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This collection contains letters, maps and architectural plans of the estates of the Dukes of Leinster and twenty-one notebooks of the history of the FitzGeralds written by the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Dukes, Augustus Frederick and Charles FitzGerald, during the nineteenth century. The collection encompasses the years 1710-1879.

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## Introduction

The title the Duke of Leinster (the only Dukedom in the country) was given to James FitzGerald (1722-1773), the 20<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare, in 1766. The title the Earl of Kildare had been in the FitzGerald family since Edward II rewarded John FitzThomas FitzGerald in 1316 for his services during the invasion by Edward Bruce, brother of Robert Bruce, King of Scotland.

James FitzGerald married Emily Lennox, the second daughter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Richmond, in 1747. With her he had nineteen children, one of whom was Lord Edward FitzGerald who participated in the planning of the 1798 Rebellion but died in prison from wounds sustained during his arrest before the Rebellion had broken out. James FitzGerald's mother Mary was the daughter of William O'Brien, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Inchiquin and with his marriage to Emily he was related to the Foxes, Lennoxs, Bunburys and O'Conollys. James Fitzgerald's son William succeeded his father in 1773 and married the Hon. Emilia Olivia St. George in 1775.

William FitzGerald, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Leinster, was a regular supporter of the Whig opposition and along with Henry Grattan was involved in the formation of new Whig clubs in Ireland in 1789. Upon his death in 1804, his son Augustus Frederick FitzGerald (1791-1874) became 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke. In 1815 Augustus FitzGerald sold Leinster House in 1815 to the (Royal) Dublin Society and made Carton House his principle residence. In 1818 he married Lady Charlotte Augusta Stanhope, daughter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Harrington. Like his father he was Grand Master of the Freemasons in Ireland and using his influence he was able to end the prohibition of secret societies in Ireland. Also like his father he was a Whig and supported Catholic emancipation but his support for the Union led to divisions with Daniel O'Connell. He was a commissioner of the Board of Education, magistrate and poor law guardian. After the 1870 land act was enacted, 'the Leinster lease' became infamous for its stringency and was burned in 1881 at a Land League meeting at Athy. He was succeeded in 1874 by his son Charles William (1819-1887) as 4<sup>th</sup> Duke.

In 1847 Charles FitzGerald married Lady Caroline Leveson-Gower, daughter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Sutherland. As commissioner for national education 1841-1887, and in accordance with Catholic bishops' demands, he moved the 1866 resolution stating that Catholic children should not attend protestant religious instruction, nor vice versa. His book *The Earls of Kildare and their ancestors from 1057 to 1773* was collected from the historical works in the libraries at Carton and Kilkea, Kildare. On his death his son Gerald (1851-1893) became 5<sup>th</sup> Duke of Leinster.

In 1884 Gerald FitzGerald married Lady Hermione Wilhelmina Duncombe. He had three sons, Maurice, Desmond and Edward. Maurice (1887-1922) succeeded as 6<sup>th</sup> Earl in 1887 but died without having married and his brother Edward (1892-1976) became 7<sup>th</sup> Duke. Not having expecting to inherit, he had sold his rights to Carton to pay his gambling debts. Edward FitzGerald's son Gerald (1914-2004) came to the title amid controversy that his uncle Desmond had not died during the First World War but had faked his death,

emigrated to America and had had a family there. This claim collapsed and Gerald FitzGerald's son Maurice, the present Duke, succeeded his father in 2004.

### **The Papers**

This Duke of Leinster collection is contained in 3 boxes and consists of maps, architectural plans and drawings, and correspondence. The bulk of the collection consists of twenty-one notebooks, nineteen of which were written by Charles FitzGerald (1819-1887), the 4<sup>th</sup> Duke of Leinster, possibly as research notes for his book *The Earls of Kildare*, an account of the House of Kildare from 1057 to 1773. Originally printed for private circulation in 1857, it was published in 1858, with an *Addenda* to it published in 1862 and a *Second Addenda* in 1872. As well as the history of the FitzGerald family, these notebooks detail general Irish history, with political events such as Strongbow's arrival in Ireland, the Rebellion of 'Silken Thomas', the Desmond Rebellions, the Nine Years War, the Flight of the Earls, the 1641 Ulster Rebellion and the 1798 Rebellion, most specifically Lord Edward FitzGerald's part in it, recorded.

The notebooks also hold several quotes or copies of letters and speeches, such as the speech by Silken Thomas aka Thomas FitzGerald, 10<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare, renouncing Henry VIII and a letter written by him soon before he was executed in 1537 and a letter by his brother Gerald FitzGerald, 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare, to Philip II of Spain in 1557. The various homes of the family are also described and their history given. Also included are two notebooks *Memorandums from 1 January 1801 to 31 December 1846* and *Memorandums no. 2* written by Augustus Frederick (1791-1874), 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Leinster, giving a brief account of his life describing his education, travels, family and his homes at Leinster House, Dublin and Carton House, Kildare. The only notebook which does not deal with the FitzGeralds is *O'Cein's Leg, 1871*.

### **Arrangement**

The collection has been arranged into four sections: **I. Notebooks; II. Maps; III. Architectural plans and drawings; IV. Appendix.**

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## I. Notebooks

### I.i. *Genealogical Tables*

**MS 48,172**

Includes genealogical tables for James FitzGerald, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Leinster; his wife Emily Lennox and her second husband, William Ogilvie; a pedigree of the Earls of Kildare from Sir James Ware; a pedigree by Peregrine O'Clery and genealogical tables for: Henry III and Eleanor of Province; Edward I and Eleanor of Castile; Edward I and his second wife, Margaret of France; Richard Neville Earl of Salisbury and Lady Alice Montacute, descendant of Edward I; Thomas, 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; Sir William Carey and Lady Mary Boleyn; Esmé Stewart, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Lennox; Richard Foley of Stourbridge; Walter FitzOtho, Constable of Windsor; Maurice FitzGerald; de Cogan of Cogan Glamorgan[shire]; Sir Henry Wentworth KB; Murtagh O'Brien, King of Ireland; Maurice de Prendergast; and Fleming, father of Robert Fleming of Achonry. Also includes 5 loose pages, three of which are genealogical trees for Maurice, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare and Tudor Mawr, and two are notes on Peregrine O'Clery and Major General James Fleming, Rev. James Fleming and Rev. Robert Spence. Also contains blotting paper.

*7 items*

### I.ii. 1. 910 to 1257

**MS 48,173**

A history of the FitzGerald or Geraldines, from their alleged descent from the Gherardisci [Gherardesca], a noble family of Tuscany, first mentioned in 910 A.D. Other topics mentioned are Otho, a Baron of England and his son Walter FitzOtho; Gerald FitzWalter; his marriage to Nesta, the daughter of Rhys ap Griffith, Prince of South Wales and the marriage of Lafracoth, daughter of Murrough O'Brien, and Arnulph de Montgomery; Maurice FitzGerald; the arrival in Ireland of Richard de Clare (Strongbow) upon Dermot MacMurrough's plea for help against Roderick and the resulting war; Gerald FitzGerald, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron of Offaly; Maurice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron of Offaly; and the origin of the Kildare FitzGerald's war cry of *Crom a boo*. Also briefly mentions Maurice, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron of Offaly; Gerald, father of Maurice, 5<sup>th</sup> Baron and Thomas, father of Thomas, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Kildare.

*1 item*

### I.iii. 2. 1257 to 1523

MS 48,174

Topics include the life of Maurice FitzMaurice, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron of Offaly; Gerald FitzMaurice, 4<sup>th</sup> Baron; Maurice, 5<sup>th</sup> Baron of Offaly; his marriage to Agnes de Valence, a descendent of Dermot MacMurrough; John FitzThomas, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Kildare; the tradition behind the FitzGerald crest of a monkey and the additional motto of *Non immemor beneficii* (not forgetful of benefit); dispute between John and William de Vesci, Lord of Kildare; the travels of John and Richard de Burgh, the Red Earl of Ulster, to Scotland in 1296 with their forces to assist Edward I; the feud between the Geraldines and de Burghs; the invasion of Ireland by Edward Bruce, brother of the King of Scotland; the creation of John as the Earl of Kildare in 1316 by Edward II; Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Kildare; the appointment of the Earl as Lord Justice; the feud between the Geraldines, Butlers and de Burghs and the Poers and de Burghs; Richard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Kildare; Maurice, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; the march against the O'Dempseys; the dissent which followed the royal ordinance that only Englishmen could hold office in Ireland; the arrest and release of the Earl; Gerald, 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; his arrest; the marriage of Lady Joan, his daughter by his wife Margaret, to James, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Ormonde; John, 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; his arrest by Richard Talbot; Thomas, 7<sup>th</sup> Earl; his support of the House of York; his appointment as Lord Deputy to Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York; Gerald, 8<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; the landing in Dublin of the alleged Prince Edward and 2,000 German troops; his subsequently being proclaimed King Edward VI by the Earl and almost all the Lords of the Pale and the resulting battle; the charge against the Earl of his being in correspondence with Perkin Warbeck; the defeat of Perkin Warbeck; the creation of the Earl as Knight of the Garter for his victory in battle; the accession of Henry VIII as King; expedition into Munster in 1510; Gerald's death; Gerald FitzGerald, the 9<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; his appointment as Lord Deputy; his invasion of Co. Wicklow; the Field of Cloth of Gold; the founding of the College of Maynooth; and dissention between the Earl and his brother-in-law, the Earl of Ormonde. Some pages are loose from this notebook.

1 item.

### I.iv. 3. 1524 to 1544

MS 48,175

Continues the history of Gerald FitzGerald, 9<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare from the above notebook. Also details a plan by the Earl to

persuade his nephew O'Neill and his son-in-law O'Connor Faley to invade the Pale and his resulting arrest; his march with O'Carroll against other O'Carrolls and his being wounded; his death of grief at seeing a copy of the excommunication of his son (Silken Thomas) for the murder of the Archbishop of Dublin in 1534; his marriages firstly to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Zouch, and secondly, to Lady Elizabeth Grey; the succession of Thomas FitzGerald, 10<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare (Silken Thomas); the origin of his name 'Silken Thomas'; his ride to St. Mary's Abbey in Dublin and his speech in which he calls Henry VIII his foe; the murder of the Archbishop Allen in 1534; the Rebellion and Henry VIII's response to it; the surrender and execution of Silken Thomas and five other Geraldines, including three of his uncles, Sir James, Walter and Richard FitzGerald, who had opposed the Rebellion; the succession of his brother Gerald FitzGerald as 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; the short-lived confederacy of the O'Neills, O'Donnells and other powerful Irish families loyal to Gerald; and Gerald's escape and his protection by Francis I of France, Emperor Charles V and Cardinal Reginal [Reginald] Pole.  
1 item.

#### **I.v. 4. 1545 to 1612**

**MS 48,176**

Continues the history of Gerald FitzGerald, 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare. Topics included are the marriage of Queen Mary of Scotland to the Dauphin of France; Gerald's marriage to Mabel, daughter of Sir Anthony Brown; his Irish status restored by letters patent in 1552; the proclamation of Lady Jane Grey as Queen; Gerald's part against the insurgents under Sir Thomas Wyatt; the restoration of all his estates in Ireland and his title of Earl of Kildare and Baron of Offaly by Mary I; his arrival back to Ireland; the accession of Elizabeth I; the submission of O'Neill to the Queen; the First Desmond Rebellion; the arrest and release of Kildare, 1575-1576; the Second Desmond Rebellion; the arrest of Kildare and his son-in-law; his later release; his death in 1585 and the contents of his will; the succession of Henry FitzGerald, 12<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare, 'Henri na Tuagh' or 'Henry of the Battleaxes'; altercation between Kildare and the Earl of Essex; his refusal to join Hugh O'Neill, Earl of Tyrone; the Nine Years War; Kildare's death from a wound in 1597; marriage of Lady Bridget, daughter of Henry FitzGerald, in 1603 to Rory O'Donnell, Earl of Tyrconnell; William FitzGerald, 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare, brother of Henry; his death in 1599; the life of Edward FitzGerald, third son of Gerald FitzGerald, 9<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare, and father of Gerald FitzGerald, 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; the succession of Gerald FitzGerald, 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; and the death of the Countess Mabel in 1610.

1 item.

**I.vi. 5. 1612 to 1773**

**MS 48,177**

Continues from MS 48,176. Describes the death of the 14<sup>th</sup> Earl in 1612; the rumours of poison which followed his death; the accession of Gerald FitzGerald as 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; his death at the age of eight in 1620; the accession of George, 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare, cousin of Gerald, 15<sup>th</sup> Earl and son of Thomas FitzGerald, grandson of the 9<sup>th</sup> Earl; the probable origins of his being called the 'Fairy Earl'; differences between him and his father-in-law, Lord Cork; the Committee of Grievances, 1634; the Ulster Rebellion, 1641; Confederate Assembly of Kilkenny; the arrival of Oliver Cromwell in Ireland and the disbandment of the Earl of Kildare's regiment, among others; the Earl's death in 1655; the succession of Wentworth FitzGerald, Lord Offaly, as 17<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; Restoration of Charles II in 1660; death of the Earl in 1664; the succession of John FitzGerald, Lord Offaly, as 18<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; the Glorious Revolution and the Battle of the Boyne, 1690; his death at the age of forty-six in 1707; the succession of his cousin, Robert FitzGerald, as 19<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; his appointment as Lord Justice of Ireland; his death in 1744 and the accession of his son, James, as 20<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; the building of Kildare House, afterwards renamed Leinster House; his marriage to Lady Emily Lennox, daughter of Charles Lennox, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Richmond; his creation as Viscount Leinster of Taplow in 1747, Marquis of Kildare and Earl of Offaly in 1761 and Duke of Leinster in 1766; his death in 1773; and the lives of all his nineteen children.

1 item.

**I.vii. 6. 1749 to 1804**

**MS 48,178**

Details the accession of William Robert FitzGerald, son of the 1<sup>st</sup> Duke and elder brother of the United Irishman, Lord Edward FitzGerald, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Leinster; his appointment as Governor of the County of Kildare; his party, the Patriotic Party; the marriage of his mother Emily to the family's tutor, William Ogilvie; the marriage of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke to Lady Emilia Olivia St. George; war with France and Spain and the Siege of Gibraltar; the formation of the Irish Volunteers; his appointment as one of the Generals and Colonel of the first Dublin Regiment; Act allowing free trade between Ireland and the colonies; agitation for legislative independence under Lord Charlemont and Henry Grattan; the creation of the Order of St. Patrick; disturbance in the country, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke's opposition to martial law and his

withdrawing from parliament; the 1798 Rebellion; death of Lord Edward in Newgate Prison; death of Emilia; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke's opposition to the Act of Union; resistance in Maynooth, 1803; and death of William in 1804.

1 item.

#### **I.viii. *Rebellion of 1798 in Kildare, 1865***

**MS 48,179**

This notebook describes the 1798 Rebellion, mostly in Kildare, and Lord Edward FitzGerald's part in it. Main topics covered include how in 1796 Lord Edward joined the United Irishmen; on 30 March 1798 martial law was proclaimed; a large number of arms, sent for the Yeomanry of Carlow, were taken near Athy; consequently searches for arms were undertaken, resulting in houses being burnt and inhabitants arrested; Captain Thomas FitzGerald of Geraldine was imprisoned; Lord Edward became Commander-in-Chief of the United army; he was then arrested on the 19 May; on 23 May the Rebellion started in Leinster, soon the whole country was in open insurrection; atrocities and retaliations were widespread; Battle of Ovidstown; battle near Narraghmore; Battle of the Bog Road; the surrender of arms at Knockcullen; and the death of 325 insurgents at the hands of the *Lord Jocelyn's Foxhunters* on 29 May which saw the conclusion of the Rebellion in Kildare.

The notebook also details the battle in July 1798 of approximately 13,000 insurgents in Clonard after they had been defeated at White Heaps in Co. Wicklow. This seems to have been added later in 1872.

1 item.

#### **I.ix. *O'Cein's Leg, 1871***

**MS 48,180**

This notebook tells the fictional story of O'Cein's broken leg. Includes a letter, headed *Aidry Lodge, Kensington*, to Lord Kildare from J.F. Campbell, telling him that he will send him the whole manuscript of O'Cein's Leg, dated 22 March 1871. Also includes one page note on *Stories told by Macan an Athamain*.

3 items.

#### **I.x. *Memorandums from 1 January 1801 to 31 December 1846***

**MS 48,181**

Record of events by Augustus Frederick FitzGerald, 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Leinster, detailing his education, travels, and several births and

deaths, including the birth of his son Frederick in December 1825 and his death in September 1826. He also mentions selling Leinster House in 1815; beginning the Dining Room at Carton in 1817; the Catholic question in the House of Lords in 1829; Charles's education at Christchurch, Oxford; Victoria opening her first parliament in 1837; attending the coronation of Victoria in 1838 as High Constable of Ireland, with his son Otho as his page; a violent storm in 1839 which damaged 900 trees at Carton; Charles's coming of age in 1840; Gerald's joining his regiment in that year for the first time; opening the Poor House at Celbridge; and the visit of Victoria and Albert to Woburn Abbey.

1 item.

### **I.xi. Memorandums No. 2**

**MS 48,182**

Describes the visit by [Augustus Frederick, Duke of Leinster] to James Hamilton, upon his creation as the Duke of Abercorn in 1868, Gladstone and the Irish Church Bill. Includes a newspaper article from *The Times*, 13 July 1868, regarding speeches made by the Duke where he stated he had built houses for Presbyterians, Catholics and Protestants. Also includes a note recording the offer to [the Duke] by Gladstone of the [Valiant] Garter in 1869, which he declined.

1 item.

### **I.xii. 1. Notices of the Fitzgeralds, 1866**

**MS 48,183**

Topics detailed include Sir Thomas Randolph; a drawn copy of the portrait of the Earl of Kildare; Llanidan Church; Luggacurren; Carton; extract of a letter from Archbishop Cullen to the Very Rev. Lawrence Dunne of Castledermot, 1859, regarding two strings of pearls presented to the Church by the Countess of Kildare; dates of births and deaths from Maurice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron of Offaly, (1195-1257) to Augustus Frederick FitzGerald, 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Leinster, (1791-1874); Lady Charlotte Augusta, the Duchess of Leinster, 1826; the county of Kildare and ancient divisions; de Valoines or de Valois; Lady Edward FitzGerald; Lord Edward FitzGerald; the Duke of Wellington; the Countess of Kildare's last will and testament; Baldwin St. George; Dartas or D'Artois; Henry Ingoldsby; Obelisk; Queen Victoria's description of her visit to Carton, 1849; and the Fenians, 1867.

1 item.

### **I.xiii. 2. Notices of the Fitzgeralds, 1872**

**MS 48,184**

This book refers to Lord Kildare's chapel, Christchurch Cathedral; Philip Flattisbury; Revolution in Dublin, 1690; letters from Joan, Countess of Kildare, to Lady Philips and Miss Dorothy Parsons, 1654, regarding a lease in Co. Kildare, a loan of fifty pounds and a copy of a receipt for ten pounds; portraits of Gerald, 9<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; Earl of Kildare?; Countess of Kildare?; John, Earl of Kildare; Elizabeth, Countess of Kildare; James, Duke of Leinster; Emily, Duchess of Leinster; William, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Leinster; Augustus Frederick, 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Leinster; Robert, 19<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; Mary, Countess of Kildare; Elizabeth, Countess of Lincoln; George, 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare; Emily, Countess of Bellamont; Charles, Earl of Bellamont; chimney piece at Kilkea; chaplaincy of Kilkea; and Dixon of Kilkea. Includes letter to the Duke of Leinster from the Irish archivist, antiquarian and historian, John T. Gilbert, 1879.

2 items.

### **I.xiv. 3. Notices of the Fitzgeralds, 1872**

**MS 48,185**

Topics included in this notebook are Captain Erskine at Kilkea; an extract from *A discourse presented to the King's Majesty concerning Ireland* by Richard Hudson in 1604; list of engravings of Kilkea Castle, Athy and Woodstock, Kildare and Castledermot; autographs at Carton, including among those the 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare, the 12<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare, the 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Leinster and his wife Emily, Henry VII, James Duke of Ormonde, the Prince Regent, Queen Charlotte, Queen Victoria and the Duke of Wellington; chimney pieces at Carton; Numbers 6 and 7 Carlton House Terrace, London; Dr. A. Smith on the coins of Edward IV and Henry VII; various acts, such as acts of attainder and acts to pardon; the Talbots of Carton; the uniform of Lord Edward FitzGerald; Coronation of George III; tradesmen's tokens, Co. Kildare in the collection at Kilkea, 1873; Mrs. Leadbeater's description of Kilkea Castle, 1817; banshee belonging to the Leinster family; seal of William, Bishop of Kildare; the river Greese; Slievemargy; extract from a letter from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Richmond to Lady Caroline Fox; Passion play; the Countess Dowager of Kildare's gift of a comb case set with pearls to the Princess Mary, 1545; the legacy of Elizabeth FitzGerald, Lady Hill, to her nephew, George, Earl of Kildare; and Juliana de Clare. 1 item.

#### **I.xv. 4. Notices of the Fitzgeralds, 1874**

**MS 48,186**

Notebook describes the Lady Elizabeth FitzGerald, 'the Fair Geraldine'; a letter of George, Earl of Kildare, to his aunt the Countess Dowager of Kildare, regarding a visit from the Countess, 1633; extracts from the Gormanston Register; list of letters to and from the Earls of Kildare from Gerald, the 8<sup>th</sup> Earl, to Wentworth, the 17<sup>th</sup> Earl, and also by the Honourable Edward FitzGerald; John Stoyte and Jasper Joly; Froude on the Duke of Leinster; letter in 1799 from the Duke of Leinster to Lord Castlereagh regarding the Union; and a list of engravings of the FitzGerald. Includes one loose page with notes of the correspondence of James, Duke of Leinster, from 1745-1770.  
2 items.

#### **I.xvi. 5. Notices of the Fitzgeralds, 1874**

**MS 48,187**

Includes inscriptions on the Stone Table at Carton, on the picture of the 9<sup>th</sup> Earl and on the three old milestones at Carton; a list of meanings for names such as Charles, Frederick, Maurice, Mabel and Walter; numbers of sheep allowed to the Duke of Leinster on the Curragh, 1870; letter from William Robert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Leinster, to John FitzGibbon, Earl of Clare, 12 March 1798, regarding a speech made by FitzGibbon where he states the county of Kildare to be 'in as bad a condition as any part of Ulster' and accuses Leinster of trying to make the people of Leixlip sign a petition for a change of ministers, a charge which Leinster refutes; Pietro Carnesecchi; letters from James, 20<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare, including one where he recommends a Thomas Burgh of Bert Esq. to be 'High Sherrife' of the county of Kildare; a representation of the Earl of Kildare given to the King in his Closet at Kensington, 28 May 1753, by James, Earl of Kildare; letter from the Earl of Holderness, Secretary of State, to Lord Newport, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, 29 June 1753, concerning the paper presented to the King by the Earl of Kildare containing an account of 'supposed discontents and divisions' amongst his subjects in Ireland and attributing the cause to the Duke of Dorset, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; letter from Lord Newport to the Earl of Holderness, 9 July 1753 replying to the above letter; letter from the Lord Lieutenant to Lord Newport, June 1753, also referring to the matter; and letter from James, Marquis of Kildare, to Thomas Waite Esq., 1762, concerning the matter of a Captain who refused to take Kildare's post chaise onboard. Also contains correspondence between the Lord Lieutenant, Viscount

Townsend, the Secretary of State, Viscount Weymouth, and James, Duke of Leinster, in April and May 1770, concerning the Privy council.

1 item.

**I.xvii. 6. Notices of the Fitzgeralds, 1876**

**MS 48,188**

Describes an extract from the Assembly Roll of the Corporation of Dublin, 22 January 1768 referring to the cost of the carriage of the Lord Mayor of Dublin; extract from the Assembly Books of the Corporation of Dublin, 1779, regarding the freedom of Lord Henry FitzGerald, brother of the Duke; Kilkea; the architect Richard Castle or Cassels; extracts from the Calendar of Documents relating to Ireland 1199-1251; wells at Kilkea; '[Z]uiz' from Porter's *Gleanings and Reminiscences*; and Margaret, Countess of Ormonde.

1 item.

**I.xviii. 9. Notices of the Fitzgeralds, 1886**

**MS 48,189**

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1 item.

**I.xix. Maynooth. Carton. Kilkea. Carbrie. Thomas Court. Council House and Earl's Table. 1850**

**MS 48,190**

Gives a description and history of the houses and castles of Maynooth, Carton, Kilkea, The Carbrie and Thomas Court, a court in the Abby of St. Thomas, Dublin. Also details the history of the Earl of Kildares' stone table, which had previously stood in a detached building at Maynooth Castle, not far from the keep, called the Council House, in which was kept title deeds etc. of the Earls of Kildare.

1 item.

**I.xx. Furniture at Maynooth 1575. Locks at Kilkea. 1852**

**MS 48,191**

This notebook gives an inventory of furniture at Maynooth Castle in 1551; a catalogue of the Earl of Kildare's library, 1526; a description of the Earl's Redde [Red] Book, which contains copies of grants, title deeds and other documents belonging to the Earl, and the Earl's Rental Book. It also gives various spellings of

Carton, Maynooth and Kilkea; a list of the Earl's plate, 1526, from the Rental in the British Museum; members of the household of the Earl of Kildare, 1575, from the State Papers; inventory of furniture in Maynooth Castle, 1575; and an inventory of locks of doors at Kilkea, 1666.

1 item.

**I.xxi. *Prebend of Maynooth. Prebend of Yagoe. Taghadoe. Kilkea. College of B.V.M. of Maynooth. Castleroe. 1866***

**MS 48,192** Details the history of the Prebend of Maynooth; the Prebend of Yagoe or Gaganstown, near Ballymore Eustace; Taghadoe; Kilkea Church; the College of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Maynooth; William FitzGerald of Castlerowe Magany; Inch Castle; and Bolton Castle. Includes one loose page of the history of Kilkea.  
2 items.

**II. Maps**

**MS 48,193** *Bacon's maps of Ireland.* Sheet 1. Donegal and Enniskillen. Sheet 2. Belfast and N.E. Counties. Sheet 3. Connemara and Sligo. Sheet 4. Limerick and Shannon. Sheet 5. Killarney and Cork District. Sheet 6. Dublin and Athlone. All six maps are held in a leather box entitled *Duke of Leinster Carton, Maynooth*. The index also mentions Sheet 7. Wexford and Waterford but this is not included in the box. The maps mention the Ordnance Survey; the Cyclist's Touring Club (CTC), which was originally named the 'Bicycle Touring Club' but became the CTC in 1883; The Edinburgh Geographical Institute; and John Bartholomew F.R.G.S. All six maps measure 52 cm × 70 cm when opened.  
6 items plus box.

**MS 48,194** Four maps held in a leather box with *Manor of Kilkea. Co. Kildare. Sheets 37. 38. 39. 40. Hodges, Foster & Figgis, Dublin* written in gold lettering. *Manor of Kilkea. Co. Kildare. Sheets 37. 38. 39. 40.* is also written on the spine of the box, along with a crest [of the FitzGerald's]. The four maps show the barony of Kilkea and Moone.  
Sheet 37 shows part of Tankardstown, Kilkea, and Grangerosnolvan and is dated 5/8 December 79. [Initials] are unclear. Includes 'Surveyed in 1837 by Captain Tucker and Lieutenant Rimington & James, R.E. & engraved in 1839 under the direction of Lieutenant Larcom, R.E. At the Ordnance Survey

Office Phoenix Park, by John James, the Ornament by James White, the Writing by Alex Bell, Colonel Colby, F.R.S.L. & E.\_M.R.I.A. &c. Superintendent. Revised in 1872, by Lieutenant Collins, R.E. and the Revisions Engraved in 1874, under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Wilkinson, R.E. on an Electrotpe of the Original Copperplate, the Outline by F. Boyle, the Ornament by J. Jones, the Writing by H. Wilson, Major General Sir Henry James, R.E. F.R.S. M.R.I.A. &c. Superintendent’.

Sheet 38 shows Grangerosnolvan, Killelan, Belan and part of Kineagh. Sheet 38 has ‘Surveyed in 1837 by Captain Tucker and Lieutenant Rimington & James, R.E. & engraved in 1838 under the direction of Lieutenant Larcom, R.E. At the Ordnance Survey Office Phoenix Park, by Charles Frost, the Ornament by E. FitzGerald, the Writing by Dennis Coll, Colonel Colby, F.R.S.L.&E.\_M.R.I.A. &c. Superintendent. Revised in 1872, by Lieutenant Collins, R.E. and the Revisions Engraved in 1874, under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Wilkinson, R.E. on an Electrotpe of the Original Copperplate, the Outline and Writing by Sapper J. Younger, R.E. the Ornament by J. Binning Major General Sir Henry James, R.E. F.R.S. M.R.I.A. &c. Superintendent’ written under the map. Date and [initials] are unclear.

Sheet 39 is a map of Castledermot, Dunmanoge, Ballaghmoon and part of Painestown, while Sheet 40 shows Castledermot, Graney, part of Killelan and part of Kineagh. Sheet 39 is dated 9 June 79 and Sheet 40 is dated 14 January 75 and initials are unclear in both. Sheet 39 states: ‘Surveyed in 1837 by Captain Tucker and Lieutenant James, R.E. & engraved in 1838 under the direction of Lieutenant Larcom, R.E. At the Ordnance Survey Office Phoenix Park, by John Fraser, the Ornament by George Muir, the Writing by Alexander Bell, Colonel Colby, F.R.S.L.&E.\_M.R.I.A. &c. Superintendent. Revised in 1872, by Lieutenant Collins, R.E. and the Revisions Engraved in 1874, under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Wilkinson, R.E. on an Electrotpe of the Original Copperplate, the Outline by T. Wilson, the Ornament by J. Jones, the Writing by H. Grandison, Major General Sir Henry James, R.E.\_F.R.S.\_M.R.I.A. &c. Superintendent’.

Sheet 40 includes ‘Surveyed in 1837 by Captain Tucker and Lieutenant James, R.E. & engraved in 1838 under the direction of Lieutenant Larcom, R.E. At the Ordnance Survey Office Phoenix Park, by John Fraser, the Ornament by Edward FitzGerald, the Writing by John Hutchison, Colonel Colby, F.R.S.L.&E.\_M.R.I.A. &c. Superintendent. Revised in 1872, by Lieutenant Collins, R.E. and the Revisions Engraved in 1874, under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Wilkinson, R.E. on an

Electrotype of the Original Copperplate, the Outline by E. Benenbow, the Ornament by J. Jones, the Writing by David Dick, Major General Sir Henry James, R.E. F.R.S. M.R.I.A. &c. Superintendent'.

Various names are written on the maps, such as Luke Ashmore, Mrs. Symes, William Ross and Miss Jane M. FitzGerald. All four maps are 65 ½ cm × 97 ½ cm when opened.

4 items plus box.

### III. Architectural plans and drawings

#### MS 48,195

Architectural plans held in a leather box entitled *Plans of farm buildings erected on the estates of His Grace the Duke of Leinster*. Enclosed are seven plans in six books. Plan number 1 is a drawing and ground and upper plans of a cottage for a small farm of from 7 to 20 acres. Plan number 2 is for a labourer's cottage. Plan number 3 is a drawing and plans of a cottage and offices for a farm from 20 to 40 acres. Plan number 4 is a drawing and plans of a dwelling house for a farm of between 40 to 70 acres. Plan number 5 is a dwelling house for a farm of from 70 to 120 acres, plan number 6 for a dwelling house for a farm of 120 to 200 acres and plan number 7 is for a dwelling house for a farm of 200 to 300 acres. Plans are signed [F.S.] French. Books are 31 cm × 22 cm.

6 items and 1 box.

### IV. Appendix

Some other material relating to the Duke of Leinster held in the National Library of Ireland:

**MS 607** Letters from Emily FitzGerald (née Lennox) to her husband James FitzGerald, 1755-1762.

**MS 611-614** Letters from Louisa Conolly to her sister Emily, Duchess of Leinster, 1759-1805.

**MS 618-619** Letters from Sarah Lennox to her sister Emily, Duchess of Leinster, 1760-1794.

**MS 632-634** Letters from Caroline Fox to her sister Emily, Duchess of Leinster, 1756-1774.

- MS 683** Miscellaneous papers including letters to Emily Napier (daughter of Sarah Lennox), 1824-1852; letter from Louisa Conolly to her nephew the Duke of Richmond on the state of Ireland, 1780; and miscellaneous ballads.
- MS 19,905-19,923** Late eighteenth and nineteenth-century registers of leases of the estates of the Duke of Leinster in counties Kildare and Dublin, including maps.
- MS 22,004** Maps of the estate of the Dukes of Leinster, 1755-1858.
- MS 22,500-22,531** Maps of the estate of the Duke of Leinster at Maynooth, Co. Kildare, including a plan of Carton and a survey of the Manor of Maynooth by John Rocque, 1757-1837, and a volume of extracts of title and encumbrances of the estates of the Dukes of Leinster, c. 1708-1887.
- MS 41,791-41,795** Collection of letters or copy of letters to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Dukes of Leinster from correspondents such as Lord Edward Fitzgerald, Prince Albert, King Louis Philippe of France, Henry Grattan and Lord Landsdown, 1786-1883.
- MS 41,796-41,800 and MS 41,903** Duke of Leinster papers, including various receipts, 1837-1944. Also includes a copy of Silas Titus 'Killing No Murder', printed in London, 1689.
- Collection list 46** Lennox/ FitzGerald/ Campbell papers, relating to the families of Lennox (Dukes of Richmond), FitzGerald (Dukes of Leinster), and Campbell (Pamela FitzGerald, daughter of Lord Edward FitzGerald, married Sir Guy Campbell). Papers mostly contain correspondence.  
<http://www.nli.ie/pdfs/mss%20lists/lennox.pdf>
- Collection list 88** Papers of Lady Pamela Campbell and her family, consisting mostly of correspondence.  
<http://www.nli.ie/pdfs/mss%20lists/campbellp.pdf>
- Collection list 91** Correspondence of Lady Louisa Conolly, Lady Sarah Napier and her daughter, Emily Bunbury (née Napier), 1783-1832. Louisa and Sarah were the sisters of Emily, wife of the 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Leinster, and mother of Edward FitzGerald. Included in this collection are letters relating to Edward's participation in the 1798 Rebellion and the family's attitude to him.  
[http://www.nli.ie/pdfs/mss%20lists/091\\_Connolly\\_Napier.pdf](http://www.nli.ie/pdfs/mss%20lists/091_Connolly_Napier.pdf)  
Papers relating to Louisa's husband, Thomas Conolly, are held in collection list 115.

<http://www.nli.ie/pdfs/mss%20lists/conolly.pdf>

**Collection list  
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Leinster Papers, 1559-1871, including correspondence, maps and estate papers.

<http://www.nli.ie/pdfs/mss%20lists/leinster.pdf>

**Collection list  
134**

D'Arcy of Hyde Park Papers. The D'Arcy family was descended from Sir John D'Arcy and his second wife Joan de Burgh, widow of Thomas FitzJohn FitzGerald, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Kildare. The D'Arcy's were involved in disputes over land with the FitzGerald.

[http://www.nli.ie/pdfs/mss%20lists/134\\_DArcy\\_of\\_HydePark.pdf](http://www.nli.ie/pdfs/mss%20lists/134_DArcy_of_HydePark.pdf)

The National Library of Ireland also holds a large number of books and journal articles relating to the Earls of Kildare and the Dukes of Leinster including biographies and *Correspondence of Emily, Duchess of Leinster (1731-1814)* edited by Brian FitzGerald.