaign, October 1901. Features a number of striking photographs of officers and men at a highly fortified base with panoramas of the surrounding countryside. 15 items
- Ms 47,886 / 5** 1901  
A collection of small photographs from Simonstown, Capetown, South Africa, during the Boer conflict, 1901. Consists mostly of various day to day events at camp, the surrounding countryside, and shots of various officers. 5 items
- Ms 47,886 / 6** 1901-1907  
A collection of large group portraits of various groups of officers of the 4th West Yorkshire Brigade. Includes eight portraits, variously labelled: refresher course, School of Musketry, Hythe, May 1907; Strensall Camp, July 1906 featuring Brigadier General A .J. Wright, Major A. Burt, Col. William Mahon, Mayor Lt. Col. J.B.G. Tottie, Captain and Adjutant M.H. Logan; Militia Rifle team, Bisley, 16 July 1907: Officers of the 4th West Yorkshire Regiment, Strensall camp, June 1907 (2 copies). Also includes two unlabeled group portraits. 8 items
- Ms 47,886 / 7** 1906, 1907  
A collection of large and small photographs of Strensall training

camp, north Yorkshire, 1906. Consists of various scenes including tents, camp packs, and other aspects of basic training, also features shots of Captain W. M. Logan and W. H. Mahon. 11 items

## II.ix. Family Miscellany

The catalogue contains significant family miscellany of particular interest to nineteenth century studies, along with items of interest on the social and political history of the west of Ireland. These items have been catalogued by date and include a range of eclectic items including remedies for ailments, poems, recipes, the sermon given on the death of Bryan Mahon in 1719, along with Sir Ross Mahon's masonic paraphernalia. Of particular interest is the family's scrapbook containing information on the family and other gentry figures in County Galway.

### II.ix.1. Manuscripts

- Ms 47,887 / 1** 1692  
Two copies of Captain Bryan Mahon's passport on both parchment and paper dated 1 June 1692. These were probably copied in 1802 and read 'Permit Mr Bryan Mahon to pass from this city to Loghrea (Loughrea) in the County of Galway and to repass hither without any set hindrance or molestation.' 2 items
- Ms 47,887 / 2** 1719  
A copy of the sermon given by the Reverend George Blackburn on the death of Bryan Mahon, *d.*1719. Also includes a hand-written note containing details of the death of Bryan Mahon, who died in a violent fit including reflections on his profession of the Protestant faith on his death bed, written by George Blackburn, curate at Castleblakeney in 1764. Very fragile. 14 pp.
- Ms 47,887 / 3** 1766  
Patent for Fairs and Markets at Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 6 May 1766. 1 membrane with broken seal attached. 1 item
- Ms 47,887 / 4-10** 1800-1820  
A collection of old remedies compiled by Sir Ross Mahon. Sir Ross Mahon suffered from ill-health all his life and amassed a large collection of 'cures' for various types of ailments, including recipes, 'medical advice', and farming and 'housekeeping tips.' Some have been culled from newspapers and magazines and others from traditional lore. Includes 'cures' for gout, scour in horned cattle, rheumatism, colds in horses, etc, along with recipes for tarts, plum puddings, lobster curry, etc. 7 folders, c. 120 items
- Ms 47,887 / 11** 1803  
A large composition in French dating from circa 1803 by author unknown. A large hand-written manuscript, written entirely in French,

c.100 pages, probably written by one of the Mahon girls as an educational project. 100 pp.

- Ms 47,887 / 12** 1818  
A copy of the *Evening Mail*, December 7 1818, announcing the granting of a baronet to Ross Mahon on page 4. 4 pp
- Ms 47,887 / 13** 1820  
Ross Mahon's diary of his health, 1820. Ross Mahon suffered from asthma all his life and kept a diary of his ill-health. This hand-written manuscript runs to over 100 pages and is soft-bound. Manuscript is fragile but still legible. 110 pp.
- Ms 47,887 / 14** 1837-1842  
Personal papers of Sir Ross Mahon, second Baronet. A small but eclectic collection of papers which includes information on the 60<sup>th</sup> Rifles, with which he served in Corfu and Gibraltar, along with ephemera relating to his membership of the masons. Consists of: post-mortem examination on the body of the first Sir Ross Mahon, 6 April 1842. Corfu Race Meeting cards, 1839. 3 items; ticket for the Gibraltar garrison library; an itemised bill for regimental uniform and sundry items, 1833; Roll of No 6 Company, 60th Rifles, Gibraltar, May 1837; official commendation to Sir Ross Mahon from Sir Howard Douglas (in Spanish); Sir Ross Mahon, Admittance papers, Royal Arch Masons, Pythagoras Chapter at Corfu, 24 February 1840; Masonic patches. 12 items
- Ms 47,887 / 15** c. 1843  
A small collection of mostly undated and unsigned poems, probably written by family members at various times. Includes 'Bonnie Castlegar', six brief limericks about various historical figures, and a love sonnet, unsigned, dated 23 July 1843, labelled 'for Ross', with a lock of hair attached. 10 items
- Ms 47,887 / 16** 1882-1923  
Mahon family scrapbook, 1882-1913. A very significant scrapbook of newspaper cuttings and other printed material relating to the family over a thirty year period. Contains material relating to the Land War in County Galway when Weston house was bombed, reports of the home-coming to Castlegar for Sir William H. Mahon and many other reports on significant local and national events, including the execution of Frank Shaw Taylor at Athenry in 1920. There are also important newspaper cuttings concerning local politics in County Galway, family obituaries, and political pamphlets. 110 pp.
- Ms 47,887 / 17** 1902

Memorial address given by the tenants at Castlegar upon Sir William Mahon's return to Galway from South Africa in 1902. Sir William Mahon was presented with this address by the Castlegar tenants on his return to the estate in 1902. Signed by 22 tenants, including John Keane, secretary. See also articles in family scrapbook where the actions of the tenants were criticised by others in the local papers. 1 item

- Ms 47,887 / 18** 1905-1908  
A small collection of newspaper cuttings from Galway papers featuring articles on the Mahon family, Ahascragh, Clonbrock and the wedding of W.H. Mahon. Also includes a list of magistrates who were appointed in each County in Ireland, February 1908, an invitation and service order for the wedding of W.H. Mahon 1905, along with a list of wedding guests. 10 items
- Ms 47,887 / 19** 1907  
Sir William H. Mahon's shooting practice reports, from Hythe military installation, 1907. Sir W.H. Mahon was a keen shooter and a collection of reports and results from his shooting practice at Hythe Park, England, 1907 is included. 35 pp.
- Ms 47,887 / 20** 1910  
*Empress of Ireland, Daily Express* dated 11, 12 and 14 September 1910. Three copies of the 'newspaper' of the ocean liner, the *Empress of Ireland*, 8 pp. The vessel sank in the Atlantic on 29 May 1914 with the loss of over one thousand lives. Also includes a White Star Line booklet with a list of first class passengers, including Lady Mahon, from the *RMS Megantic*, July 1910 and a saloon passenger list for the *RMS Empress of Ireland* and *Empress of Britain* dated 9 September 1910. 10 pp. 5 items
- Ms 47,887 / 21** 1921  
Personal notebook containing small entries of Sir William Henry Mahon. Contains small personal entries relating to personal trips with extensive references to farm transactions including conacre agreements, etc, 100 pp.
- Ms 47,887 / 22** 1934  
Sir George Edward John Mahon's BA certificate from Cambridge University, (Cantab, Spanish), 16 August 1934. Original seal included. 1 item
- Ms 47,887 / 23** 1935  
A collection of receipts and bills for purchases made by Lady Edith Augusta Mahon in connection with the commemoration of the silver



jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary. Also includes lists of people to whom she was to send commemorative gifts, along with correspondence regarding same. 12 items

**Ms 47,887 / 24-26** 1955-1957  
Sir William Walter Mahon's school reports, 1955-59 from Eton College and Wixenford School. Reports cover a number of years, including grades, correspondence and sundry material covering all aspects of his educational experience. 3 folders, 45 items

## II.ix.2. Photographs

**Ms 47,888 / 1** c.1900  
Three miniature portraits of unidentified female figures in classical nineteenth century dress. Includes several copies of each. 7 items

**Ms 47,888 / 2** c.1905  
A series of sepia shots of the exterior and gardens of Castlegar house. Includes a number of shots depicting workmen carrying out building work on the house, along with several shots of Sir William Henry Mahon and Lady Edith Augusta Mahon posing in the garden. Includes one shot of a horse drawn carriage and one of the interior of the house. 10 items

**Ms 47,888 / 3** 1914-1930  
A selection of photographs taken at Castlegar house including photographs of Mrs Geraldine Crowe, Moyriesh, County Clare and Thomas Guipp, (*d.* 22 April 1915), some shots of the Mahon children probably taken in the late nineteen twenties or early nineteen thirties, a photograph of Sir W.H. Mahon taken in 1914 and a small number of pictures of the interior and exterior of Castlegar house. 10 items

**Ms 47,888 / 4** 1929  
A series of photographs, mainly of the exterior and grounds of Castlegar house, probably dated 1929. Includes shots of the tree-lined avenue leading up to the house, panoramas of the house with demesne in the background and various shots of stables, outhouses, shrubbery and woodland. Includes a small number of shots depicting family members but most are of the farm only. 28 items

**Ms 47,888 / 5** c.1950  
An undated portrait of one of the Mahon girls, probably taken in the 1950s. Possibly Lady Suzanne Mahon, wife of Sir George Mahon. 1 item

## II.x. Family History and Genealogy

There is a significant amount of material in the collection relating to various family members' endeavours to collect and investigate the history of the Mahon family. Authoritative genealogical material by Sir Thomas Sadlier of the Heraldic Office in Dublin Castle was commissioned in 1916. There are also pedigrees and genealogical material pertaining to seemingly unrelated families, including the Digby, Le Hunter and Gore families. Besides genealogy, there are a number of interesting hand-written accounts, including observations and anecdotes referring to local folklore in the Ahascragh area, which was collected in the late nineteenth century.

- Ms 47,889 / 1** 1662  
Order of court to restore certain forfeited lands in County Clare to Captain Feigh McMahon, 14 November 1662. Pertains to the restoration of confiscated lands under the Settlement Act of 1662. Undated copy of original document. 12 pp.
- Ms 47,889 / 2** 1905-1908  
A small collection of newspaper cuttings from Galway papers featuring articles on the Mahon family, Ahascragh, Clonbrock and the wedding of W.H. Mahon. Also includes a list of magistrates who were appointed in each County in Ireland February 1908, an invitation and service order for the wedding of W.H. Mahon in 1905 along with a list of wedding guests. 10 items
- Ms 47,889 / 3** c.1800  
Notes on the Mahon family pedigree, compiled by Sir Ross Mahon. Consists of seven hand-written documents on the family pedigree by Ross Mahon, from 1700 onwards. Also includes two letters regarding the pedigree of the Mahons of Beech Hill. 7 items
- Ms 47,889 / 4** 1805  
Extracts from the memoirs of the Earl of Clanricarde and St Albans, originally printed in 1757. The Earl of Clanricarde was governor of the town and county of Galway during the Rebellion in the reign of Charles 1. These very brief extracts were copied by John F. Mahon in 1805 and mention Clonbrock and Castlegar. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,889 / 5-6** 1870-1890  
A large collection of miscellaneous notes, letters and writings on the Mahon family pedigree by family members. Some of the material consists of rough drafts but also includes some significant letters between various family members and related individuals on different aspects of the family history. 2 folders, 35 items

- Ms 47,889 / 7** 1872-1877  
A bound collection of letters between John Mahon and George C. Mahon discussing the history of the Mahon family, 1872-1877. Contains much interesting information, including many colourful anecdotes. Material is tightly bound and needs to be opened carefully. 80 pp.
- Ms 47,889 / 8-11** 1872-1893  
A series of letters from George C. Mahon in Massachusetts to the Mahon family in Galway and England regarding family history. These letters chronicle George C. Mahon's various endeavours, theories and investigations of the Mahon family history over a number of years. 4 folders, 9 items
- Ms 47,889 / 12** 1874  
Contributions to the 'Family History of the Mahon's of the West, Medieval Portion' by George C. Mahon, Framingham, Mass. USA, 1874. A thirty page family history, labelled 'absurd nonsense,' James J.R. Mahon. Contains folklore, pedigrees, anecdotes and various hypotheses on the origins of the family. 30 pp.
- Ms 47,889 / 13** 1875  
A collection of pedigrees of the Digby, Montague, Le Hunter and Gore families, 1875. Also includes a letter on said topics with picture attached. These families were related through marriage to the Mahons. 10 items
- Ms 47,889 / 14** 1888  
Notes on the Mahon Pedigree, 'Memorandum as to the identification of the family of Mahon of Castlegar, County Galway with that of O'Brien of Clonoon, County Clare.' A handwritten heraldic treatise covering three pages on both sides by George C. Mahon, 16 November 1888. Copied by Denis Mahon. 3 pp.
- Ms 47,889 / 15-16** 1889  
A genealogical treatise on the Mahon family entitled 'Reasons for denying Sir William Betham's key hypothesis of an origin derived from the family of MacMahon of the County of Monaghan.' Consists of a lengthy genealogical treatise written in 1889 by George C. Mahon. 27 pp. Also includes a letter referring to the same topic from George C. Mahon to Ross Mahon dated 1889. 4 pp. 2 folders, 2 items
- Ms 47,889 / 17** 1889  
The recollections of Michael Curley, Ahascragh, 1887. Consists of four transcribed conversations on the local folklore of the Ahascragh

region, concerning the Mahon family, Clanricarde and others, as told by Michael Curley, Ahascragh. Also includes a letter from Mr. Curley. Observations on the tales are included in the margins. 5 items

- Ms 47,889 / 18** 1890  
Collected notes on the Pedigrees of the Brownes of Breafy, as well as the King family of Ballylin, King's County, the Ussher family of County Wicklow and Fitzgerald family of County Clare. These families were related through marriage to the Mahon family. Consists of a small bundle of handwritten compositions, correspondence and notes on the pedigrees of the above mentioned families, compiled circa 1890. These seem to have been the result of various endeavours in genealogical research, as well as the efforts of George C. Mahon. 15 items
- Ms 47,890 / 1** 1891  
'A Short History of the Mahon family, 1891'. A very short series of notes on the early origins of the Mahon family contained in a notebook. Labelled, 'taken down from old Daniel Costello'. Very fragile but legible. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,890 / 2** 1896  
James McConnell's research, as to the Mahon pedigree, 1896. McConnell was a professional genealogist and his account of the family pedigree is exhaustive. Also includes ten letters and a further brief manuscript outlining details of the family history. 10 items
- Ms 47,890 / 3** 1916  
Pedigree chart of the Mahon family of Castlegar by Sir Thomas Sadlier, Office of Arms, Dublin Castle with accompanying notes and commentary. 3 items
- Ms 47,890 / 4** 1916  
A collection of letters to Sir William Mahon from Sir Thomas Sadlier, Office of Arms, Dublin Castle, concerning the recent investigation into the Mahon origins and addressing some of the families' concerns regarding same. 13 items
- Ms 47,890 / 5** 1916  
Genealogical chart of the Mahon Family of Bellville, Athenry by Sir Thomas Sadlier, Office of Arms, Dublin Castle. General Sir Bryan Mahon commanded the 10th Division at Gallipoli in 1915 and was later appointed as the Commander-in-Chief, Ireland in 1917-18. 1 item

- Ms 47,890 / 6** 1917  
A letter from Sir Thomas Sadlier, Office of Arms, Dublin Castle to William Mahon discussing the nature of the relationship, business and otherwise between the Mahons and the Clanricarde family and various legal cases which arose between them. 3 pp.
- Ms 47,890 / 7** 1917  
A perfunctory map showing the ground reserved for the Mahon family at Ahascragh Church yard, July 1917 along with three letters pertaining to same. 1 item
- Ms 47,890 / 8** 1924  
A handwritten manuscript containing the dates of matriculations and graduations at Trinity College Dublin of various members of the Mahon family. Taken from *Alumni Dublineses* by George Butchaell and Thomas Sadlier, 1924. 6 pp.
- Ms 47,890 / 9** 1931  
Extracts from the 'Journals of the Reverend John Wesley A.M.', edited by Nehemiah Curnock, London, referring to the Mahons of Castlegar. Wesley visited Castlegar during his time in the west of Ireland in 1749 and these typed extracts of his account were sent to Lady Mahon by Reverend Crawford, Castlebar, who was writing a history of Wesley's travels in the west, 1931. 5 pp. Three letters from Reverend Crawford to Lady Mahon are also included. A copy of the *Irish Christian Advocate*, 4 December 1931 with an article on Wesley in Galway, written by Reverend Crawford is also included. 6 items
- Ms 47,890 / 10** c.1935  
A short account of folklore about the Mahon family written by Bridget McLoughlin of Ahascragh. Consists of the memories of older local people regarding the family. Manuscript is undated but is probably mid 1930s. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,890 / 11** 1954  
A hand-written list containing the inscriptions from the Mahon family graves at Eglisish Abbey, Ahascragh, County Galway. Lists the details of thirteen family members interned in the family plot from the 18th century onwards. 5 pp.
- Ms 47,890 / 12** 1954  
A letter to Lady Edith Mahon from Denis Mahon entitled 'Denis Mahon's answers to questions about his father, John Fitzgerald.' Discusses aspects of family history from the late 1880s. 2 pp.

## II.xi. Correspondence

There are a vast number of letters contained in the Mahon catalogue. Correspondence includes letters from many of the leading western gentry, such as the Dalys of Dunsandle, the Lynchs of Galway, the Binghamms of Newbrook, the Brownes of Westport, the Blakeneyes of Abbert and Castleblakeney, the Dillons of Clonbrock, the Donelans of Ballydonelan and the Trenchs of Woodlawn. There is also an important series of letters from Denis Browne of Westport discussing the 1798 Rebellion in the west of Ireland. For ease of consultation, these letters have been catalogued by date, in terms of their respective recipients, i.e., the paternal family line for seven generations, in chronological order. The bulk of correspondence pertains to the financial and legal transactions of the first, Sir Ross Mahon, 1763-1835. Letters from Mahons' land agents and lawyers have also been catalogued separately, see **I.viii. Estate Correspondence** and **II.xii.3. Legal correspondence**.

### II.xi.1. Ross Mahon, d. 1767

- Ms 47,891 / 1** 1726  
A series of lengthy letters from Dr. Chetwoode, County Leix, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar. Topics discussed mainly include Ross Mahon's health, as well as national political affairs and personal and financial matters. 21 items
- Ms 47,891 / 2** 1726  
A series of letters to Ross Mahon from Elizabeth Ussher, John Moffitt, Lady Netterville and Christopher Ussher, all written in 1726. Topics discussed include financial transactions and day to day pleasantries. 6 letters.
- Ms 47,891 / 3** 1730-1739  
A small series of eight letters to Ross Mahon regarding legal and financial matters. Includes letters from Robert Savage, James Kelly, Peter Daly, Thomas Dawson and Baron Athenry. 17 items
- Ms 47,891 / 4-8** 1727-1760  
Financial and legal correspondence of Ross Mahon, consisting of a collection of letters, notes, receipts and draft legal papers pertaining to financial affairs, including debts, loans and bonds. Includes letters from Christopher Ussher, 1731; George Bennett, 1759; Robert French, 1743; Brien O'Brien, 1727; Thomas Magan, 1748; James Mahon, 1746; John Moore, 1748; Roger Kelly, 1760; Wentworth Thurles, 1750; Frank Davis, 1743; Robert White, 1744. Letters from Theobald Glover and James Mahon are also included. The material is delicate and sometimes only partially legible. 5 folders, 55 items

- Ms 47,891 / 9** 1729-1737  
Correspondence regarding the Bill at the Court of Chancery against Ross Mahon filed by Andrew Mahon and others. Includes a series of letters from the various parties involved in this dispute, including: Philip Lynch, acting as Andrew McNamara's agent, regarding John Donelan and Andrew Mahon's Bill, noting: 'unkind treatment from his relations obliged him to file his bill'; Ross Mahon's reply to said letter, noting 'debts are to be paid before legacys', 14 October 1732; John Phips, regarding tithes payments, 1 January 1731; Thomas Mahon, Beech Hill, regarding debts between the two men, 21 April 1821; John Donelan regarding the Bill at the Court of Chancery, 20 January 1732. Other letters include some from Philip Power, Loughrea, regarding 'brother Mahon who is giving you all this trouble'. 15 items
- Ms 47,891 / 10** 1739-1741  
Four items pertaining to the affairs of the late Ambrose Ferrall, Dublin, including a letter from Anne Ferrall to 'her kinsman,' Ross Mahon, enquiring about family, along with two letters containing financial information pertaining to the affairs of the late Ambrose Ferrall, probably a scion of the Ferralls of Kilbride, County Roscommon. 3 items
- Ms 47,891 / 11** 1747-1764  
A series of notes, letters and receipts from John King, (probably of Drumsna, County Roscommon), regarding financial matters. Some of this material is very delicate and some are mere scraps of papers. 15 items
- Ms 47,891 / 12** 1748-1761  
Five letters from John Bingham, Newbrook, County Mayo, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, pertaining to financial and estate business. Material is in a very delicate state. 5 items
- Ms 47,891 / 13** 1749-1757  
Letters and rent receipts from Edward, Bishop of Elphin, to Ross Mahon. Topics discussed include Mahon's rent for the leasing of land in east Galway, financial affairs, and the state of public affairs generally. Other people mentioned include, Mr. Moore 'a brave jolly portly man', and Mr. Glass. 6 items
- Ms 47,891 / 14** 1749-1763  
Six letters from James Stanley, Dublin, (possibly also of Killeeneen, County Galway) to Ross Mahon concerning financial matters. Topics discussed include the sudden death of Colonel Flynn in 1753 and the

affairs of Charles Daly of Dunsandle in 1862. Very delicate material.  
5 items

- Ms 47,891 / 15** 1750-1785  
Correspondence and legal papers concerning the debts of Thady Naughton and Anthony Keogh, County Roscommon, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar. Also includes a series of bonds, draft legal papers. 11 items
- Ms 47,891 / 16** 1751  
A letter regarding a financial bond and financial receipts from George Blackburne, Rush Hill, probably of Drumsna, County Roscommon which was connected with the King family, dated 17 November 1751. Includes four receipts for monies repaid. Material is delicate. 5 items
- Ms 47,891 / 17** 1751-1759  
Letters to Ross Mahon from Walter and Elizabeth Dawson, Dublin, 1751-1759. Topics discussed include Mahon's payment of rent to the Dawsons, the Dawson's determination to eject William Kelly from their land and Ross Mahon's difficult financial situation. 7 items
- Ms 47,891 / 18** 1758-1759  
Three letters from Charles Caldwell, Custom House, Dublin, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, regarding the repayment of bonds. Refers to Mr. Carr, Revenue Collector and a bond dated 1752. 3 items
- Ms 47,891 / 19** 1759  
Two photocopies of letters from Henry Browne, Westport, *d.* 1812, son of the first Earl of Altamont, to his mother at Louisburg, County Mayo. Topics discussed include military affairs and his day to day life in the army. 2 items
- Ms 47,891 / 20** 1760-1799  
A series of letters to Ross Mahon regarding legal and financial matters. Includes letters from Robert Robinson, 1767; John Mahon, 1772; Mr. MacNamara, 1778; Arthur Leary, 1785; Thomas Tully, 1783; John Kelly, 1792. 13 items
- Ms 47,891 / 21** 1766  
Letters to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, all dated 1766, relating to various aspects of estate business, including stock and lease agreements. Includes letters from William Kelly, Dunmore, William Graham, land agent, Dominick French, land agent and George Howard, possibly of Kilquain, County Roscommon. 8 items



### **II.xi.2. Ross Mahon, d. 1788**

- Ms 47,892 / 1** 1767-1770  
Letters from James Browne, *d.* 1790, of Westport, to his brother-in-law, Ross Mahon, *d.* 1788, chiefly relating to politics, the 'leasing of the lands of Clanricarde to papists,' and personal financial dealings. James Browne was the brother of Anne Browne, who married Ross Mahon in 1762. She was sister to the second Earl of Altamont, Peter Browne, *d.* 1780. Very delicate. 9 items
- Ms 47,892 / 2** 1769-1780  
Financial and legal correspondence of Ross Mahon, consisting of a collection of letters, notes, receipts and draft legal papers pertaining to financial affairs, including debts, loans and bonds. Dominick French, George Howard, Archbishop Acheson, Philip Lynch (legal agent for Andrew Mahon), James Glass, Bernard Eyre, George Browne and Denis Kelly. 16 items
- Ms 47,892 / 3** 1771-1774  
Letters from William Kelly of Dunmore, County Galway to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, regarding the interest of a lease of land from William Donelan of Ballydonelan, County Galway and land at Gregane, Brackloone and elsewhere in County Galway. Consists of six letters regarding same from William Kelly, along with letters from James Browne of Westport, John Kelly and others regarding same. 11 items

### **II.xi.3. Sir Ross Mahon, 1st Baronet, d. 1835**

- Ms 47,893 /** 1804-1833  
Sir Ross Mahon's general correspondence consists of a large collection of letters, most of which refer to the financial and legal affairs of the family. Includes letters from the Brownes of Westport, the Blakeneyes of Abbert and Castleblakeney, the Dillons of Clonbrock, and the Donelans of Ballydonelan. The letters have been cataloged annually.
- / 1** Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1804. 3 items
- / 2** Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1805. 2 items
- / 3** Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1806. 3 items
- / 4** Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1807. 6 items

- / 5 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1808. 5 items
- / 6 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1809. 1 items
- / 7 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1810. 4 items
- / 8 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1811. 5 items
- / 9 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1812. 1 items
- / 10 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1813. 5 items
- / 11 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1814. 8 items
- / 12 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1815. 11 items
- / 13 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1816. 4 items
- / 14 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1817. 3 items
- / 15 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1818. 5 items
- / 16 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1819. 5 items
- / 17 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1820. 8 items
- / 18 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1821. 11 items
- / 19 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1822. 21 items
- / 20 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1823. 21 items
- Ms 47,894 / 1** Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1824. 15 items
- / 2 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1825. 10 items
- / 3 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1826. 4 items
- / 4-5 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1827. 2 folders, 55 items
- / 6 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1829. 13 items
- / 7 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1830. 9 items
- / 8 Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1831. 2 items

- / 9** Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1832. 13 items
- / 10** Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1833. 7 items
- / 11** Letters to Sir Ross Mahon 1835. 2 items
- / 12** Letters to Sir Ross Mahon, undated. 29 items
- Ms 47,895 / 1** 1788-1795  
A series of letters from the Honourable Henry Browne of Westport to Ross Mahon, his nephew, regarding the debts of the former, 1788-1795. Also includes some correspondence to lawyer, Charles Blakeney, of Dublin and Castleblakeney, County Galway, and copies of replies sent by Ross Mahon to Henry Browne. 42 items
- Ms 47,895 / 2** 1788-1804  
A series of letters from Thomas Tully, St Nicholas Gate, Dublin, to Ross Mahon regarding the buying and leasing of land in County Galway and other financial matters concerning land. Letters are extremely delicate. 10 items
- Ms 47,895 / 3** 1798  
A series of letters written from Westport by Lord Altamont to Ross Mahon, his first cousin and brother-in-law, regarding the 1798 Rebellion in the west of Ireland. Also includes a number of letters from Lady Anne Mahon, nee Browne, to her daughter Anne, wife of the right honourable Denis Browne of Mount Browne, County Mayo. Also includes copies of letters from James Mahon to his brother Ross Mahon. The correspondence all relates to events surrounding the Rebellion. The original manuscripts are very delicate but typed transcripts of the original letters are included. 12 items
- Ms 47,895 / 4** 1798-1799  
Eight letters from Michael Burke, Ballydugan, County Galway, scion of the Clanricarde family, to Ross Mahon, regarding the course of the 1798 Rebellion in the west of Ireland. Topics discussed include the Act of Union, the Irish political scene at this time and the state of the west generally. Also includes a printed list of Irish MPs, 1799. 8 items
- Ms 47,895 / 5-6** 1800-1825  
A series of correspondence from William Collins, Ahascragh, Benjamin Hopkinson, Bath, and Bernard Grady, London, regarding money owed to them in regard to land at Clonbannif, Ahascragh. Ross Mahon's address is listed as Liverpool. 2 folders, 18 items
- Ms 47,895 / 7** 1802-1811

Letters to Sir Ross Mahon from his children, 1802-1811. Nine letters to Ross Mahon at Castlegar from his daughters, Elizabeth Louisa, Charlotte, Anne and Georgina. These letters were written whilst the children were still young and concern family events. 8 items

- Ms 47,895 / 8-9** 1806-1823  
Collection of correspondence from Lord Ffrench, Castleffrench, County Roscommon, regarding the debts of William Burke, Keelogue, Glenamaddy, County Galway. Includes seven letters from Lord Ffrench, two letters from William Burke and one letter from Anthony Keogh, Roscommon. Also includes some legal papers. 2 folders, 15 items
- Ms 47,895 / 10** 1811-1817  
Sir Ross Mahon suffered from ill health all his life. Consists of a large collection of letters from various doctors regarding his health along with a large number of remedies and prescription for his recovery. 45 items
- Ms 47,895 / 11** 1815-1817  
A brief series of letters from James Fitzgerald, Prime Sergeant of Ireland to his son-in-law Ross Mahon regarding legal and political matters. Fitzgerald (1742-1835), lawyer and politician, was born at Inchicronan, Co. Clare became third Sergeant, but was dismissed by the Duke of Portland in 1782. 5 items
- Ms 47,895 / 12** 1816, 1825  
Correspondence from Annesley Knox to his brother-in-law, Sir Ross Mahon, regarding mistakes in interest charged on his account with Ross Mahon, 1825. Includes two copies of said accounts dating from 1816. 8 items
- Ms 47,895 / 13** 1817  
Correspondence from George Mahon, *d.* 1843, to his nephew, Sir Ross Mahon, for the year 1817. Consists of a series of letters concerning the family's finances and legal affairs of the estate. 16 items
- Ms 47,895 / 14-15** 1817  
A collection of letters between Sir Ross Mahon and his brother, George Mahon of Mount Pleasant, County Mayo, regarding the will of the later Lady Anne Mahon, nee Browne. Lady Anne Mahon was Sir Ross Mahon's mother and daughter of 1st Lord Altamont, John Browne. She died in 1815. 2 folders, 17 items
- Ms 47,896 / 1-5** 1820-1832

A series of letters from George Mahon to his brother Sir Ross Mahon, along with some copies of Ross Mahon's replies to his brother over a two year period. George Mahon leased a large part of the Castlegar estate for a number of years from 1826 onwards and these letters refer to estate business, as well as family and personal topics. 5 folders, 58 items

**Ms 47,896 / 6**

1821-1822

A series of letters between Ross Mahon and Reverend Green regarding a potential financial settlement arising from the proposed marriage of Miss Anne Mahon, daughter of Ross Mahon and Reverend Rawdon Griffith Greene, Stillorgan, County Dublin. Includes correspondence from both party's lawyers. 12 items

**Ms 47,896 / 7-11**

1821-1829

A series of letters from William Rothwell (possibly of Ballinalsoe) and John Adams, Ferbane, King's County, to Sir Ross Mahon regarding payments of bonds and debts by Sir Ross Mahon. Also includes receipts for said monies issued to Ross Mahon by Adams and Rothwell. The majority of the correspondence is from Adams, but both refer to each other in their letters. Letters have been catalogued chronologically: 1821, 10 items; 1822-1825, 12 items; 1826, 12 items; 1827, 15 items; 1828-1829, 10 items. 5 folders, 59 items

**Ms 47,896 / 12-15**

1821-1835

A series of letters from a school teacher in Brockley Academy, Bristol, then Weymouth, London, named John Cosgrave. Generally consists of Cosgrave explaining his poor financial situation, his hopes to rise in society above his perceived lowly status and his urgent need for financial assistance. Sir Ross Mahon met him on occasion and wished to be kept abreast of his progress, frequently sending sums of money for his upkeep. 'To give you displeasure, by using Mahon, instead of Cosgrave, is what I should be sorry to learn, for though it is what I should be proud of, yet I have long since ceased to regard anything of the kind, but in the most indifferent light', 17 November 1824; allegations that Mahon's agent is swindling him and his desire for a small farm for himself on the Mahon estate, 11 August 1825; George Mahon's offers to provide him with a job on the Browne estate in the West Indies, 18 April 1826; requests for a lease of a farm at Grange, Loughrea, in order to marry a 'respectable lady', the daughter of a West Indian barrister, 20 September 1826; his marriage to his West Indian bride and his thanks for the offer of a place through Vesey Fitzgerald, 27 October 1826; his desire that Deane Mahon patronise his young son with an annual sum for his upkeep, 9 December 1826; his final leaving for America, 'should we never again see one another in the flesh, may we have a glorious meeting in the

Realms of Bliss.' 4 folders, 38 items

- Ms 47,896 / 16** 1822-1823  
A series of letters from Francis Murphy, Gort, County Galway, seeking payment of debts from Sir Ross Mahon and expressing his unhappiness at the failure to get satisfaction from Ross Mahon. Includes draft copies of Ross Mahon's replies. 9 items
- Ms 47,896 / 17-19** 1823  
A collection of letters from Joseph M. Daly of Castledaly, County Galway, to Sir Ross Mahon including draft copies of Mahon's replies to Daly. Letters concern the repayment of debts between the two men and include a small number of letters to Sir Ross Mahon from Charles Blakeney, Castleblakeney, County Galway, George Beatty, Bray, County Wicklow and Charles Coghlan, Castlebar, County Mayo. 3 folders, 32 items
- Ms 47,896 / 20** 1823  
A collection of correspondence between Sir Ross Mahon and Burton Persse, Persse Lodge, regarding the leasing of land at Grange County Galway. Includes letters from Burton Persse and copies of replies from Sir Ross Mahon. 9 items
- Ms 47,896 / 21-24** 1823-1827  
A series of letters from Charles Glynn and Owen Ryan, Dublin merchants regarding their business dealings with Sir Ross Mahon. These financial arrangements eventually led to a legal dispute between the parties and a subsequent court case – see legal papers catalogued elsewhere. Letters have been catalogued chronologically. 4 folders, 42 items
- Ms 47,896 / 25** 1827  
Three letters from Stephen Masters (possibly of Knockglass, Aughrim, County Galway) regarding land transactions and the Mahon estate in Galway, and in particular land at Cregane, County Galway. 3 items
- Ms 47,896 / 26** 1827  
A collection of letters from John Kelly and Bernard Kelly, Clangouna, County Galway, regarding money matters with Sir Ross Mahon. 6 items
- Ms 47,896 / 27** 1828  
A series of letters to Ross Mahon regarding the Ballinasloe Farming Society, of which he was a prominent member, along with Lord

Clancarty. 11 item

#### **II.xi.4. Sir Ross Mahon, 2nd Baronet, d. 1842**

**Ms 47,897**

1837-1842

Correspondence of the second Sir Ross Mahon, 1837-1842. Sir Ross Mahon Lieutenant K.R.R.C. (60th Rifles), *b.* 18 July 1811, *d.* 5 April 1842, without issue and the title passed to his brother, James. A small collection of correspondence concerning various family and financial matters. Includes correspondence with the Shannon Commission, Walter Henry Griffith and Charles Filgate, along with a notification of a general meeting of Baronets, held at the Clarendon Hotel, London, 29 April 1836, and letters to and from family members. 18 items

#### **II.xi.5. Sir James Ross Mahon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet, d. 1852**

**Ms 47,898**

1838-1847

A very small collection of correspondence of Sir James F. Ross Mahon, third Baronet. Sir James Fitzgerald Mahon, barrister-at-law, D.L. and J.P., County Galway, *b.* 3 June 1812, *d.* 11 March 1852, died without issue and the title passed to his brother, William. Letters date from the period 1838-1847 and include letters from various family members. 8 items

#### **II.xi.6. Reverend Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon, 4<sup>th</sup> Baronet, d. 1893**

**Ms 47,899 / 1**

1843-1852,

A brief series of letters concerning estate business, mainly consisting of perfunctory notes regarding leasing arrangements and so on. Includes one letter from Ulick de Burgh, 1st Marquess of Clanricarde, thanking him for his support. 8 items

**Ms 47,899 / 2**

1852-1878

Standard financial and estate correspondence to Reverend Mahon, including two letters from Peter Carty, steward at Castlegar regarding estate business and twelve letters from John Ross Mahon, agent at Castlegar. 20 items

**Ms 47,899 / 3**

1872

A series of letters mainly regarding Church affairs in the parish of Rawmarsh, Rotherham, where Sir Mahon was rector. Includes letters regarding Warren Vale Colliery, letters from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and other letters regarding Church affairs. 14 items

- Ms 47,899 / 4-6** 1880  
Letters to Sir William Vesey Mahon for the year 1880 including letters from his sons regarding estate and family business, school reports, parish correspondence and letters from tenants. 3 folders, 60 items
- Ms 47,899 / 7** 1891  
Six standard financial letters from Sir William Vesey Mahon's stockbrokers regarding his account. 6 items
- Ms 47,899 / 8-13** 1892  
A series of letters from Sir Mahon's stockbrokers, along with legal correspondence concerning a dispute Church land at Rawmarsh involving J.J. Charlesworth Limited, Wakefield. 6 folders, 90 items
- Ms 47,899 / 14-19** 1893  
Includes letters regarding Church land and a dispute involving J.J. Charlesworth Limited at Rawmarsh, letters from employees and contract workers at Rose Hill, along with routine financial correspondence. 6 folders
- Ms 47,899 / 20** 1897-98  
Correspondence from Dublin Castle to Sir William Mahon, notifying him of his appointment as High Sheriff of County Galway. 4 items
- Ms 47,899 / 21-22** 1898-1899  
A collection of letters generated by W.H. Mahon's role as under sheriff of County Galway. Includes letters from John Reddington, Sheriff of Galway, and a series of letters from members of the Galway Grand Jury. 2 folders, 25 items

#### **II.xi.7. Sir William Henry Mahon, 5th Baronet, d. 1926**

- Ms 47,900 / 1-2** 1871-1874  
A series of letters from John Ross Mahon to William H. Mahon regarding the Castlegar estate. Topics discussed include the future of the estate, leasing arrangements and related financial issues. 2 folders, 25 items
- Ms 47,900 / 3** 1893-1897  
A series of legal and financial correspondence regarding the Mahon estate from various solicitors and others to William Mahon. Includes a valuation of the estate dated 1893 and details of previous financial settlements affecting the estate and family members. 6 items



- Ms 47,900 / 4-5** 1903-1926  
A series of miscellaneous letters to W.H. Mahon covering various issues including material from the Irish Water Spaniels Association and notes from relatives regarding family and financial issues. 2 folders, 22 items
- Ms 47,900 / 6** 1912-1917  
Letters and reports from William Deacon's Bank Limited. This joint-stock bank was established in Manchester in 1836 as Manchester & Salford Bank by a group of promoters keen to take advantage of recent legislation allowing the formation of joint-stock banks outside London. Correspondence includes standard letters regarding investments and monies lodged. 25 items
- Ms 47,900 / 7** 1913-1914  
Financial and legal correspondence to Sir Mahon concerning the financial settlement of 1878, the sale of a portion of the estate to Mr. Cahill and various matters relating to the acquisition of the estate. 11 items
- Ms 47,900 / 8** 1915-1916  
A series of correspondence regarding the sale and leasing of the estate from Rooke and Rooke solicitors, Dublin, Rothwell auctioneers, Ballinasloe, and others: Topics discussed include particulars of various tenancies on the estate, grazing agreements, the letting of vacant houses, and the auction of portions of the estate. 15 items
- Ms 47,900 / 9** 1917-1919  
A small collection of correspondence regarding repair work on the estate, including details of quantities of grasslands at Castlegar and standard financial correspondence. 12 items
- Ms 47,900 / 10** 1920-1923  
A series of financial and legal correspondence to W.H. Mahon. Topics discussed include: the settlement of the will of William Vesey Ross Mahon; the sale of portions of the Castlegar estate; the will of the late Reverend William Purdon. 12 items
- Ms 47,900 / 11** 1920  
A collection of letters from tenants on the Mahon estate to W.H. Mahon regarding grazing and lease arrangements on the estate for the coming year. 20 items
- Ms 47,900 / 12** 1920-1923  
A collection of letters from tenants on the Mahon estate to W.H.

Mahon regarding various matters pertaining to the sale of the estate to the Land Commission. Includes tenants and former employees requests' for portions of land, financial compensation for years served, etc. 15 items

**Ms 47,900 / 13-14** 1920-1923  
A series of letters to the Mahons regarding the positions of gardener and driver on the estate. Includes applications from various prospective employees, along with reference on their behalf from employers and so on. 2 folders, 41 items

**Ms 47,900 / 15** 1925-1926  
A series of legal correspondence regarding terms of contract for two new employees of the house, a gardener and a driver, along with some standard legal correspondence. 10 items

#### **II.xi.8. Sir George Edward John Mahon, 6<sup>th</sup> Baronet, d. 1987**

**Ms 47,901** 1954-1955  
A series of letters from Suzanne Donnellan to Sir George Mahon, 1955-58. Consists of hundreds of letters between Sir George Mahon and his future wife Suzanne Donnellan, whom he married in 1958. These letters concern day-to-day events and their personal feelings towards each other.

**/ 1** Letters from Donnellan to Mahon, 1954. 24 items

**/ 2-7** Letters from Donnellan to Mahon, 1955. 6 folders, 85 items

**/ 8-11** Letters from Donnellan to Mahon, 1956. 4 folders, 55 items

**/ 12-18** Letters from Donnellan to Mahon, 1957. 7 folders, 75 items

**/ 19** Letters from Donnellan to Mahon, 1958. 15 items

**Ms 47,902** 1955-1957  
General Correspondence of Sir George Mahon, 1955-1957. A large number of routine letters from various friends, business acquaintances and others. These letters are of a casual and personal manner and contain mostly pleasantries.

**/ 1-2** Personal letters to Sir George Mahon, 1955. 2 folders, 45 items

**/ 3-4** Personal letters to Sir George Mahon, 1956. 2 folders, 55 items

- / 5                      Personal letters to Sir George Mahon, 1957. 24 items
- Ms 47,902 / 6**        1957  
 Condolence letters to Sir George Mahon on the death of his wife, Audrey Mahon, nee Jagger, in 1957. Audrey Mahon died suddenly and this folder contains a large number of condolence letters and cards from family and friends following her death from Ireland, England and the United States. 55 items
- Ms 47,902 / 7-9**    1957  
 A series of letters to Sir George Mahon from his children Jane and William, written when the children were in their early teens. William writes from Eton College and Jane writes from Sussex, where she was at boarding school. 3 folders, c.140 items

**II.xi.9. Lady Edith Augusta Mahon, d. 1964**

- Ms 47,903 / 1-2**    1917  
 A series of personal letters to Lady Mahon from family members discussing current events and day to day family news. 2 folders, 11 items
- Ms 47,903 / 3**        1918-1921  
 A series of letters regarding employees Francis Rankin, coachman and Hugh Kelly, who was a worker on the estate. Includes letters from both men and their solicitors, along with replies from the Mahon family regarding their terms of pay, various disputes regarding wages and terms and letters between family members on the same issues. 12 items
- Ms 47,903 / 4**        1925-1928  
 A series of letters from prospective gardeners and their employers who wrote to Lady Mahon for a position in response to an advertisement in the *Irish Times* for a new gardener at Castlegar. 11 items
- Ms 47,903 / 5**        1931  
 A letter to Lady Mahon from Denis Mahon regarding his research into the history of the family. Lists details of various family members, genealogical material and other historical information regarding the family. 5 pp
- Ms 47,903 / 6**        1932  
 A series of correspondence between Lady Mahon, her son, Sir George Mahon and their agents, regarding the removal of Thomas Abbott, an

employee from his cottage on their estate. Also includes agreements made with Arthur Smith for the leasing of a cottage on the estate. 15 items

- Ms 47,903 / 7** 1932-1933  
Financial correspondence regarding the trusts of the will of the late Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon dated between 1932 and 1933. Lists various assets, etc, contained in the will. 6 items
- Ms 47,903 / 8** 1932, 1955, 1970  
A series of letters to Lady Edith Mahon regarding family portraits painted by artist Frank Brookes at Castlegar. Includes a number of letters regarding the commissioning of additional copies by the artist, along with an inventory of paintings by Frank Brookes. Some material on same from 1955 and 1970 is also included. 15 items
- Ms 47,903 / 9** 1934-1937  
Correspondence from the Courts of Justice regarding Luke Mahon's trips abroad and his impending stay at Eton College. 6 items.
- Ms 47,903 / 10** 1959  
A brief series of letters to Lady Mahon, from her friend Robin Reilly, discussing family and friends, as well as family history. Includes a printed copy of a letter from Henry Browne, Lieut. 22nd regiment and the Louisbourg grenadiers to his father John Browne, Baron Mount Eagle, dated 1759, describing the death of General James Wolfe at the Battle of Quebec, September 1759. The scene is depicted in 'Death of General Wolfe', 1771, by artist Benjamin West. 5 items

#### **II.xi.10. Miscellaneous family correspondence**

- Ms 47,904 / 1** c.1771  
Letter from John Browne, afterwards 1st marquis of Sligo, from Eton College to his father, Peter Browne Kelly, 21 November 1771. Probably written in 1771, the date of the creation of the Earldom of Altamont. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,904 / 2-6** 1895  
Correspondence following the death of Lady Jane Mahon, *nee* King, *d.* 7 June, 1895. Includes a large amount of correspondence between her children relating to the financial affairs of the deceased. Includes a death certificate, an account of the succession to property from the Inland Revenue, details of the purchase of burial grounds, along with other financial correspondence. Also includes correspondence relating to the erection of a memorial head stone. 5 folders, 115 items

## II.xii. Legal Material

Like many of the Galway gentry, the Mahon family were involved in a number of legal disputes throughout much of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. These disputes generally arose from two main sources: issues surrounding succession, generally following the death of a family member who, through marriage or other financial settlements, died with heavy encumbrances; secondly, legal complications arising from debts were a significant factor for many of the landowning class. The practise of heavily encumbering property against borrowings made legal complications inevitable. The majority of legal cases arose when parties were unable to repay loans where land had been used as a guarantee. The number of the legal cases the family became involved in, their complexity and their propensity to be successful at the Courts of Chancery and the Court of Common Pleas was a key factor in the family's financial success. The legal dispute arising from the Protestant discovery of the Mahon lands at Ahascragh in the 1730's has been catalogued separately, see section I.iii. 'Protestant Discovery' of the Mahon Estates.

### II.xii.1. Legal cases

- Ms 47,905 / 1** 1756  
Legal indenture pertaining to a dispute between Reverend William Glass and Malachy Donnellan, 8 March 1756. Consists of an original legal bill in the name of Wentworth Thurles, executor of the estate of William Glass. Reverend Glass was the rector of Ahascragh. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,905 / 2-6** 1759-1778  
Legal papers arising from a dispute between James Hussey and Ross Mahon regarding land in the barony of Kilconnell, County Galway. Consists of a large amount of legal material including Ross Mahon's statement of title to various lands in County Galway, standard legal papers pertaining to the case, along with expenses and some correspondence and financial papers. 5 folders, 45 items
- Ms 47,905 / 7** 1763-1788  
An assorted collection of legal papers belong to Ross Mahon. Contains: state of title of Ross Mahon to the lands of Cornamucklagh, Killupane, Ballyglass, Sunnagh and Ervillaghoughter; 1763, account of personal estate of Ross Mahon and the directions of his executors; list of lands in the estate of Ross Mahon in the counties of Galway and Roscommon; 1731, assignment to Ross Mahon by Lord Athenry; 1788, draft conveyance, Francis Vesey and others to Charles Blakeney; 1788, copy of the case of Lord Clanricarde with Solicitor General's Opinion; bill of costs, Talbot versus Clanricarde; Court of Common Pleas, search for judgements against Clanricarde; 1787, bill of costs, Talbot versus

Clanricarde. Includes other similar material which have been listed on an enclosed sheet. 16 items

1774-1791

Papers arising from a case involving Ross Mahon against Joseph Morgan Daly, Castledaly, Kilcleagh, Moate, County Westmeath (*d.* 1838). There are over forty items relating to this case including copies of various bills, legal opinions, legal costs, correspondence, testamentary material, etc. The case originated with a judgement secured by James Coughlan in 1754 against Morgan Daly of Kilcleagh, County Westmeath. When Coughlan died, his widow assigned said judgement to Ross Mahon.

- Ms 47,905 / 8**           • Draft legal bill to the Right Honourable John Lord Baron Fitzgibbon, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, c.1774. 28 pp.
- Ms 47,905 / 9**           • Attested copy of the will of the late Morgan Daly, Moate, County Westmeath. The will is originally dated 24 May 1756 but this copy is undated. 26 pp.
- Ms 47,905 / 10**       • Copy of the case of Thomas Morgan Daly, a minor, and Mrs Luke Fox's opinion thereon. Undated, 2 pp.
- Ms 47,905 / 11**       • Copy of Ross Mahon's case with Matthew Finnegan's opinion therein, 1791. 4 pp
- Ms 47,905 / 12**       • Various copies of legal opinions and copies of the case on behalf of Joseph Morgan Daly and Ross Mahon, dated 1774-1779. 10 items
- Ms 47,905 / 13-15**           • Correspondence and loose notes connected with the case. Includes letters from Ross Mahon and his lawyer and financial notes and calculations in relation to legal costs. Also includes letters from James and Ignatius Browne, Catherine Coughlan, James Morgan Daly, Harriet Daly and Patrick Kelly. 3 folders, 70 items
- Ms 47,905 / 16-21**   1781-1805  
Papers generated by the case of Ross Mahon against Thomas Mannion, Clonbaniff, Ahascragh, County Galway, which was originally heard during Hillary term, 1781. Concerns a dispute over the leasing of land by the Mahons in Ahascragh and includes a large amount of correspondence regarding the leasing arrangements, rough and draft calculations of monies received from Thomas Mannion, copies of earlier lease agreements with Mannion and several 'searches for judgments'. 6 folders, 55 items

1782-1785

Papers generated by the case involving Ross Mahon against the estate of Denis Kelly, County Galway, 1782. Consists of a large batch of papers and correspondence in relation to a dispute over the leasing and ownership of the callows at Muckloon and agreements originally made between Ross Mahon and William Kelly, Muckloon, County Galway in 1746.

**Ms L 260**

- ‘The several answers of Ross Mahon of Castlegar, one of the defendants to the Bill of Comfort of Denis Kelly in the City of Dublin and Denis Kelly, a minor, the eldest son and heir apparent of the Denis Kelly, his father and next friend Comforts, 28 June 1782.’ A very large manuscript consisting of 275 pages, which requires careful handling and contains some existing damage to several pages. 275 pp.

**Ms 47,905 / 22**

- ‘A list of papers found in Ross Mahon’s closet relating to Muckloon affairs, 1781.’ A 12 page manuscript detailing 61 legal papers. 12 pp.

**Ms 47,905 / 23**

- Transcript of the legal questions by both parties to the dispute containing detailed information on the case. Very delicate and some existing damage to several pages. 10 November 1885.

**Ms 47,905 / 24-27**

- A collection of legal correspondence and papers in relation to this dispute including letters from Charles Blakeney, Mahon’s solicitor. Much of this material consists of rough drafts of legal notes and financial calculations. 4 folders, 58 items

**Ms 47,906 / 1**

1788-1805

Correspondence between Garrett O’Moore and Ross Mahon pertaining to a legal dispute involving Jeremy Loveland versus Garrett O’Moore, Cloghan Castle, involving claims for ejectment and trespass. Includes a list of fifty jurors in King’s County. 9 items.

**Ms 47,906 / 2-3**

1813-1824

A collection of Ross Mahon’s legal papers concerning a number of financial transactions involving various individuals. Consists of a mix of papers, some in poor condition. The papers concern; 1824, Darley Hession and Robert Blakeney; 1822, Edward Roper and George Mahon; 1832, Richard Maher; 1813, Robert Seymour; 1827, St Clair and McDermott. There are also some legal opinions and correspondence from Thomas Henn regarding the case of Livesay vs. Mahon dated 1814. 2 folders, 15 items

- Ms 47,906 / 4-8** 1815-1817  
 Ross Mahon, defendant, against James Dillon of Clonbrock, plaintiff, 1815-1817 at the Court of Chancery. This dispute arose over the level of rent paid by Dillon for land at Killure, County Galway and dated back to a previous lease agreement in 1798. There is a large collection of legal correspondence, draft legal bills, along with copies of lease agreements. Much of this material is in the form of rough draft and includes a number of letters from agent William Trench, along with letters from Luke Dillon and James Dillon. The Dillons of Clonbrock and the Mahons were near neighbours and hereditary peers. 5 folders, 85 items
- 1822-1824  
 Papers generated by the case of Sir Ross Mahon, defendant, against Richard Livesay, County Mayo, plaintiff, in the Court of Common Pleas, Easter term, 1822.
- Ms 47,907 / 1**
- Sir Ross Mahon, defendant, against Richard Livesay, County Mayo, plaintiff, in the Court of Common Pleas - Sir Ross Mahon's costs. Includes details of financial transactions with dates and amounts totalling over £600, with some pages missing at the end of the document. Consists of a large manuscript of seventy-one pages in poor repair, delicate but still legible. 71 pp.
- Ms 47,907 / 2**
- Copy of a schedule of deeds and papers in the hands of Sir Ross Mahon and John Shadwell, his attorney, listing 332 deeds in total. 29 pp.
- Ms 47,907 / 3**
- 'Mahon, defendant, against Richard Livesay, Court of Common Pleas', list of legal costs generated by Ross Mahon. 16 pp.
- Ms 47,907 / 4-6**
- Draft legal documents pertaining to the case, including rough copies and miscellaneous notes regarding the case compiled by Ross Mahon. 3 folders, 25 items
- Ms 47,907 / 7** 1833-1834  
 Papers generated by the case involving Sir Ross Mahon against Thomas Daly, 1833-1834. Consists of a list of payments made by Daly tenants, along with a document pertaining to legal costs entitled 'amount received by Griffin since account settled with Mr Burke.' 3 items
- 1844-1847  
 Papers generated by the case of Edward Cane against the Right Hon. Henry Vesey Fitzgerald, Baron Fitzgerald Vesey and others, in the Court of Chancery, 1844-1847. Henrietta Louisa Mahon married James Leslie Foster Vesey Fitzgerald, Moyriesk, County Clare in December



1845. These papers consist of a number of very lengthy legal documents pertaining to the inheritance of the estate of the Right Honourable William Vesey Fitzgerald, deceased. There are seven tightly bound manuscripts that are folded over into tight binds. Consists of:

- Ms 47,908 / 1**
- Edward Cane vs. Lord Fitzgerald and others, Court of Chancery, Brief on behalf of defendant William Vesey Leslie Foster; Thomas Fitzgerald, James Leslie Foster, Leslie Foster, Leticia Geraldine Leslie Foster and Edward Roy Foster, a minor, Court of Chancery, 1844. c. 100 pp.
  - Edward Cane vs. Lord Fitzgerald and others, Court of Chancery, Brief on Behalf of Defendant, the Right Honourable Baron Dame Mary Geraldine Mahon, Widow, 1845. 74 pp.
- Ms 47,908 / 2**
- Cane vs. Lord Fitzgerald, Court of Chancery, copy of charges of Plaintiff, Right Honourable William Vesey Fitzgerald, 26 August 1846. 70 pp.
  - Edward Cane vs. Lord Fitzgerald and others, Court of Chancery, copy of brief on behalf of Lady Mahon and Hon. G.F. Fitzgerald for John Adair Esq., Court of Chancery, March 1848. 58 pp.
- Ms 47,908 / 3**
- Edward Cane vs. Lord Fitzgerald and others, Court of Chancery, Brief on behalf of the Honourable Lady Mahon, 1847. 34 pp.
  - Charges of Plaintiff: Edward Cane Executor of the Last Will and Testament of the Right Honourable William Vesey Fitzgerald, Lord Baron Fitzgerald and Vescei, plaintiff. Right Hon. Henry Vesey Fitzgerald, Baron Fitzgerald Vesey and others, defendants, Court of Chancery, April 1847. 80 pp.
- Ms 47,908 / 4**
- Edward Cane vs. Lord Fitzgerald and others, Court of Chancery, brief on behalf of defendant of the Hon. Dame Mary Geraldine Mahon widow, 31 May 1847. 74 pp.

1927-38

The matter of Sir George Edward John Mahon against Luke Bryan Arthur Mahon, 1932. There are a very large number of legal documents pertaining to this case which was before the Irish courts for several years.

- Ms 47,909 / 1**
- 'Costs of the honourable Edith Augusta Lady Mahon, the guardian of the persons and fortunes of the minors under Order of 9 December, 1932.' Consists of two bound manuscripts, c.20 pp. each, detailing costs from 1927-1932. 2 items

- Ms 47,909 / 2** • Chief Justice of Saorstát Éireann, in the matter of Mahon minors and Sir George Mahon, Orders of Court 1927-1938. A collection of court six orders involving said case. 6 items
- Ms 47,909 / 3-4** • A series of affidavits on behalf of Lady Edith Augusta Mahon, 1927-1938 pertaining to this case. 2 folders, 12 items
- Ms 47,909 / 5** • Brief on behalf of Lady Edith Augusta Mahon for counsel to appear on hearing of summons, 11 February 1927. Brief on behalf of Gilbert Mahon, a paternal uncle and the surviving trustee of the deed of resettlement of 1878, 11 February 1927. 2 items
- Ms 47,909 / 6** • His Majesty's High Court of Justice, will and probate in the goods of Sir William H. Mahon, deceased, dated 27 January 1927. 8 pp.
- Ms 47,909 / 7** • Trusts of the marriage settlement of Sir William and Lady Mahon; Husbands Trusts Fund. Consists of three legal documents dated 1905, 1928, 1938. 3 items
- Ms 47,909 / 8-14** • Miscellaneous legal documents pertaining to the matter of Sir George Edward John Mahon against Luke Bryan Arthur Mahon. Consists of notices of appearance, dockets of consultation, summons, legal instructions, affidavits and correspondence, 1927-1938. 7 folders, 25 items
- Ms 47,909 / 15** • Statement as to the duties paid by the trustees of the resettlement dated 12 February 1897 of the Clonbrock estates and by the honourable G.C. Dillon, the honourable E.L. Dillon and the Hon. Lady Mahon and proposed scheme of division of securities, February 1930. 22 pp. Trusts of the will of Sir William V.R. Mahon deceased, trustees income account from January 190 to February 1933. 22 pp. Also includes a small number of documents pertaining to same. 5 items.
- Ms 47,909 / 16** A collection of papers relating to the trusts of the will of Sir William V.R. Mahon deceased: trustees income accounts showing dealings with the securities vested in the trustees. 12 items

## II.xii.2. General legal papers

Consists a range of legal papers, pertaining to agreements over money and land, leasing arrangements and various connected disputes.

- Ms 47,910 / 1** 1726-1736  
Legal papers of the first Ross Mahon, 1726-1730. Consists of a series of legal documents pertaining to various issues, including 'the case of Laughlin Kelly'. Includes legal agreements pertaining to Henry, Lord Baron Athenry, Henry Talbot, Clondara, County Galway, Joseph Burke, High Sheriff of County Galway, Desmond Dowling, Rapkeake, County Roscommon, Christopher Ussher, City of Dublin, and Mark Lynch, County Mayo, amongst others. Includes a series of legal costs. Very delicate condition. 11 items
- Ms 47,910 / 2-3** 1756-1760  
Papers pertaining to the acquisition of lands at Lunaghton, Ahascragh, from Roger Kelly, 1756-1758. A series of legal and financial documents pertaining to loans extended to Roger Kelly, his subsequent inability to pay and the eventual dispute over his property with the Mahon family. Also included are the five original deeds and release agreements to said lands at Lunaghton. 2 folders, 10 items
- Ms 47,910 / 4** 1757  
A copy of Thomas Dillon's warrant to satisfy judgement, 12 October 1757. Legal confirmation to the courts of King's Bench of judgement against James Hussey of Courtown, Kildare, for £439, signed by Thomas Dillon. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,910 / 5** 1760-1767  
A series of legal papers of the first Ross Mahon, 1760-67. Consists of two bonds pertaining to Richard Dawson, City of Dublin and Robert Harte, County Louth, along with a search for judgements against John Ffrench of Ffrenchpark, County Roscommon and a set of legal costs for same. 4 items
- Ms 47,910 / 6** 1767  
Original legal parchment pertaining to the 'deforcement of the lands at Ballynabanba and Kilcomedan', in the parish of Fohenagh, County Galway, and their eventual acquisition by Ross Mahon following a legal action involving James Hussey, the elder, Richard Hussey and James Hussey, Courtown, Kildare, Daniel Kelly, Coolevoran, Queens County and Ross Mahon, Castlegar dated March 1767. 2 membranes
- Ms 47,910 / 7** 1784

A series of legal papers concerning John and Henry Bingham, Newbrook, County Mayo and William Kelly, Muckloon, County Galway dated 1784. Includes a series of letters between Ross Mahon and the Bingham, along with several synopsis of a legal dispute, involving same, over the lease of land along the River Suck to Kelly, made by Bryan Mahon in 1717. In delicate condition. 10 items

- Ms 47,910 / 8-10** 1800-1820  
A large collection of Court of Common Pleas and King's Bench, 'Search for Judgements'. Consists of a large number of legal papers, mainly pertaining to the first and second Ross Mahon. 3 folders, 65 items
- Ms 47,910 / 11** 1806  
A copy of the 'Case of the title of Ross Mahon Esquire to lands in the County of Galway, Ireland with the opinion of Messer's Mahon and Saurin therein.' Detailed legal parchment containing an account of the various decrees of the 'Commissioners for Determining the Claims of Transplanted Persons in the Province of Connacht in 1672', pertaining to the claims of William, Lord Clanricarde and Mabel, Countess Dowager of Fingal and land in the Barony of Kilconnell, County Galway. Outlines the history of the tenurial arrangement of said lands referring to Colonel Barnwell, then to Colonel Edward Hussey of Westown County Dublin, and then to James Hussey and so on. This copy is dated August 1806. 16 pp.
- Ms 47,910 / 12** 1806  
Negative search for encumbrances against Ross Mahon for the period August 1805 to 22 August 1806, memorials, deeds, conveyances or wills concerning lands in the Barony of Kilconnell, County Galway. 6 pp.
- Ms 47,910 / 13** 1807  
Copy of 'Order that Malachy Daly be at liberty to plead the death of his father, the defendant, Denis Daly', 9 December 1807. Also mentions George Trench and Patrick Kelly. 1 p.
- Ms 47,910 / 14** 1809-1815  
Legal papers relating to the settlement of the estates of the third Ross Mahon, 1809-1815. The lands belonging to the Mahons in north Galway were in dispute for some time at the opening of the nineteenth century. This bundle of documents includes copies of the 'case on behalf on Ross Mahon against Dominick G. Bodkin', 10 pp., copies of various legal queries, copies of lease agreements for land in County Galway, the legal opinion of Robert French, memorandum of charges and a rental pertaining to an 1808 legal agreement, along with

- correspondence on the matter and proofs of papers prepared for trial. 13 items
- Ms 47,911 / 1** 1810  
Two legal papers pertaining to Court of Common Pleas, cost of legal findings against lands in the County of Mayo, Ross Mahon, plaintiff, Henry Browne, defendant, Michaelmas, 1810. 2 items
- Ms 47,911 / 2** 1811  
Legal documents regarding the rents of the late Colonel Henry Browne, includes a rent roll, 28 August 1811. Consists of three rentals with details of rents paid on the Galway lands of the plaintiff, Henry Browne. 3 items
- Ms 47,911 / 3** 1815  
'Statement of behalf of Ross Mahon to the claims made to him by the executors of his mother, 1814.' Draft legal document pertaining to the financial settlement arising from the death of the late Lady Anne Mahon, *d.* 1815. 8 pp.
- Ms 47,911 / 4** 1815  
'Minutes of documents regarding wanting to perfect the title of Ross Mahon Esq., to certain estates in the County of Galway in Ireland, 1815.' 4 pp.
- Ms 47,911 / 5** 1818  
Brief on behalf of the defendant - John Mahon, administrator of Lady Ann Mahon, deceased, against Sir Ross Mahon, for William Bellew Esq., 21 February 1818. 14 pp.
- Ms 47,911 / 6** 1818  
Legal papers relating to the settlement of the will of the late Lady Anne Mahon, 1818, and inter-familial concerns over the resultant financial settlement. Includes 'answers on the part of George Mahon to the objections of Ross Mahon to the account furnished', copy of said account, draft copies of related legal bills, personal correspondence and legal fees, mainly dated 1818, concerning a legal dispute over family inheritance and legal bills. 12 items
- Ms 47,911 / 7** 1820  
Draft Deed of Annuity, Sir Ross Mahon in the first part and William Trench in the second part, annual sum of £330, March 1820. Includes statement as to the annuity to be granted to Sir Ross Mahon by William Trench of £330 for a term of three years, 3 March 1820. 2 items
- Ms 47,911 / 8** 1824

Assignment of judgement, Thomas Metcalf, Lincolns Inn, Middlesex, to George Mahon, Westport, 1824. 'Whereas George Smith of Athlone, did in Easter 1811, obtain a judgement against Ross Mahon for the sum of one thousand pounds, the said judgement is now legally vested in Thomas Metcalf, who has in turn agreed to assign the aforementioned judgment to George Mahon.' 1 item

- Ms 47,911 / 9** 1827  
Legal papers relating to the unsettled estate of Sir Ross Mahon, 1827. A brief legal document which includes a separate ledger outlining the children's portion of a £6,000 settlement. 2 items
- Ms 47,911 / 10** 1828  
Statement of Title to General Annesley's estates with copy opinion of lawyer, William Waggett, 1828. 2 items
- Ms 47,911 / 11** 1833  
Decree for one pound, fifteen shillings against Eleanor Ward, Ahascragh, awarded at Loughrea, 27 December 1833. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,911 / 12** 1849  
Instructions for Counsel to draw power of attorney, Sir James Mahon to Rev. William Vesey Ross Mahon and Dame Mary Geraldine Mahon, 27 March 1849.
- Ms 47,911 / 13-15** 1893-1895  
A series of legal and financial papers regarding the estate and valuation of the assets of the late Reverend Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon. Includes lists of share certificates, financial valuations and other standard financial material. 3 folders, 25 items
- Ms 47,911 / 16** 1894  
Lady Mahon in account with the trustees of her marriage settlement, 2 pp., along with a similar document, Sir William Henry Mahon, succession account, listing valuation of insurances, repairs, poor rates and County cess. 1 p. 2 items
- Ms 47,911 / 17** 1902  
Particulars of holding, pursuant to the aforementioned Act; schedule referred to in the order of even date herewith fixing a Fair Rent; for lands rented by Laurence Gilligan from Daly of Dunsandle at Attymon, 1902 (Land Law Act, Ireland, 1896) 10 pp.
- Ms 47,911 / 18** 1902  
Particulars of holding, pursuant to the aforementioned Act; schedule referred to in the order of even date herewith fixing a Fair Rent; for

lands rented by Pat Duffy from Daly of Dunsandle at Cloonskeaghcahill, 1902. (Land Law Act, Ireland, 1896) 10 pp.

### II.xii.3. Legal Correspondence

There are copious volumes of legal correspondence contained in the catalogue, reflecting Ross Mahon's involvement in a series of legal contests over the inheritance of his estates in north Galway in the early to mid-nineteenth century. The principal correspondent in these matters was Mahon's solicitor, Thomas Henn, who was also his son-in-law. Correspondence has been catalogued chronologically by date, with Thomas Henn's correspondence separated from other general legal correspondence with various family members and co-defendants.

- Ms 47,912**            1790-1797  
Letters from Charles Blakeney, *d.* 1815, lawyer, to Ross Mahon. Consists of a series of letters on legal and financial affairs, mainly relating to debts. Charles Blakeney was of the Blakeney family of Abbert and Castleblakeney in north Galway but lived and worked in Hume Street, Dublin.
- / 1**                    Letters from Charles Blakeney to Ross Mahon, 1790. 12 items
- / 2**                    Letters from Charles Blakeney to Ross Mahon, 1791. 7 items
- / 3**                    Letters from Charles Blakeney to Ross Mahon, 1792. 9 items
- / 4**                    Letters from Charles Blakeney to Ross Mahon, 1793. 9 items
- / 5**                    Letters from Charles Blakeney to Ross Mahon, 1794. 6 items
- / 6**                    Letters from Charles Blakeney to Ross Mahon, 1795-97. 3 items
- Ms 47,913**            1810-1815  
Ross Mahon's letters to Thomas Henn concerning legal and financial matters for the year 1815. Consists of a series of letters written by Ross Mahon to his lawyer in Dublin. Topics covered are generally noted on the back of each letter. 3 folders, 38 items
- / 1-2**                Letters from Ross Mahon to Thomas Henn, 1810. 2 folders, 24 items
- / 3-5**                Letters from Ross Mahon to Thomas Henn, 1814. 3 folders, 41 items
- / 6-8**                Letters from Ross Mahon to Thomas Henn, 1815. 3 folders, 38 items

- Ms 47,914 / 1-4** 1809-1818  
Thomas Henn's receipts for legal services provided for Sir Ross Mahon, 1809-1818. Consists of a collection of receipts and some loose accounts, along with a small amount of correspondence regarding fees. 4 folders, 85 items
- Ms 47,915** 1812-1822  
The correspondence of Thomas Henn, 1812-1822. The correspondence of the third Ross Mahon with Thomas Henn, his lawyer, have been catalogued annually.
- / 1** Letters from Thomas Henn to Ross Mahon, 1812. 6 items
- / 2-3** Letters from Thomas Henn to Ross Mahon, 1813. 2 folders, 58 items
- / 4-5** Letters from Thomas Henn to Ross Mahon, 1814. 2 folders, 39 items
- / 6** Letters from Thomas Henn to Ross Mahon, 1815. 42 items
- / 7-8** Letters from Thomas Henn to Ross Mahon, 1816. 2 folders, 55 items
- / 9** Letters from Thomas Henn to Ross Mahon, 1817. 35 items
- / 10** Letters from Thomas Henn to Ross Mahon, 1818. 24 items
- Ms 47,916 / 1-3** 1818-1825  
Correspondence from family members concerning the family's legal affairs. Consists of a series of letters, mainly from George Mahon, but also includes letters from the Auditor General's office and drafts of letters from Ross Mahon to Thomas Henn, along with draft copies of replies. 3 folders, 65 items
- Ms 47,916 / 4** 1818-1822  
Thomas Henn's letters to Sir Ross Mahon regarding Morgan Daly, 1818-22. Consists of six letters regarding legal affairs pertaining to Morgan Daly of the Galway Daly family. 6 items

#### **II.xii.4. Legal costs**

Legal costs generally consist of extensive bound volumes containing itemised charges for legal services and can run to many hundreds of pages.

- Ms 47,917 / 1-3** 1800-1835  
Three folders of rough legal bills, draft calculations and loose bills and notes. Consists of early drafts and short hand notes on payment made



for legal fees and are superseded by the final itemised bills listed below.  
3 folders, 65 items

- Ms 47,917 / 4** 1802-1809  
Sir Ross Mahon's itemised legal bill from Trinity term 1802 until 1809. Large manuscript containing 175 bound pages. 175 pp.
- Ms L 261** 1802-1819  
An extremely large itemised bill of over 580 bound pages of Sir Ross Mahon's legal bills from Hillary term 1802 until 1809. The manuscript is folded over and is legible, but fragile when unfolded. Must be handled with care. 585 pp.
- Ms 47,917 / 5** 1802-1819  
Three bound lists of payments made to Thomas Henn for legal services, all dating between 1802 and 1819, with small entries only. 3 items
- Ms 47,917 / 6** 1805-1816  
A loosely bound draft account of legal bills for Sir Ross Mahon with itemised small entries. 16 pp.
- Ms 47,917 / 7** 1805-18  
Sir Ross Mahon's costs to Richard Livesay generated by the case of Livesay versus Mahon. Consists of a two large bound volumes of itemised costs. 2 items
- Ms 47,918 / 1-5** 1809-1810  
A very large collection of Sir Ross Mahon's itemised legal costs, which is divided into five separate bound sections, comprising a total of over 380 pages. Each volume is separately bound and catalogued into separate folders. 5 folders.
- Ms 47,918 / 6** 1814  
Two bound itemised legal bills for Reverend Deane Browne relating to a case at the Court of Chancery 1814 involving Ross Mahon against Pat Kelly. 2 items
- Ms 47,918 / 7-9** 1821-1831  
Consists of 14 separate bound volumes of Ross Mahon's legal costs over an eleven year period. The volumes are number 1-13, with one additional volume and divided in 14 folders. 3 folders, 14 items
- Ms 47,918 / 10** 1822  
A bound and itemised collection of Sir Ross Mahon's legal costs from John Shadwell dated 1822. 36 pp.

- Ms 47,918 / 11** 1824-1831  
Costs arising from 'The King versus Sir Ross Mahon and Lord Clonbrock', 1824-1831. Consists of a number of rough and loose draft accounts, a small amount of correspondence along with completed accounts for legal expenses. 20 items
- Ms 47,918 / 12** 1825-1826  
A collection of Ross Mahon's itemised legal costs from John Shadwell. Consists of two bound lists of costs. 2 items
- Ms 47,918 / 13** 1833-1835  
A series of itemised legal costs for the period 1833-1835, consisting of four itemised annual bills from A.H. Griffith, along with one accompanying letter. 5 items
- Ms 47,918 / 14** 1834  
Sir Ross Mahon's itemised legal bill for the Easter and Hillary term 1834, incurred during a legal case between Mahon and Thomas Daly, 1834. 10 pp.
- Ms 47,918 / 15** 1838  
Sir Ross Mahon's legal costs from January 1837 to January 1838. Consists of an itemised bill from A.H. Griffith. 10 pp.

## II.xiii. Financial Papers

For ease of consultation financial papers have been catalogued into five categories; bonds and judgments, mortgages, banking and general financial transactions. There are a large number of bonds dating from 1697 until 1887, along with a significant amount of material pertaining to the family's investments in foreign shares, including a vast collection of cheques, bank statements and other standard financial items.

### II.xiii.1. Bonds and judgments

- Ms 47,919 / 1** 1697  
Bond for £440, Thomas Lester, Grange, Roscommon and Daniel Kelly of Muckloon, Galway, bound unto Bryan Mahon, Castlegar, £440, 22 November 1697. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 2** 1706  
Bond for £100, James Mahon and Bryan Mahon, Oughtercloony, bound unto James Lynch and Bryan Mahon and witnessed by Thomas and Andrew Mahon, 6 December 1706. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 3** 1720  
Bond for £800, Bryan Mahon and Thomas Mahon, Oughtercloony, (sons of James Mahon, Captain Bryan Mahon's brother) to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 3 January 1720. Two copies are included. 2 items
- Ms 47,919 / 4** 1721  
Bond for £200, Bryan Mahon, Oughtercloony, County Galway and Thomas Mahon, City of Dublin, bound unto Daniel Kelly, Muckloon, County Galway, 28 August 1721. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 5** 1723  
Bond of £300, Mary Tully to her mother, Mrs Thomas Tully, late widow, and Thomas Tully, her brother, Rafarn, County Galway, 5 August 1723 'in full payment for satisfaction in clothes, meat, drink, washing, lodging, schooling and money.' 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 6** 1723  
Bond for £300, Ross Mahon of Castlegar and Thomas Mahon of the City of Dublin, bound unto Mary Cartwright of the City of Dublin, 27 December 1723. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 7** 1726  
Bond for two thousand pounds, Edmond Keogh and William Keogh, County Roscommon, bound unto Thomas Tully, County Galway, 7

October 1726. 1 membrane

- Ms 47,919 / 8** 1734  
Bond for £300, Andrew Mahon of the City of Dublin, firmly bound unto Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 21 December 1734. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 9** 1735  
Bond for £400, Ross Mahon Castlegar, bound unto Joseph Hall of Kappa, County Galway, 17 June 1735. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 10** 1737  
Bond for £500, William Reynolds, City of Dublin, bound unto Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 2 June 1737. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 11** 1754, 1757, 1775  
Bond for five hundred and eighty-six pounds, William and John MacNamara, Doolin, County Clare bound to Hester Foster of Ennis, 6 April 1754; Bond for one thousand four hundred pounds, William and John MacNamara, Doolin, County Clare bound to Hester Foster of Loughrea, 18 April 1757; Judgement for one thousand four hundred pounds plus costs, Hester Foster of Oughtercloony, County Galway and Ross Mahon, Castlegar against William and John MacNamara, Doolin, County Galway, 15 February 1775. 3 items
- Ms 47,919 / 12** 1780  
Bond for £440, John Kelly, Lisskelly and Edmond Moore, Annagh, County Galway bound to Charles O'Brien, Killure, County Galway, 9 December, 1780. With accompanying documentation. [damaged ] 3 items
- Ms 47,919 / 13** 1788  
List of twenty-nine bonds due to the Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 1 April 1788. List all details of bonds from 1760 until 1788. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,919 / 14** 1788  
Bond for £136, Daniel Kilroy, Fohenagh, County Galway and Charles O'Brien, County Galway, bound unto Ross Mahon of Castlegar, 10 May 1788. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 15** 1791, 1824  
Bond for £900, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, bound unto Dr. Ross Tully, Athlone, 8 May 1791. Also includes a Judgement for Elizabeth Tully, Widow, Athlone for £811 against Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 13 December 1824. 2 items
- Ms 47,919 / 16** 1797

- Bond for £2,000, George Mahon, Mount Pleasant, County Mayo, bound unto Denis Browne, Mount Browne, County Mayo and Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 7 October 1797. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 17** 1802  
Bond for £4,200, Ross Mahon, Castlegar bound unto John Mahon, City of Dublin, 26 June 1802. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 18** 1805  
Bond for £80, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, bound unto Harriet Daly of Cavendish Row, City of Dublin, 24 August 1805. [damaged and fragile] 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 19** 1808  
Bond for £3,000, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, bound unto Francis Knox, Rappa Castle, Mayo, 1 May 1808. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 20** 1809  
Bond for £1,800, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, bound unto Charles Higgins, Westport, County Mayo, 8 May 1809. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 21** 1811  
Bond for £400, Ross Mahon, Castlegar bound unto John Collins, City of Dublin, 28 October 1811. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 22** 1811  
Bond for £600, Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar, bound unto William Collins of Lissyegan, parish of Ahascragh, County Galway, 25 November 1811. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 23** 1813, 1830  
Bond for £1,000, Ross Mahon, Castlegar unto Lord Baron Clonbrock, and Charles Filgate, 1 May 1830. Bond for five hundred pounds, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, unto Charles Filgate, 30 November 1813. 2 items
- Ms 47,919 / 24** 1817, 1824  
Bond for £800, Ross Mahon, Castlegar bound unto William Pilkington, County Galway, 15 July 1817; Judgement for William Pilkington, County Galway, Trustee of the marriage settlement of Joseph Pilkington and Anne Tindall, 'as of 1817 did obtain a judgement in the court of Exchequer against Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 26 June 1824.' 2 items
- Ms 47,919 / 25** 1818  
Bond for £800, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, bound unto Henry Comyns, Castlegar, 2 June 1818. 1 membrane

- Ms 47,919 / 26** 1818  
Bond for £200, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, bound unto Henry Comyns, Castlegar, 13 July 1818. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 27** 1818  
Bond for £400, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, bound unto the Reverend Henry Macken, Kings County, 18 July 1818. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 28** 1821  
Bond for £500, Sir Ross Mahon, Caslegar, bound unto Miss Caroline Fitzgerald, Merrion Street, Dublin, 24 December 1821. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 29** 1821  
Bond for £500, Sir Ross Mahon, Caslegar, bound unto Miss Emiline Fitzgerald, Merrion Street, Dublin, 24 December 1821. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 30** 1822, 1824, 1825  
Search for Judgements against Ross Mahon, 16 February 1822; Bond for £989, Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar, bound to James and John Hamilton, City of Dublin, 4 February 1824; Judgement, James and John Hamilton, City of Dublin, £989 against Ross Mahon Castlegar, 22 March 1825. 3 items
- Ms 47,919 / 31** 1823  
Bond for £1,000, Ross Mahon, Castlegar, bound to John Jackson, Newport, County Mayo, 26 November 1823. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 33** 1824  
Judgement against Sir Ross Mahon for £215, Court of Common Pleas, by Darley Hession, 26 June 1824. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 34** 1825  
Summons for James Mahon, son of Bernard Mahon, Beech Hill bound for the sum of £1,000 to Sir Ross Mahon, 6 November 1825; Summons for James Mahon, son of Bernard Mahon, Beech Hill, bound for the sum of £1,000 to Sir Ross Mahon, 6 November 1825. 2 items
- Ms 47,919 / 35** 1825  
Judgement against Ross Mahon for £1,000, by George Smyth, Athlone, County Westmeath, April 1825. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 36** 1842  
Bond for £143, fifteen shilling and four pence, William Clarke of Ballinasloe, County Galway, bound unto Sir Ross Mahon of Castlegar, 15 December 1841. 1 membrane

- Ms 47,919 / 37** 1844  
Bond for £1,400 William Leslie Foster, County Louth to James L. Foster, Eccles Street, City of Dublin, with judgement in the Court of Exchequer, 11 October 1844. 2 items
- Ms 47,919 / 38** 1887  
Bond for five hundred pounds, Thomas Corr, Grove, County Roscommon and Charles Glynn, Ormond Quay, Dublin, bound unto Ross Mahon of Castlegar, 15 January 1887. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,919 / 39** 1917-1920  
A small collection of bonds and sureties signed by Sir W.H. Mahon and Robert Edward Dillon, Baron Clonbrock and John Fitzgerald Mahon, Cadogan Square, London. 8 items

### **II.xiii.2. Mortgages**

These mortgages may be cross-referenced with deeds for a more complete picture of land holding, see section **I.i.Title Deeds**.

- Ms L 259** 1705  
Mortgage agreement for lands at Ahascragh between Bryan Kelly, Ballyforin, County Roscommon, Denis Daly of Ffrenchbrook, County Mayo and William Lyster, Athleague, County Roscommon. Refers to lands of John Burke, Lord Bophin, 30 October 1705. Includes a deed of release for the same agreement. 2 membranes
- Ms 47,920 / 1** 1711  
Deed of mortgage for the lands of Lisduff and Derrynamangh in the Barony of Kilconnell, James Mahon and Thomas Mahon to Captain Bryan Mahon, for a sum of £400, 1 February 1711. 1 membrane, damaged and faded. Also includes a deed of mortgage, James Mahon to Bryan Mahon for a sum of £200 for the lands of Lisduff and Derrynamnagh, County Galway, 10 August 1711. 1 membrane, damaged and faded. Also includes a further illegible deed, undated. 1 p. 3 items
- Ms 47,920 / 2** 1711  
Mortgage for £200 for land at Lisduff and Derrynamanagh, County Galway bearing the signatures of Captain Bryan Mahon, James Mahon of Oughtercloony, and Thomas Mahon, 10 August 1711. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,920 / 3** 1802  
Deed of appointment and mortgage, Right Honourable Somerset Lowry

Corry, Earl of Bellmore and William Wynne, Barrister at Law, City of Dublin for the first part, Reverend Henry Maxwell, Belturbet, County Cavan, for the second part and Reverend Henry Mahon, Castlegar for the third part, 9 June 1802. Pertains to a previous mortgage for seven townships in King's County, dated 27 August 1798. 3 membranes

**Ms 47,920 / 4**

1805

Deed of release of lands in County Galway; Ross Mahon, Castlegar, of the first part, Robert Blakeney, City of Dublin, of the second part, The most noble John Denis, Marquis Sligo and Earl of Altamount, of the third part, 2 August 1805. Pertains to the last will and testament of the second Ross Mahon, dated 25 April 1787. Original parchment, very large and some damage. 6 membranes

**Ms 47,920 / 5**

1807

Release of an estate in the County Galway in Ireland by way of mortgage, Ross Mahon, Castlegar of the first part, Edward Barber, Governor Square, of the second part, Denis Browne, Mount Browne, William Cowper, Pall Mall, and Thomas Metcalfe, Lincolns Inn, of the third part, 9 February 1807. Very large, original parchment, containing schedules and rentals, refers to previous marriage settlement of Ross Mahon, dated 16 September 1805. 3 membranes

**Ms 47,920 / 6**

1812, 1813

Deed of mortgage, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and John Maher, Ballinasloe, County Galway, two hundred and four acres at Cloghagalla, County Galway and one hundred and forty three acres at Killure Castle, County Galway, £6,000, 9 December 1813. A bond of £3,000 between the parties is also included, dated 16 November 1812, as well as a draft copy of the mortgage. 3 items

**Ms 47,920 / 7**

1822

Deed of mortgage, £2,000, Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar, George Mahon, Mount Pleasant, twenty-one year term, 12 March 1822. This mortgage also gives the history of the enlargement of the estate with lands acquired from the Bishop of Elphin, Clanricarde and others during the previous century. 2 membranes

**Ms 47,920 / 8**

1823

Mortgage of the lands of Cregg, otherwise Creggaune, Cloghagalla and Killure, County Galway, Ross Mahon, Trimblestone, Dublin, formerly Castlegar to Richard Maher, Ballinasloe, £6,000, 28 August 1823. A draft copy is also attached. 2 items

**Ms 47,920 / 9**

1825

Reconveyance of mortgage of £2,000, on lands at Castlegar, George



Mahon, Mount Pleasant, to Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 4 January, 1825.  
4 pp.

- Ms 47,920 / 10** 1829  
Release of a mortgage for lands in County Galway, Richard Griffith, Fitzwilliam Place, City of Dublin, of the first part, to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, of the second part, 24 March 1829. Original parchment refers to previous judgement against Ross Mahon by John Mahon, City of Dublin, for £2,600 in the Court of Chancery, Trinity term 1809. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,920 / 11** 1833  
Release of mortgage, Sir Ross Mahon, of the first part, William Trench, Cangort park, County Tipperary and Sarah, *nee* Moore, his wife, of the second part, Honourable Maria Josephia Moore, Cheltenham, of the third part, and John Bolton Massey, County Tipperary, of the fourth part, 8 January 1833. Original parchment, pertains to marriage settlement between William Trench, Robert Moore, Dublin and Ross Mahon, Castlegar, dated 18 June 1798. 3 membranes
- Ms 47,920 / 12** 1833  
Mortgage of lands in Counties Galway and Roscommon, the Reverend Armstrong Kelly, Castlekelly, County Galway, of the first part, Denis Henry Kelly, Castlekelly, of the second part, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and Major Denis Mahon, Castlegar, of the third part, 4 February 1833. Refers to previous marriage settlement of Reverend Armstrong Kelly, 8 August 1852. Includes a schedule of the several judgements and mortgages affecting said premises. 3 membranes

### **II.xiii.3. Banking**

#### **II.xiii.3. (a) Loose accounts and statements**

- Ms 47,921 / 1-9** 1790-1934  
Consists of a large collection of loose papers and some softbound notes pertaining to the financial affairs of Sir Ross Mahon. The material is often delicate and difficult to read and the original sequence has been lost in many of the notes, not all of which are dated. However, this material is valuable in terms of the details of credit extended by the family to various individuals in the form of bonds and loans, as well as other standard banking information. Includes details of interest charged on credit, terms of loans, etc. Most of the material pertains to the 1820s but there is a small amount of information covering earlier dates. 9 folders, c.200 items
- Ms 47,921 / 10** 1927-1929

Lady Edith Mahon, bank acknowledgments, April 1927-1928; April 1931-March 1932; April 1928-March 1929. Includes a collection of slips for deposits from Guinness and Mahon for money lodged. C.60 items

**Ms 47,921 / 11-12** 1930-1942  
Lady Edith Augusta Mahon's bank statements with Williams Deacon's Bank from July 1930 until June 1942. Consists of two large bound books of statements, with details of deposits, debits, credits, dividend returns, etc. 2 folders, 4 items

### **II.xiii.3. (b) Investments**

Following the sale of parts of their estate under the government's land legislation at the turn of the century, the family invested heavily in Canadian property, particularly in the Vancouver area and this investment generated considerable correspondence between 1926 and 1944. These correspondence and accounts from their Dublin and Canadian brokers are meticulously collated in chronological order, noting the value of their investments, rate of returns, costs and so on, on a monthly basis. A photographic album showing the location of particular properties, along with photos of same is also included.

**Ms 47,922 / 1-2** 1895-1898  
Material pertaining to the Prospecting Syndicate of British Columbia. Gilbert and Edward Mahon were the managing directors of this firm who sought investments in the Canadian mining sector. Material includes company circulars, prospectus, dividend returns, share certificates made out to members of the Mahon family, along with correspondence regarding same between family members. 2 folders, 15 items

**Ms 47,922 / 3** 1896-1909  
A detailed ledger containing small entries only, listing all trust securities invested in by William H. Mahon during the period 1896-1909. Entries are coherently entered in a concise fashion. 150 pp.

**Ms 47,922 / 4** 1900  
Sir W.H. Mahon's accounts with the Sheffield and Rotherham Joint Stock Banking Company. Consists of standard small entries on returns and investments. 12 pp. Also includes a small amount of correspondence regarding same. 2 items

**Ms 47,922 / 5** 1905-1933  
A small amount of loose correspondence regarding various shares and investments made by the family. 10 items

- Ms 47,922 / 6-11** 1910-1921  
A large collection of dividend warrants and share certificates covering the period 1910-1921 for investments made by the Mahon family in a range of companies in India, Britain and Canada. Includes investments made in the steel, railway, brewing and mining sectors. 6 folders, c.100 items
- Ms 47,922 / 12-13** 1929-1932  
A collection of correspondence, bonds and stock returns covering the period 1929-1932, relating to stock held in the Canadian Pacific Railway, War Stock to Indian Stock. 2 folders, 30 items
- Ms 47,922 / 14-18** 1949-1953  
A large series of correspondence from Guinness and Mahon Bank to Lady Edith Augusta Mahon regarding her financial affairs. The majority of the letters pertain to investments, stock and dividend returns, along with some correspondence regarding other standard financial matters. The letters have been collated into five folders in chronological order. 5 folders, c.115 items
- Ms 47,923 / 1** c. 1925  
A photographic portfolio of William Mahon's Canadian properties, including their location on grid maps, descriptions of the property, along with details of their financial value, taxes due, etc. 6 pp.
- Ms 47,923** 1926-1944  
A collection of correspondence and accounts relating to the family's property in Canada.
- / 2** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1926. 2 items
- / 3** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1927. 6 items
- / 4** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1928. 8 items
- / 5** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1929. 24 items
- / 6** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1930. 12 items
- / 7** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1931. 12 items
- / 8-9** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1932. 2 folders, 55 items
- / 10** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1933. 55 items

- Ms 47,924 / 1-2** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1934. 2 folders, 60 items
- / 3-4** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1935. 2 folders, 40 items
- / 5-6** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1936. 2 folders, 40 items
- / 7** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1937. 24 items
- / 8** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1938. 12 items
- / 9** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1939. 24 items
- / 10** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1940. 20 items
- / 11** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1941. 12 items
- / 12** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1942. 6 items
- / 13** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1943. 8 items
- / 14** Canadian investments; accounts and correspondence, 1944. 2 items

### **II.xiii.3. (c) Cheques**

- Ms 47,925** Consists of a vast collection of used cheques issued by Sir W.H. Mahon and Lady Edith Augusta Mahon from the Provincial Bank of Ireland, Guinness and Mahon, the Munster and Leinster Bank and Harrods Bank.
- / 1** Spent cheques, 1926. c.180 items
- / 2** Spent cheques, 1927. c.200 items
- / 3** Spent cheques, 1928. c.165 items
- / 4** Spent cheques, 1929. c.180 items
- / 5** Spent cheques, 1930. c.160 items
- / 6** Spent cheques, 1931. c.180 items

- /7** Spent cheques, 1932. c.155 items
- /8** Spent cheques, 1933. c.160 items
- /9** Spent cheques, 1935. c.100 items
- /10-11** Spent cheques, 1936. 2 folders, c.150 items
- Ms 47,926 / 1** Spent cheques, 1937-1939. c.140 items
- /2** Spent cheques, 1940. c.60 items
- /3-4** Spent cheques, 1941. 2 folders, c.100 items
- /5** Spent cheques, 1942. c.150 items
- /6-7** Spent cheques, 1943. 2 folders, 150 items
- /8** Spent cheques, 1944. 150 items
- /9-10** Spent cheques, 1945. 2 folders, 150 items
- Ms 47,927 /** Cheque book stubs. Consists of a large array of cheque stubs from various banks over a thirty year period, signed by Sir W.H. Mahon and Edith Augusta Mahon.
- /1** Cheque book stubs, 1898-1899. 10 items
- /2** Cheque book stubs, 1900-1909. 24 items
- /3** Cheque book stubs, 1910-1915. 16 items
- /4** Cheque book stubs, 1916-1919. 15 items
- /5** Cheque book stubs, 1920-1925. 21 items
- /6** Cheque book stubs, 1926. 9 items
- /7** Cheque book stubs, 1927. 13 items
- Ms 47,928 / 1** Cheque book stubs, 1928. 13 items
- /2** Cheque book stubs, 1929. 13 items
- /3** Cheque book stubs, 1930. 13 items

- / 4 Cheque book stubs, 1931. 12 items
- / 5 Cheque book stubs, 1932. 9 items
- / 6 Cheque book stubs, 1933-1934. 13 items
- / 7 Cheque book stubs, 1940-1944. 22 items

#### **II.xiii.4. General financial transactions**

Consists of a large range of material dating from the eighteenth century including release of financial claims, deeds of assignment of financial papers, pleas of covenant, deeds of annuity, assignment of annuity, etc.

- Ms 47,929 / 1** 1722  
Release of claim signed by Bryan Mahon, 30 October 1722. Concerns a release from debt arising from the will of Thomas Collins of Oughtercloony and concerns lands at Derrynamanagh, County Galway. Very delicate. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,929 / 2** 1794  
Release for £2,700 for part of £3,000, John Mahon to Ross Mahon, 17 May 1794. Pertains to money promised to John Mahon by the terms of his late father Sir Ross's will, upon reaching the age of twenty-one. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,929 / 3** 1801  
Plea of Covenant between Sir Ross Mahon and Robert Blakeney, Dublin, for the Castlegar and Tarmonbarry estates, Michaelmas, 1801. Includes eight copies. 8 items
- Ms 47,929 / 4** 1803-1850  
Deeds of Assignments relating to Mr. Rorke, 1803-1850. This collection of documents was originally labelled, 'No 28, Mr Rorke's original 13 Documents'. Concerns land in north east County Dublin at Adamstown and Finnstown.
  1. Deed of Assignment of lands at Adamstown, Dublin, containing sixty-eight acres, for two hundred and twenty-five pounds, Michael Hackett, City of Dublin, stone cutter, to William Silke, Leixlip, stone cutter, 7 October 1823. 1 item
  2. Deed of Assignment of the lands at Adamstown, Dublin, containing sixty-eight acres, for two hundred pounds, Michael Hackett, William Silke, 1st Part, Erasmus Gamell, Thomas

Gamell, John Johnstown, 2nd Part and John Rorke, Third Part, £200, 20 November 1824. 1 item

3. Deed of Assignment of lands and premises in Adamstown, County Dublin, Bryan Hackett, Portobello, Dublin, to John Rorke, Finnstown, Dublin, 26 January 1826. 1 item
4. Deed of Assignment of land at Finnstown, County Dublin, Francis Graham, Drumgan, County Fermanagh to John Rorke, Dublin, 7 May 1811. 1 item
5. This indenture contains the details of all previous transactions involving this land. 1 item
6. Legal correspondence, John Rorke, entitled, 'how to qualify a bill for taxation' 12 August, 1850. 1 item
7. Estate of John Rorke, 'list of original deeds in possession of H.M.' (possibly Henry Mahon), undated. Lists the details of seven leases for land at Adamstown and county Dublin including some of those listed above. 1 item
8. Search for judgements against George Gamell, 1803-1823 inclusive, 22 November 1824. 1 item
9. Memorial of Release, Fitzgerald with Richard and Anne Launder, 20 November 1818. 1 item
10. Memorial of Indented Deed of Mortgage, John Rorke, Dublin, to Rev. John Fitzgerald, Tullybackey, Limerick, 255 acres at Finnstown and Esker, County Dublin, life time term, with perpetual renewal, £1,200, 12 November 1830. 1 item

- Ms 47,929 / 5** 1805  
Assignment of part of £6,000, The Right Hon. Denis Browne and Anne, his wife, the marquis of Sligo and Ross Mahon Esq., 2 August 1805. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,929 / 6** 1805  
'Registers Officer; Search for Encumbrances against Bryan Mahon, Ross Mahon, Thomas Mahon and James Mahon, 28 August 1805.' Soft-bound volume, 26 pp.
- Ms 47,929 / 7** 1806  
Series of financial papers, dated 1806.

1. Draft Assignment of £5,000 which had been appointed to Elizabeth Louisa Cator, *nee* Mahon, from her father, the late Ross Mahon, 1806. 4 pp.
2. Covenant to Elizabeth Louisa Mahon and her intended husband to assign a sum of £5,000 which had been appointed to her by her father Ross Mahon, 1806. 4 pp.

- Ms 47,929 / 8** 1806  
Release of certain lands in County Galway from a judgement of £4,000, Robert Blakeney, City of Dublin to Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 31 July 1806. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,929 / 9** 1806  
Deed of Appointment, Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar, £5,000 for the portion of his eldest daughter, Elizabeth Louisa Cator, 6 November 1806. Soft bound volume, 12 pp.
- Ms 47,929 / 10** 1809  
Deed of Assignment from J. H. Blakeney, Abbert, County Galway, Denis Browne, W.V. Fitzgerald of £4,000, the portion of Ross Mahon, to protect jointure of Lady Mahon, 11 August 1816. Connected to a previous settlement of £8,000, 30 September 1809, previous to the marriage of Ross Mahon and Mary Fitzgerald, as part of the portion of the fortune of Mary Fitzgerald. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,929 / 11** 1813  
Deed of appointment made by Ross Mahon of £4,000, to Theophilus Blakeney and John Henry Blakeney, Abbert, in contemplation of the marriage of his daughter Charlotte Mahon, spinster, 29 June 1813. 1 membrane. Includes legal document pertaining to same. 2 items
- Ms 47,929 / 12** 1822  
Draft deeds of appointment for £3,000, Sir Ross Mahon to Maria Elizabeth Mahon, 26 February 1822. Consists of two large draft coppies of 'the proportions in which Mrs Cator and Mrs Blakeney's portions are charged.' 2 items
- Ms 47,929 / 13** 1822  
Deed of appointment, Sir Ross Mahon, 1st Part, The Right Hon. Denis Browne and the Right Hon. William Vesey Fitzgerald, 2nd part, 26 February 1822. A very large velum parchment. 4 membranes
- Ms 47,929 / 14** 1822  
Deed of appointment, Sir Ross Mahon, The Right Hon. Denis Browne and the Right Hon. William Vesey Fitzgerald to Maria Elizabeth Mahon, 28 February 1822. Six full parchments outlining Sir Ross



Mahon's legal provisions regarding, inheritance and the financial maintenance of his extended family from the income generated by his estate. A very large velum parchment. 6 membranes

- Ms 47,929 / 15** 1822  
Deed of attornment, Ross Mahon, Castlegar and George Mahon, Mount Pleasant, Mayo, 12 March 1822. 2 pp.
- Ms 47,929 / 16** 1823  
Deed of annuity, Sir Ross Mahon and John Leslie Foster, £300 to Lady Mary Mahon, 11 January 1823. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,929 / 17** 1823  
Assignment of judgement, His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam to John Galway, Summer Hill, Dublin, 29 September, 1823. Confirmation of £377 paid by John Galway, Summer Hill, Dublin to the Archbishop of Tuam, arising from a judgement against Sir Ross Mahon in the Court of Common Pleas for £579 in 1821. With notes and copy of original bond attached. 4 items
- Ms 47,929 / 18** 1825  
Reconveyance for £1,000, George Mahon, Mount Pleasant, County Mayo to Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar, 4 January 1825. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,930 / 1** 1828  
Memorandum of agreement, Sir Ross Mahon, Castlegar, Charles Glynn, Ormond Quay, Reverend Rawdon Griffith Greene, Stillorgan, 29 January 1828. Memorandum of agreement on debt accrued by Charles Glynn and Owen Ryan, merchants, Dublin. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,930 / 2** 1829  
A bond of indemnity for the sum of £2,000, the Earl of Clancarty and Reverend William Le Poer Tranch to the Reverend Richard Wynne and Sir Ross Mahon, 19 May 1829. 2 membranes
- Ms 47,930 / 3** 1829  
Release from Judgement, George Mahon, Westport, to Ross Mahon, Release, 2 October 1829. A release from a judgement passed against Ross Mahon for eight thousand five hundred pounds, passed in 1825, 'Thomas Mannion's acres in Clonbannif.' 1 item
- Ms 47,930 / 4** 1833  
Assignment of charge of £3,000, Annesley Knox, in the first part, Sir Ross Mahon, in the second part and George Mahon, in the third part, 18 February 1833. Original parchment document, 2 membranes

- Ms 47,930 / 5** 1833  
Assignment of Charge of £3,000, Maria Elizabeth Mahon, Clareville, Dublin to George Mahon, Westport and Charles Filgate, Ahascragh, 11 July 1833. 2 membranes
- Ms 47,930 / 6** 1834  
Draft of an assignment of £3,950, Sir Ross Mahon, George Mahon, Westport, Reverend Purdon, 'in trust for the benefit of children', February 1834. 10 pp.
- Ms 47,930 / 7** 1835  
Deed of covenant for £5,000, Right Honourable William Baron Fitzgerald and Vesce, in the first part, and the Honourable John Leslie Foster and Ross Mahon, in the second part, 15 May 1835. 2 membranes
- Ms 47,930 / 8** 1842  
Deed of assignment of £808, part of the fortune of Miss Catherine G. Mahon; Ms. C.G. Mahon, in the first part, The Hon. Dame Mary Mahon, in the second part, and the Rev. William Purdon in the third part and Peter Browne and Sir James Ross Mahon in the fourth part, 31 May 1842. 4 pp.
- Ms 47,930 / 9** 1843  
Deed of appointment, The Hon. Dame Mary Geraldine Mahon, widow, to Leticia Anne Mahon, spinster, of £387; part of £6,051, 1 August 1843. 2 membranes
- Ms 47,930 / 10** 1843-1844  
Financial report of the receipts and payments of Edward Cane and John Laurens Bicknell jointly and by the said Edward Cane 'since the decease of his co-executioner in respect of the personal estate in Ireland of the later Right Honourable Lord Fitzgerald and Vesce, 1843-44.' Very large and detailed ledger of accounts for the deceased, undated. Contains details of major financial transactions over a long period. Consists of pages 31-49 only. 18 pp.
- Ms 47,930 / 11** 1844  
'Statement of Title' of the Honourable Mrs Foster to her Jointure of £923 charged on Louth and Kerry estates and queries therein, 14 February 1844. 64 pp.
- Ms 47,930 / 12** 1844  
Assignment of annuity of £161 in trust to pay on loan of £1,400 and £1,000, William V.L. Foster, Louth, James L. Foster, Eccles St, Dublin, L.G.L Foster, Spinster, Eccles St, Dublin, John Ross Mahon, Stephens Green, Dublin, John Hoare, Dame St, Dublin, by James Mahon and

Leticia Foster, 11 October 1844. 4 pp.

- Ms 47,930 / 13** 1845  
Deed of assignment for sum of £773 (portion of policy of insurance); The Hon. Dame Mary Lady Mahon, widow, to Henrietta L. Mahon, Spinster, December 1845. (two draft Copies). Also includes: Deed of assignment for sum of £387; the Hon. Dame Mary Lady Mahon, widow, to Henrietta L. Mahon, Spinster, 4 December 1845; memorial of deed of appointment; the Hon. Dame Mary Lady Mahon, widow, to Henrietta L. Mahon, Spinster, 4 December 1845. 4 items
- Ms 47,930 / 14** 1845  
Deed of appointment of £387, the Honourable Dame Mary Geraldine Mahon, Widow, to Henrietta Louisa Mahon, Spinster, 4 December 1845. 2 membranes
- Ms 47,930 / 15** 1849  
Deed of trust between Sir James F.R. Mahon, on the first part, and Reverend William V.R. Mahon, on the second part, and Reverend R.G. Greene, on the third part, on his Irish estates, 3 April 1849. 23 pp.
- Ms 47,930 / 16** 1851  
Draft deed of assignment in trust, between Reverend William Purdon, Lancaster, to Reverend William V. R. Mahon and John Mahon, Rawmarsh, 1851. 19 pp.
- Ms 47,930 / 17** 1874  
Surrender of lease for lands in County Galway; John D.F.R Mahon, Ballydonnellon Castle, County Galway, Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon, Castlegar, of the second part, John Gilbert King, Ballylin, King's County and Charles Filgate, Arthurstown, County Louth, of the third part, 25 June 1874. Original parchment, referring to a previous lease, dated 12 August 1823. 1 membrane
- Ms 47,930 / 18** 1920, 1924  
An insurance policy covering stock and outhouses on the estate at Castlegar held with the Royal Exchange Assurance Company, 29 September 1920. 1 p. An insurance policy for a rifle belonging to Sir William Henry Mahon, dated 1924. Includes some correspondence pertaining to same. 6 items

## II.xiv. Household and Family Accounts

The Mahon family were financially cautious with the revenues generated by their estate. Members of the family kept meticulous records of their personal spending for many generations and there are a large amount of annual personal accounts, along with receipts and expenditure contained in the collection, some of which have been collated into monthly and annual bundles. There are also a large number of pocket books detailing personal spending, along with receipts pertaining to the children of Sir William Mahon and Lady Edith Augusta Mahon. For some periods, receipts have been meticulously collated and annual returns calculated, however, for other years, bound ledgers with annual accounts exist.

### II.xiv.1. Household and personal expenditure

- Ms 47,931**            1787-1805  
Bills, loose accounts and itemised lists of personal expenditure compiled by Lady Anne Mahon, *d.* 1815, who was mother of the first Sir Ross Mahon. Lady Mahon itemised lists of her expenditure and these are preserved along with sundry bills and receipts for personal spending.
- / 1                    Personal receipts and expenditure, 1787-95. 10 items
- / 2-3                 Personal receipts and expenditure, 1793-96. 2 folders, 65 items
- / 4-5                 Personal receipts and expenditure, 1804-05. 2 folders, 55 items
- Ms 47,932**            1795-1833  
Annual personal expenditure of Sir Ross Mahon, *d.* 1835, for the years 1795-1810. Consists of a series of bills, small and loose accounts for personal items, such as clothes and newspapers, along with cheques, bills, etc. Some household bills are included pertaining to luxury items, such as furniture and fittings but most of these receipts pertain to personal spending.
- / 1                    Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1795-98. 80 items
- / 2                    Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1800. 20 items
- / 3                    Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1801. 35 items
- / 4                    Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1802. 40 items
- / 5                    Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1803. 38 items

- / 6** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1804. 35 items
- / 7** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1805. 40 items
- / 8** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1806. 35 items
- / 9** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1807. 35 items
- Ms 47,933 / 1** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1808. 55 items
- / 2-3** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1809. 2 folders, 75 items
- / 4-6** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1810. 3 folders, 90 items
- / 7-9** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1811. 3 folders, 105 items
- / 10-14** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1812. 5 folders, 140 items
- Ms 47,934 / 1-3** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1813. 3 folders, 55 items
- / 4-6** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1814. 3 folders, 65 items
- / 7-9** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1815. 3 folders, 40 items
- / 10-13** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1816. 4 folders, 68 items
- / 14-17** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1817. 4 folders, 85 items
- / 18-21** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1818. 4 folders, 70 items
- Ms 47,935 / 1-6** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1819. 6 folders, 95 items
- / 7-10** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1820. 4 folders, 65 items

- / 11-15** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1821. 5 folders, 75 items
- / 16-20** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1822. 5 folders, 75 items
- Ms 47,936 / 1-5** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1823. 5 folders, 90 items
- / 6-9** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1824. 4 folders, 105 items
- / 10-13** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1825. 4 folders, 140 items
- / 14-18** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1826. 5 folders, 20 items
- Ms 47,937 / 1-8** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1827. 8 folders, 105 items
- / 9-15** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1828. 7 folders, 100 items
- / 16-20** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1829. 5 folders, 88 items
- Ms 47,938 / 1-3** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1830. 3 folders, 55 items
- / 4-6** Annual personal expenditure; receipts and small bills, 1831. 3 folders, 50 items
- / 7-9** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1832. 3 folders, 55 items
- / 10-12** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1833. 3 folders, 60 items
- Ms 47,939** 1833-1840  
Receipts and small bills compiled by Sir Ross Mahon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet, 1811-1842. Sir Ross Mahon assumed the title from his brother for only six years until his death in 1841. This material relates to all aspects of personal and family expenditure.

- / 1 Annual personal accounts: receipts and small bills, 1833. 30 items
- / 2 Annual personal accounts: receipts and small bills, 1834-1835. 65 items
- / 3 Annual personal accounts: receipts and small bills, 1836. 55 items
- / 4 Annual personal accounts: receipts and small bills, 1837. 40 items
- / 5 Annual personal accounts: receipts and small bills, 1838. 35 items
- / 6-7 Annual personal accounts: receipts and small bills, 1839-1840. 2 folders, 85 items
- Ms 47,940** 1889-1893  
 Receipts and small bills compiled by Reverend Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon, *d.* 1893, who was rector at Rawmarsh, Yorkshire. Consists of standard household expenses such as food and utilities, along with a large number of bills for building and renovation work. Most of these receipts are of a very routine nature.
- / 1-2 Annual household expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1889. 2 folders, 40 items
- / 3-4 Annual household expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1890. 2 folders, 70 items
- / 5-6 Annual household expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1891. 2 folders, 60 items
- / 7-8 Annual household expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1892. 2 folders, 75 items
- / 9-10 Annual household expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1893. 2 folders, 85 items
- Ms 47,941** 1891-1895  
 Receipts and small bills compiled by Lady Jane Mahon, *d.* 1895, who was the wife of Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon, who lived at Rawmarsh, Yorkshire. Consists mostly of bills and receipts for clothing, various luxury items and general accoutrements.
- / 1 Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1891. 18 items
- / 2 Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1892. 45 items
- / 3 Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1893. 55 items

- / 4-5** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1894. 2 folders, 60 items
- / 6** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1895. 55 items
- Ms 47,942** 1903-1906  
 These receipts and small bills were compiled by Sir William Henry Mahon, *d.* 1926, who moved to Castlegar in 1902 following the conclusion of the Boer War. Consists mainly of personal expenses, clothing bills, and expenditure connected to his passion for shooting and travelling. There are very little household or domestic accounts contained amongst these papers.
- / 1-4** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills 1903. 4 folders, 210 items
- / 5-6** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1904. 2 folders, 45 items
- / 7-9** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1905. 3 folders, 75 items
- / 10-11** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1906. 2 folders, 40 items
- Ms 47,943 / 1-3** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1907. 3 folders, 60 items
- / 4-6** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1908. 3 folders, 60 items
- / 6-9** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1909. 3 folders, 90 items
- / 10-12** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1910. 3 folders, 90 items
- / 13-14** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1911. 2 folders, 45 items
- / 15-17** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1912. 3 folders, 80 items
- Ms 47,944 / 1-4** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1913. 4 folders, 115 items
- / 5-8** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1914. 4 folders, 95 items
- / 9** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1915. 55 items
- / 10** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1916. 75 items
- / 11-13** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1917. 3 folders, 80 items
- / 14-18** Annual expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1918-1926. 5 folders, 135



items

**Ms 47,945**

1905-1912

These receipts and small bills were compiled by Lady Edith Augusta Mahon *d.* 1964, and Sir William Henry Mahon *d.* 1926, and relate to the family's expenses at Castlegar. Consists of standard household expenses such as food, utilities, clothing, groceries, children's expenses, etc. These receipts have been meticulously collected and bound chronologically. Total expenditure for each period has also been calculated on all of these bundles, on a monthly, quarterly and yearly basis.

- / 1 Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1905. 50 items
- / 2 Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1906. 70 items
- / 3 Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1907. 65 items
- / 4 Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1908. 70 items
- / 5 Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1909. 75 items
- / 6 Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1910. 80 items
- / 7-8 Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1911. 2 folders, 80 items
- / 9 Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1912. 50 items

**Ms 47,946**

1913-1918

These receipts were compiled by Lady Edith Augusta Mahon, *d.* 1964, and relate to the families expenses at Castlegar. Consists of standard household expenses such as food, utilities, clothing, groceries, children's expenses, etc. These accounts have annual totals for expenditure collated only, rather than quarterly or monthly calculations;

- / 1-4 Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1913. 4 folders, 180 items
- / 5-8 Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1914. 4 folders, 150 items
- / 9-16 Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1915. 8 folders, 260 items

- / 17-20** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1916. 4 folders, 155 items
- / 21-22** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1918. 2 folders, 65 items
- Ms 47,947** 1923-1957  
These receipts were compiled by Lady Edith Augusta Mahon, *d.* 1964, and relate to the families expenses at Castlegar. Consists of standard household expenses such as food, utilities, clothing, groceries, children's expenses, etc. These accounts have not been calculated or collated and consist simply of unsorted receipts.
- / 1-2** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1923. 2 folders, 52 items
- / 3-8** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1924. 6 folders, 125 items
- / 9-12** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1925. 4 folders, 85 items
- Ms 47,948 / 1-2** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1926. 2 folders, 45 items
- / 3-4** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1927. 2 folders, 55 items
- / 5-6** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1928. 2 folders, 35 items
- / 7-8** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1929. 2 folders, 40 items
- / 9** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1930. 1 folders, 45 items
- Ms 47,949 / 1-2** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1931. 2 folders, 50 items
- / 3-4** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1932. 2 folders, 45 items
- / 5-6** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1933. 2 folders, 60 items

- / 7-8** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1934. 2 folders, 55 items
- / 9-10** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1936. 2 folders, 48 items
- / 11-12** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1937. 2 folders, 52 items
- Ms 47,950 / 1-3** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1938. 3 folders, 80 items
- / 4-6** Annual household expenditure; receipts and expenses, 1939. 3 folders, 82 items
- / 7-9** Annual household expenditure; receipts and expenses, 1940. 3 folders, 85 items
- / 10-12** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1941. 3 folders, 78 items
- / 13-15** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1942. 3 folders, 75 items
- / 16-17** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1943. 2 folders, 52 items
- / 18-23** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1944. 6 folders, 118 items
- Ms 47,951 / 1-3** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1945. 3 folders, 80 items
- / 4-5** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1946. 2 folders, 50 items
- / 6-7** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1947. 2 folders, 40 items
- / 8-9** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1948. 2 folders, 45 items
- / 10-11** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1949. 2 folders, 52 items
- / 12-13** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1951. 2 folders,

- 50 items
- / 14-15** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1952. 2 folders, 38 items
- / 16-17** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1953. 2 folders, 48 items
- / 18-19** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1954. 2 folders, 55 items
- / 20-21** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1955. 2 folders, 47 items
- / 22-23** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1956. 2 folders, 60 items
- / 24-25** Annual household expenditure: receipts and expenses, 1957. 2 folders, 55 items
- Ms 47,952** 1905-1955  
 Personal expenditure of Lady Edith Augusta Mahon, *d.* 1964, for the years, 1905-1915. Most of these receipts and bills are for personal spending on clothes, various fancy goods and luxury items. There are some children's and other bills but most accounts are from boutiques in London and Dublin. There are no receipts for the year 1907.
- / 1-3** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1905. 3 folder, 85 items
- / 4-9** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1906. 6 folders, 200 items
- / 10-11** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1908. 2 folder, 50 items
- / 12-13** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1909. 2 folders, 45 items
- / 14-15** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1910. 2 folders, 50 items
- Ms 47,953 / 1-2** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1911. 2 folders, 55 items
- / 3-4** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1912. 2 folders,

- 60 items
- / 5-7** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1913. 3 folder, 75 items
- / 8-10** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1914. 3 folders, 60 items
- / 11-13** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1915. 3 folders, 60 items
- Ms 47,954** 1930-1931, 1935-1957  
Annual personal expenditure of Lady Edith Augusta Mahon, *d.* 1964. Most of these receipts and bills are for personal spending on clothes and other luxury items from stores on Dublin and London. There are some children's and other bills and some gaps in the material, with no records for a number of years.
- / 1** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1930. 40 items
- / 2** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1931. 55 items
- / 3** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1935. 45 items
- / 4** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1936. 48 items
- / 5** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1937. 55 items
- / 6** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1940. 30 items
- / 7** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1941. 45 items
- / 8** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1943. 50 items
- / 9** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1946. 35 items
- / 10** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1947. 40 items
- / 11** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1948. 45 items
- / 12** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1949. 50 items
- / 13** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1951. 55 items
- / 14** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1952. 40 items

- / 15** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1953. 40 items
- / 16** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1954. 38 items
- / 17** Annual personal expenditure: receipts and small bills, 1955-1957. 35 items
- Ms 47,955** 1949-1956  
These receipts were compiled by Sir George Mahon, *d.* 1987, and relate mainly to his travelling and business expenses. There are some bills and accounts pertaining to his family and Lady Mahon, but most pertain to Sir Mahon himself and were mainly generated whilst travelling in England.
- / 1** Sir George Mahon: personal expenditure, 1949. 40 items
- / 2-3** Sir George Mahon: personal expenditure, 1952. 2 folders, 55 items
- / 4-5** Sir George Mahon: personal expenditure, 1953. 2 folders, 60 items
- / 6-7** Sir George Mahon: personal expenditure, 1954. 2 folders, 45 items
- / 8-11** Sir George Mahon: personal expenditure, 1955. 4 folders, 75 items
- / 12-15** Sir George Mahon: personal expenditure, 1956. 4 folders, 80 items

#### **II.xiv.2. Pocketbooks of personal accounts**

- Ms 47,956 / 1** 1888-1899  
Personal account books of Sir W. H. Mahon with small entries only, noting personal accounts, includes details of cheques paid, etc.  
Notebooks covering the following periods: 1888-1889; 1891-1895; 1895-1899; 1898-1899. 2 folders, 5 items
- Ms 47,956 / 2** 1906-1908, 1913  
Two notebooks with small entries only noting purchases bought by W.H. Mahon for the cellar at Castlegar house. Includes entries on spirits, wines and liquors. 2 items
- Ms 47,956 / 3** 1911-1933  
A series of small account books belonging to Lady Edith Augusta Mahon with small entries only covering all aspects of personal spending. Periods covered are 1911-1915; 1915-1920; 1921-1927; 1916-1929; 1927-1933. 5 items

- Ms 47,956 / 4** 1913-1921  
A well maintained pocket book belonging to W.H. Mahon with small entries only, noting wages paid to workers and contracts for work on the estate at Castlegar. 85 pp.
- Ms 47,956 / 5** 1926-1937  
Notebook of spending on the account of the deceased Sir W.H. Mahon, 1926-1932. Includes logs of spending of the late William Mahon's account until his estate was resolved. 40 pp.
- Ms 47,956 / 6** 1932, 1939  
Personal account books of Sir George Mahon with small entries only, noting personal accounts, includes details of cheques paid, etc for the years 1932 and 1939. 2 items
- Ms 47,956 / 7** c.1930  
Five undated notebooks with brief entries on household spending. Only a few pages per notebook have been filed in. 5 items

### **II.xiv.3. Educational expenses**

- Ms 47,957** 1923-1936  
Material pertaining to school expenses for Sir George Mahon, who attended Wixenford College, Wokingham, before schooling at Eton in 1924. He went on to attend Trinity College Cambridge in 1936. His school expenses and various documents pertaining to his education are catalogued annually. This material consists of bills and accounts for standard expenses.
- / 1** Education expenses: Wixenford school, 1923. 40 items
- / 2** Education expenses: Wixenford school, 1924. 25 items
- / 3** Education expenses: Eton school, 1924/1925. 50 items
- / 4** Education expenses: Eton school, 1926/1927. 50 items
- / 5** Education expenses: Eton school, 1928. 50 items
- / 6** Education expenses: Eton school, 1929. 40 items
- / 7** Education expenses: Eton school, 1930-31. 55 items
- / 8** Education expenses; Eton school, 1932. 45 items

- / 9** Education expenses: Eton school, 1933. 50 items
- / 10** Education expenses: Eton school, 1934. 55 items
- / 11** Education expenses: Trinity College, Cambridge, 1936. 5 items

#### **II.xiv.4. Travel and holiday expenses**

- Ms 47,958 / 1-7** 1909-1919  
A collection of hotel bills and travelling expenses for stays in London hotels by Sir William Mahon and Lady Mahon. Includes hotel bills, travel tickets, etc. Material has been sub-divided into separate folders pertaining to separate trips. 7 folders, c. 200 items
- Ms 47,958 / 8** 1924  
A collection of small bills, receipts and sundry costs for a trip to England and Scotland by George Mahon in 1924. Consists of hotel bills, travel expenses, etc. 30 items
- Ms 47,958 / 9** 1925  
Expenses, small bills and accounting pertaining to a holiday in Dublin by Lady Mahon in 1925. Consist of small bills for travel, food, hotel, and other sundry goods. 45 items
- Ms 47,958 / 10** 1930  
A collection of receipts, bills and small accounts for a trip by Lady Mahon to Belgium in 1930. Consists mostly of hotel, travel and other expenses. 35 items
- Ms 47,958 / 11-12** 1931  
A collection of loose and small accounts, bills and receipts generated by Lady Mahon and her son George, on their trip to Germany in 1931. Consists mostly of hotel, travel and other expenses. 2 folders, 55 items

#### **II.xiv.5. Miscellaneous small bills and receipts**

- Ms 47,959 / 1** 1819  
A collection of bills and small accounts pertaining to the cost of Sir Ross Mahon's patent of baronetcy in May 1819. Consist of sundry bills and correspondence. 8 items
- Ms 47,959 / 2** 1826-1827  
A collection of accounts pertaining to Sir Ross Mahon and Dublin merchants, Eoin Ryan and Charles Glynn, for the years 1826 and 1827.



- Consists of various ledgers and sundry correspondence. 20 items
- Ms 47,959 / 3** 1828  
A set of accounts, along with some receipts and loose bills for the schoolhouse on the Mahon estate supported by Sir Ross Mahon. Compiled by Timothy Glynn, the accounts are entered in a standard spreadsheet. 15 items
- Ms 47,959 / 4** 1896  
A collection of small bills and loose accounts for ammunition and the construction of a shooting hut at Castlegar by Sir William Henry Mahon in 1896. 18 items
- Ms 47,959 / 5-7** 1898-1906  
A collection of loose bills and small accounts pertaining to William Henry Mahon's shooting and fishing expenses. Includes bills pertaining to guns ammunition, dogs, fishing rods, etc. 3 folders, 80 items
- Ms 47,959 / 8-11** 1901-1919, 1934-1940  
A collection of miscellaneous small and loose bills generated by the family over a twenty year period. Consists mostly of standard household expenses, food and travel. 4 folders, c.200 items
- Ms 47,959 / 12** 1921, 1924  
A collection of loose bills and miscellaneous expenses relating to the family's medical expenses for the year 1921. Includes visits to the dentist and various doctors and most related to Sir William Henry Mahon. 45 items
- Ms 47,959 / 13** 1925  
A collection of small bills and loose accounts for luxury food bought in Dublin and London in 1925. Also contains some bills for coal. 35 items
- Ms 47,959 / 14** 1926-1928  
A collection of small and loose bills for the family's domestic expenses, including food and sundry goods from Findlater's grocers, Dublin. c.150 items
- Ms 47,959 / 15** 1926-1932  
A well maintained ledger book with small entries noting the Mahon children's expenditure. Includes entries for Luke and George on a monthly and annual basis.  
40 pp.
- Ms 47,959 / 16** 1931-1936

A collection of bank deposit receipts for sums lodged at Lloyds bank at Eton, Buckinghamshire, England. This money was deposited for George Mahon's education by his parents. Some medical bills and sundry expenses are also included. 28 items

**Ms 47,959 / 17**

1932-1955

A collection of loose receipts and bills for freight costs to and from Ballinasloe and Dublin from 1932 until 1955. Most relate to train charges, as well as bills for carriages from Ballinasloe. 25 items

## **II.xv. Household maintenance and utilities**

There were two big houses on the Castlegar estate: Castlegar house and Weston house. The extended Mahon family generally lived at Weston house, including unmarried brothers and sisters, with Sir Mahon and his family living a short distance away at Castlegar. Castlegar, the grander of the two houses, underwent major renovation work, carried out by Sir Richard Morrison between 1803 and 1809 and the furnishings in the new house were designed by the prestigious firm of Gillows, Lancashire. There were also a number of cottages and glebe houses on the estate, where the head steward and other important figures in the life of the estate lived. The majority of the material pertains to Castlegar including accounts relating to the maintenance of the house and its furnishing.

### **II.xv.1. Renovation and maintenance work**

- Ms 47,960 / 1** c.1800  
Price list of furnishings at Castlegar house, early 1800's. A rough list of furnishings in each room along with an estimated cost for various items. Probably drawn up in advance of the refurbishment of the house. 1 p.
- Ms 47,960 / 2-3** 1803-1809  
Sketches, plans and drawings pertaining to the renovation of Castlegar House, 1809. A large collection of plans, sketches, and architectural drawings relating to all aspects of the renovation including floor plans, furnishings, etc. Many are in colour with professional detail. 2 folders, 43 items
- Ms 47,960 / 4-8** 1803-1809  
Estimates, bills, accounts and correspondence regarding the renovation of Castlegar house, 1803-1808. Consists of a large collection of estimates for extensive renovation work carried out on the house, along with detailed bills for labour, materials and sundry work. 5 folders, 85 items
- Ms 47,960 / 9** 1807  
Material pertaining to the plastering of the renovated Castlegar house, including the original round room colours, along with an itemised account and correspondence from James Talbot, who carried out the work. 5 items
- Ms 47,960 / 10** 1809  
A collection of letters from Robert Gillow, son of the founder of the Lancaster based Gillows high status furniture company, regarding the renovation of Castlegar and the design of new furniture. Also includes

- lists and prices of furniture, along with estimates and so on. 19 items
- Ms 47,960 / 11** 1819  
An inventory of furniture at Castlegar house, 1819, as renovation work was being completed. Consists of various lists and inventories of furniture, plate, silver, bedding and sundry items, taken from Castlegar to Bray Lodge, Killiney, County Dublin in 1819. 9 items
- Ms 47,960 / 12** 1835  
Insurance policy for Castlegar house, 1835. Consists of an insurance certificate dated Michaelmas Day 1836, insuring the property and outbuildings for £5,000 fire insurance with the Globe Insurance company. 1 p.
- Ms 47,960 / 13** 1904  
A small number of bills and accounts for repair work to Castlegar House in 1904. Includes small bills, receipts and a small amount of correspondence. 10 items
- Ms 47,961 / 1** 1913  
A collection of correspondence to Lady Mahon regarding the Abbeylands property in Killiney, County Dublin. Topics include drainage, furnishings and the cost and arrangement for the purchase of the house along with renovation work and engineers surveys which were required. Some bills and receipts for said items are also included. 23 items
- Ms 47,961 / 2** 1916  
Correspondence, sketches and documents pertaining to marble tablets and a limestone cross, including family coat of arms, commissioned by the family for the Church at Ahascragh, 1916. A collection of correspondence regarding marble engravings and headstones purchased for the Church at Ahascragh. Includes a photographs of a tablet to Valentine Charles Joseph Blake killed in France January 1916 and a tablet to William Vesey Ross Mahon dated 1914. 20 items
- Ms 47,962** 1925-1937  
Small bills, receipts and accounts for repairs and maintenance to Castlegar house, 1925-1937. Consists of standard expenses such as plumping, ironwork, electrical bills, etc. These accounts pertain to maintenance only.
- / 1** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1925. 25 items
- / 2** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1926. 23 items

- / 3** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1927. 20 items
- / 4** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1928. 30 items
- / 5** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1929. 15 items
- / 6** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1930. 20 items
- / 7** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1931. 22 items
- / 8** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1932. 15 items
- / 9** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1933. 20 items
- / 10** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1934. 21 items
- / 11** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1935. 20 items
- / 12** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1936. 18 items
- / 13** Accounts for maintenance and repairs, 1937. 19 items
- Ms 47,963 / 14** 1913  
A collection of bills, small accounts and sundry correspondence pertaining to building work carried out on Weston house in 1913. 18 items
- Ms 47,963 / 15** 1925  
A collection of small bills and accounts for engineering work carried out by Hornsby Brothers, Engineering Company at Castlegar during 1925. 4 items
- Ms 47,963 / 16** 1927-1939  
Small bills, receipts and accounts for repairs and maintenance to Weston house, 1927-1939. Consists of standard expenses such as plumping, ironwork, electrical bills, etc. 30 items
- Ms 47,963 / 17-19** 1928-1930  
Bills, receipts and small accounts for maintenance work carried out around the house and estate by the firm of Abbots for the period 1928 to 1930. Consists of small bills, lists of work carried out, labour bills and wages for local people who were employed. 3 folders, 65 items
- Ms 47,963 / 20** 1953-1954  
Collection of small bills and accounts for furnishing for the years 1953 and 1954. Consists of a collection of receipts and accounts for carpets,

furnishing and sundry items during a refurbishment of the family's Dublin home in Dundrum. There are a small amount of items pertaining to Castlegar. 45 items

## **II.xv.2. Ledgers of household accounts and utilities**

- Ms 47,964 / 1** 1903-1937  
Annual ledger for household electricity expenses. Large ledger containing brief entries for the period 1903-1937 at Castlegar. Small annual calculations are compiled only. 120 pp.
- Ms 47,964 / 2** 1903-1942  
Annual garden account ledger for the years 1903-1942. Hardback ledger with expenditure logged over a thirty year period. Contains small entries only but is meticulously maintained. 150 pp.
- Ms 47,964 / 3** 1910-1937  
Annual ledger for motoring expenses. Large ledger containing brief entries for the period 1910 to 1937. Contains small annual calculations only for the car at Castlegar. 80 pp.
- Ms 47,964 / 4** 1915-1917  
Annual ledger for kitchen expenses on food and sundry goods, for the period April 1915 until November 1917. Contains a large amount of weekly entries listing all food and sundry goods purchased and at what costs for the kitchen at Castlegar. c. 200 pp.
- Ms 47,964 / 5** 1917-1923  
Two contract books for work carried out at Castlegar in the period 1917 until 1923. A detailed ledger of work carried out and monies paid to various labourers, craftsmen, etc, for repairs and other work carried on at the house. 2 items, 40 pp.
- Ms 47,964 / 6** 1919-1943  
Annual ledger of household expenses at Castlegar for the period 1919 until 1943. A meticulously kept record of quarterly and annual expenses for all household requisites. Includes a comparison of annual expenditure for the period at the end of the ledger. 120 pp.

## **II.xv.3. Electricity bills**

- Ms 47,965** 1915-1937  
A collection of receipts, correspondence and other material relating to household electricity bills and sundry material at Castlegar, compiled

by Lady Edith Augusta Mahon.

- / 1 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1915. 25 items
- / 2 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1923. 30 items
- / 3 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1924. 20 items
- / 4 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1925. 20 items
- / 5 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1926. 25 items
- / 6 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1927. 30 items
- / 7 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1928. 20 items
- / 8 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1929. 18 items
- / 9 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1930. 22 items
- / 10 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1931. 30 items
- / 11 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1932. 25 items
- / 12 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1933. 20 items
- / 13 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1934. 30 items
- / 14 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1935. 20 items
- / 15 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1936. 18 items
- / 16 Household electricity bills and sundry material, 1937. 19 items

#### **II.xv.4. Fuel expenses**

- Ms 47,966** 1923-1931  
A collection of bills, receipts and accounts for coal, turf and logs. Includes bills for labourers felling of timber and cutting of turf, along with standard small accounts. Compiled by Lady Edith Augusta Mahon.
- / 1 Fuel expenses and sundry material, 1923. 18 items
  - / 2 Fuel expenses and sundry material, 1924. 12 items

- / 3 Fuel expenses and sundry material, 1925. 15 items
- / 4 Fuel expenses and sundry material, 1926. 13 items
- / 5 Fuel expenses and sundry material, 1927. 15 items
- / 6 Fuel expenses and sundry material, 1928. 10 items
- / 7 Fuel expenses and sundry material, 1929. 15 items
- / 8 Fuel expenses and sundry material, 1930. 15 items
- / 9 Fuel expenses and sundry material, 1931. 10 items

#### **II.xv.5. Servants' wages**

- Ms 47,967 / 1** 1903-1906  
Ledger of household accounts, including sundry utilities, requisites, expenses and servants wages. Small entries only for the period with summary calculations of various expenses included. 40 pp.
- Ms 47,967 / 2-3** 1911-1949  
Two account ledgers for servants' wages along with household requisites from the period from August 1911 until December 1925 at Castlegar. Lists details of monthly wages for domestic staff along with household requisites and bills. 2 items, 220 pp. 2 folders

#### **II.xv.6. Motoring expenses**

- Ms 47,968** 1915-1937  
A collection of receipts, correspondence and other material relating to motor tax, petrol expenses, car maintenance, car insurance, etc. These were compiled by Lady Edith Augusta Mahon.
- / 1 Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1915. 40 items
- / 2 Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1923. 30 items
- / 3 Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1924. 40 items
- / 4 Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1926. 10 items
- / 5 Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1927. 10 items



- / 6                    Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1928. 10 items
- / 7                    Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1929. 15 items
- / 8                    Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1930. 15 items
- / 9                    Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1931. 20 items
- / 10                   Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1932. 30 items
- / 11                   Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1933. 40 items
- / 12                   Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1934. 40 items
- / 13                   Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1935. 35 items
- / 14                   Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1936. 30 items
- / 15                   Motoring expenses and sundry material, 1937. 15 items

**II.xv.7. Garden accounts**

- Ms 47,969**                    1896-1957  
Lady Mahon was assiduous keeper of records and this extended to her garden at Castlegar. She was an expert gardener and imported seeds, bulbs and other materials from overseas, as well as from around Ireland. There are a large collection of garden accounts, orders, receipts, correspondence regarding horticultural material, etc, contained in the archive covering the years 1915 to 1957.
- / 1                    Annual receipts for the years 1896-1898. 23 items
  - / 2-3                   Annual receipts for the year 1915. 2 folders, 55 items
  - / 4                    Annual receipts for the year 1923. 15 items
  - / 5                    Annual receipts for the year 1924. 20 items
  - / 6                    Annual receipts for the year 1925. 30 items
  - / 7                    Annual receipts for the year 1926. 35 items
  - / 8-9                   Annual receipts for the year 1927. 2 folders, 58 items

- / 10** Annual receipts for the year 1928. 30 items
- / 11** Annual receipts for the year 1929. 25 items
- / 12** Annual receipts for the year 1930. 20 items
- / 13** Annual receipts for the year 1931. 15 items
- / 14** Annual receipts for the year 1932. 18 items
- / 15** Annual receipts for the year 1933. 40 items
- / 16** Annual receipts for the year 1934. 30 items
- / 17** Annual receipts for the year 1935. 35 items
- / 18** Annual receipts for the year 1936. 25 items
- / 19** Annual receipts for the year 1938. 50 items
- / 20** Annual receipts for the year 1939. 30 items
- / 21** Annual receipts for the years 1940-1942. 50 items
- / 22** Annual receipts for the years 1950-1957. 60 items