

John F. Fitzgerald Papers

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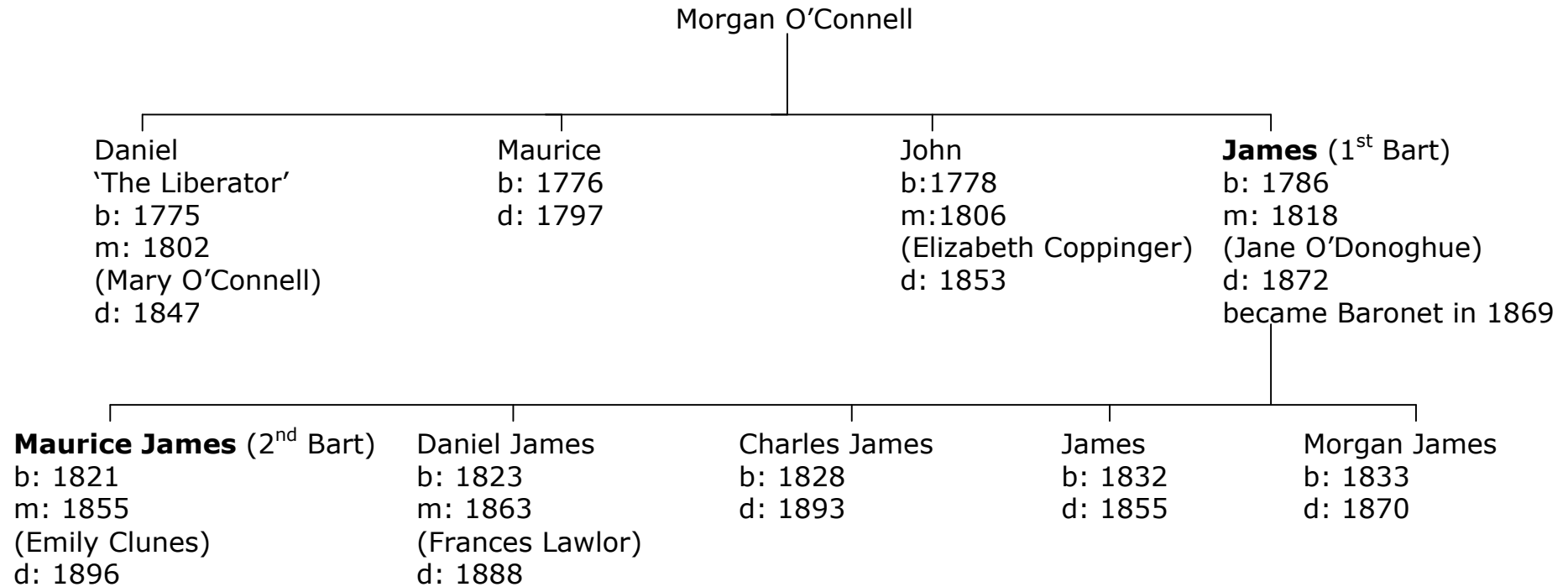
Introduction

The collection of papers relating to John F. Fitzgerald were deposited with the Archives Department, University College Dublin by Maire Ó Moráin, widow of Donal Ó Moráin, in March 2002.

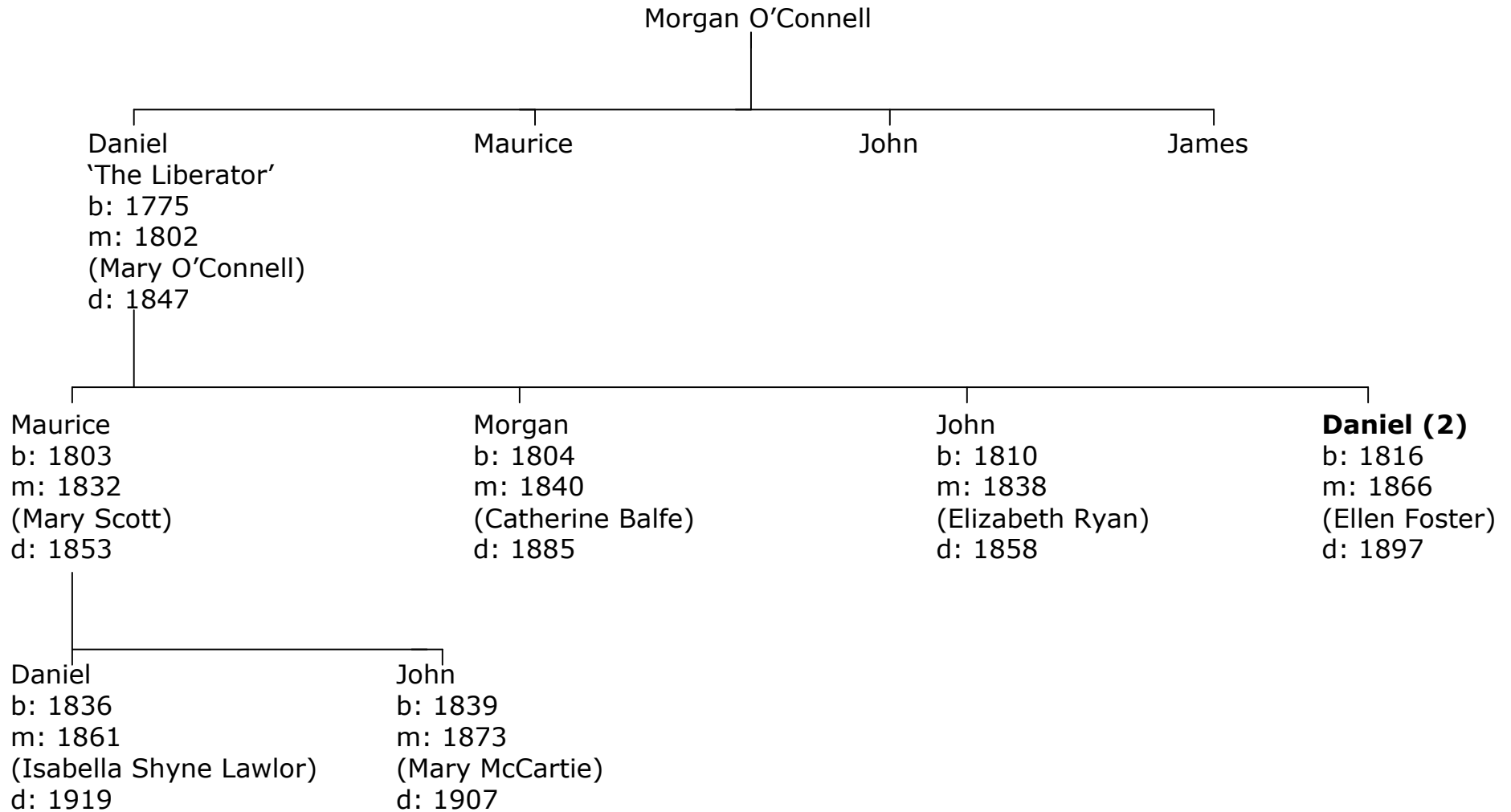
The collection falls into two main categories. Firstly, there are the papers of Fitzgerald as a landowner; these are documents relating to rental and other general estate issues, in particular some correspondence regarding the building of a bridge over the River Inny on Fitzgerald's land situated in the barony of Iveragh, County Kerry. Also included is a will of William Hayes in which references are made to areas of land which are owned by John F Fitzgerald. Hayes also had a son-in-law by the name of Fitzgerald and for this reason it is assumed that he must be of some relation to John Fitzgerald.

Secondly the collection is concerned with John Fitzgerald as a land agent for the O'Connell family. The various members involved are Sir James O'Connell and Sir Maurice James O'Connell, the brother and nephew of Daniel O'Connell, 'The Liberator'. There are also two other Daniel O'Connell's; with regard to the earlier, Daniel O'Connell (1), no connection could be found between himself and the rest of the O'Connell family. However, the other namesake, Daniel O'Connell (2) is most likely 'The Liberator's' youngest son as the townlands mentioned correspond in the main with those with which he is attributed to own in list P12/5 of the O'Connell Papers. It is difficult to know for certain as another Daniel (son of Maurice, the eldest son of 'The Liberator') also owned property in that same area at that time. Again these are documents relating to maintenance and rental of the property. There may also be documents listed under the section of John Fitzgerald as a landowner that may pertain to the O'Connells also, only with no direct link given by the document, a link has become impossible to establish.

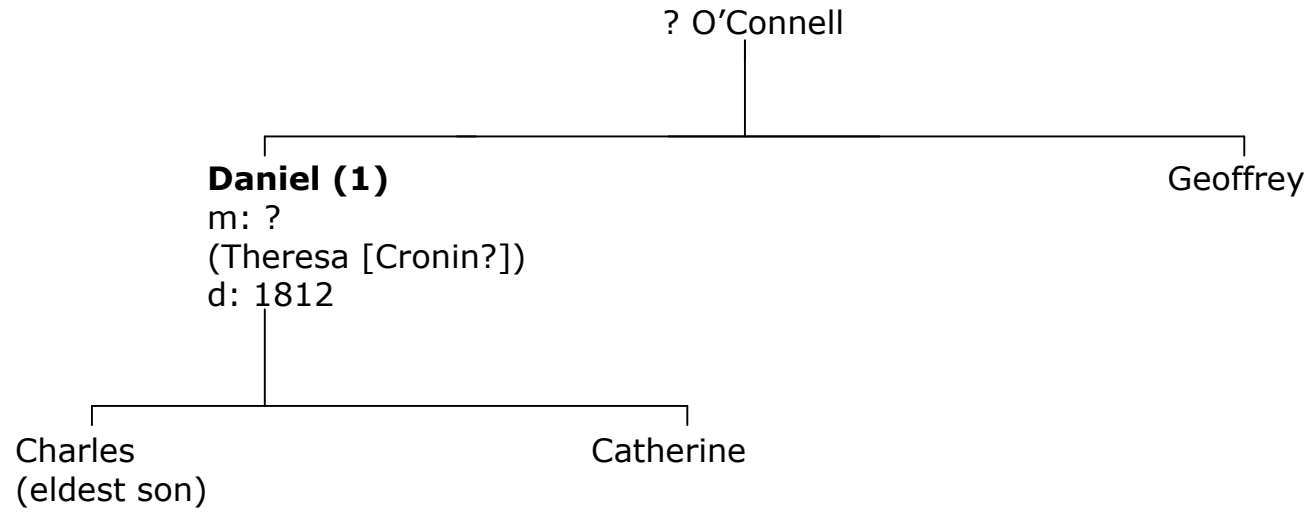
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O'Connell Family Tree - 2

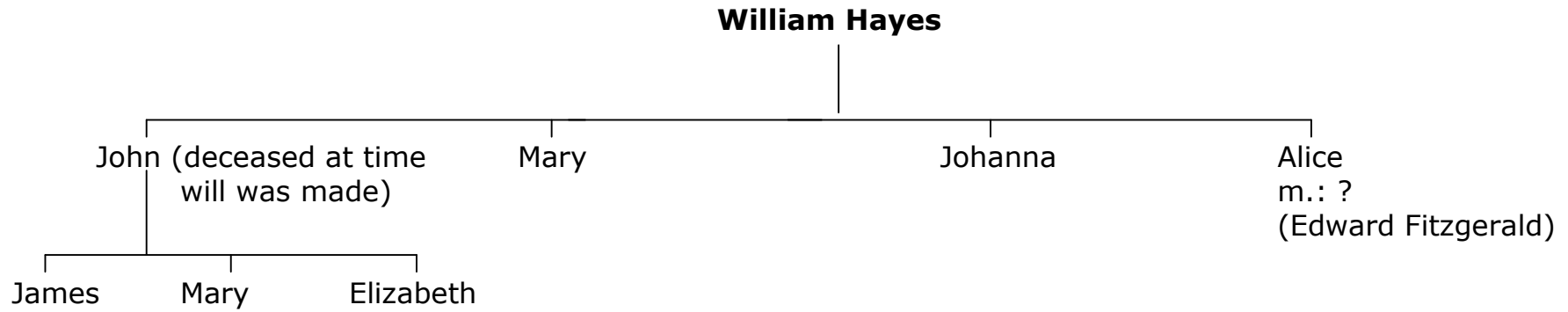


O'Connell Family Tree - 3



Daniel's brother-in-law is called Daniel Cronin

Hayes[/Fitzgerald] Family Tree



A. Estate Affairs

I Management

- 1 5 September 1854 – Notebook of John F.
13 February 1863 Fitzgerald containing
memorandum of
activities and events on his estate, including his
account of the building of the embankment and bridge
across the Inny river, it also contains other matters
relating to the maintenance of the estate, payments
made and received, dealings with tenants regarding
resignations, money kept on their behalf, terms of
employment and tenancy and schedule of rent to be
paid 74pp
- 2 1 May 1883 – Notebook detailing
16 June 1891 various aspects of John F
Fitzgerald affairs as
landowner and agent; in the main, it details payment
of rent but also includes comments about tenants'
holdings, complaints about tenants, one of whom,
John Connell, was accused of 'killing ducks and
throwing them into his little lot' and notes on the
livestock held by tenants and their value 74pp
- 3 1 November 1864 – Rental book detailing
7 January 1869 names of tenants and
payments made.
Contains an index listing the townlands and names of
tenants residing there 98pp
- 4 [1881] Schedule of rent entitled
'Re application under
Arrears Act' regarding
land owned by John F. Fitzgerald. The schedule
contains list of tenants names, townlands where they
live and various aspects regarding the property
including valuation, size and rental adjustments
2pp
- 5 28 June 1880 Receipt issued by Relief
Committee, Caherciveen
Union for the issue of
five stone of meal to Denis Currane of Cannigh for
himself and his family. 1p

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- 6 [n.d.] Observations on tenancy holding and the changes that have occurred since 1855. Reverse lists valuations of property on various townlands. 2pp
- 7 18 – 19 February 1880 Land Property Improvement report regarding the lands in the Barony of Iveragh, County Kerry owned by John F. Fitzgerald by Patrick Roche, Surveyor. Fences, roads and drainage are the subjects covered by the report which includes an assessment of the repairs needed and an estimate of the cost. It also contains a schedule of the value of the land and their estimated increased value once improvements have been completed. 9pp
- 8 1893 Document regarding the Kinneigh property including Lehid detailing its size, value, leasing terms and Board of Works charges 1p
- 9 1894 Notice regarding the prosecution of anglers who are found fishing on the property of Mr. John F Fitzgerald 1p
- 10 25 - 27 July 1896 Notice to John Bradley, farmer, Lower Kinneigh from John F. Fitzgerald regarding the use of turf. It states that turf may be only cut for personal use and any cut for profit is an illegal activity. 2pp
- 11 [n. d.] Part of Ordnance Survey maps of the townlands of Kinneigh and Farranahow with manuscript amendments, schedule of tenants names, the townland where they live, old rent and judicial, also contains paper with manuscript notes regarding the rent of various tenants 3 items
- 12 [n.d.] Manuscript map with washed colours of the Ducalla property owned

by John F Fitzgerald detailing the divisions between tenants and the size of their holdings. The surveyor is John Bourke 1p

- 13 2 June 1823 Will of William Hayes of Cannegh regarding the lands of Cannegh, Tullig, Lehid and Farrinahow in the Barony of Iveragh, these lands are left to James O'Connell of Killarney, Myles McSweeney of Carhir and Edward Fitzgerald of Cannigh, his son-in-law, as trustees of his estate, he provides grants of money to Edward Fitzgerald, his daughters Mary and Johanna, both in a convent, and he also makes provision for his grandchildren by his deceased son, John. 4pp

II Inny Bridge

- 14 8 July 1854 Letter from Robert Bell, Ballyard, Tralee to John F. Fitzgerald, Canneagh, Caherciveen regarding the construction of an embankment beside the river Inny at Killorglin. He discusses what he feels to be an incorrect estimate for the work as made by Mr. Stokes He also questions the method of payment and insists he will send Mr. Fitzgerald's estimate and letter to Mr. Boner, his partner in the work and admits that 'we or any other honest contractor would hardly be foolhardy enough to undertake the works according to the specifications I have seen for the sum and on the terms mentioned' (p. 4) 4pp
- 15 18 February 1855 Copy letter from John F. Fitzgerald [to Robert Bell] regarding an extension to the contract to build a bridge across the river Inny. Fitzgerald suggests that if the contract is resumed before the 26th February 1855 and continued without a break that a reasonable extension can be agreed. He continues that he refuses to pay over that which was agreed to in the contract and details the negotiations held over the variations to the work on the embankment as had been previously stated in the contract 6pp

he would release Messrs. Bell and Boner from their contract. 2pp

- 20 30 March 1855 Letter from Robert Bell to John F Fitzgerald in which Bell states that he would like to be rid of the responsibility of the contract 'as it would take a great deal of time, trouble and anxiety off my hands, while it would afford you a source of amusement and instruction' (p1) but states that the estimate is too high for him to feel he could do this and continues by disputing all prices put forward by Fitzgerald in his estimate 4pp

B. Land Agent for O'Connells

I Management of Estate

i Daniel O'Connell (2)

Rental accounts sheets of the College Property of Daniel O'Connell

detailing names of tenants and the townland they occupy, rent and arrears due, the amount paid, Poor Rate allowed, arrears remaining and notes on the payments. Also contains balance sheet at the end detailing all financial transactions made.

- 21 25 March 1862 – 17 November 1863 14pp
- 22 25 March 1863 – 31 October 1864 13pp
- 23 25 March 1865 – 2 December 1865 14pp
- 24 1 November 1865 – 27 October 1866 Includes: only the balance sheet 1p
- 25 1 November 1868 – 1 November 1869 8pp

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- 26 14 December 1880 Copy letter from J. Ball
Greene, Commissioner of
Valuation, General
Valuation Office, Dublin to Daniel O'Connell,
Derrynane Abbey, Caherdaniel, Killarney. He writes to
him regarding the valuation of the lands at Iveragh,
Co. Kerry which he believes to be 30% less than it
should be due to the timing of the last evaluation
which was held during a depression. 1p
- 27 [n.d.] Manuscript map with
washed colours of the
Kildreelig property
owned by Daniel O'Connell detailing the divisions
between tenants and the size of their holdings. The
surveyor is John Bourke 1p
- ii Sir James O'Connell
- 28 6 September 1854 List of tenant, townlands
and annual rent on land
owned by James
O'Connell in the Barony of Iveragh, County Kerry. 2pp
- 29 1 May –
1 November 1878 Balance sheet of
accounts for the
properties of Iveragh
and Glencar as managed by the land agent John F
Fitzgerald on behalf of the owner, Sir. M. J. O'Connell
1p
- 30 20 November 1851 Manuscript map with
washed colours of lands
of Drom and mountain of
Tooracledane in the Parish of Dromud, Barony of
Iveragh, County Kerry as drawn by Henry Stoker. Also
includes a letter from Stoker to James O'Connell
regarding drawing of the map and having shown the
boundaries to the tenant Mr. Rahilly and O'Connell's
driver Murphy 2 items

iii Sir Maurice O'Connell

- 31 1 March – 9 October 1878 Balance sheet of accounts regarding the properties of Iveragh and Glencar, Co. Kerry as owned Sir. M. J. O'Connell and managed by his agent John F Fitzgerald 1p
- Rental sheet of the Iveragh and Glencar property of Sir Maurice O'Connell. The sheet lists the tenants' names, the townland where their property is situated and rental information including arrears and Poor Rates
- 32 1 November 1878 – 8 January 1880 4pp
- 33 1 May 1887 – 1 November 1889 8pp
- 34 20 June 1893 [- 31 January 1898] Includes: 'Dublin Writ ordered for possession' (p1). On the back is a draft letter written by John F. Fitzgerald regarding a substitute doctor for the region. 4pp
- 35 29 September 1893 – April 1894 Schedule of Instructions for Ejectments of tenants on the estates of Sir Maurice O'Connell and John F. Fitzgerald. The tenant's name, annual rent and amount they are overdue are listed along with observations as to the proposed outcome 1p
- 36 [n.d.] Schedule of townlands, listing tenants, rental details and their leasing terms of land belonging to Sir Maurice O'Connell many of whom are leasing for the lifetime of the Duke of Cambridge. Also contains observations on the quality and location of the land 9pp
- 37 November 1884 Part of Ordnance Survey maps of lands belonging to Sir M J O'Connell with

markings of those areas rented out to various tenants
1p

II Personal Documents

i Daniel O'Connell (1)

- 38 25 April 1811 Copy of will of Daniel O'Connell in which the lands of Ballymagully-naclann are given to his eldest son, Charles, and the lands of Malin, Droomnagh, Dromkiery and Ballymahon he leaves in trust to Daniel Cronin, his brother-in-law, and Dominick Rice, Barrister for the same son. The tenants of Mailin, Droomnagh and Dromkiery may make leases on the land and he directs his executors to see to any promised leases. He makes provision for annuities for his wife and remaining children and other smaller donations including twenty guineas to the Reverend Mr. McGullicuddy to distribute among the poor of Keelimpligh and six guineas annually to his servant Ellen Walsh. He authorises the sale or mortgage of the remainder of his estate so that his daughter Catherine may have £2500 paid on the day of her marriage or at the age of 21. His wife, as long as she remains unmarried, may renew leases on the estate if the children are still minors. It also includes a codicil bequeathing his house in Killarney to be kept in trust by Daniel Cronin and Dominick Rice 13pp

C. Personal Affairs

I Personal Documents

- 39 March 1901 Pamphlet issued by the 'Queen Victoria Statue (Irish Memorial)' Executive Committee seeking donations towards the erection of a statue of the recently deceased queen. 3pp