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 OF

GEORGE DOUGLAS FITZMAURICE

OF

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Research for  
 Mrs Margaret Barr  
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The object of this report is to describe our research into the origins and career in Ireland of George Douglas Fitzmaurice.

At the outset we received the following information:

George Douglas Fitzmaurice died in Rome in 1915, aged 86, which places his year of birth in about 1828/9. However, family sources state he was born in Ireland in about 1835/6. He was of good family, whose religion was Church of Ireland. Prior to emigrating George and his wife Elizabeth, formerly Schearen, lived in Dungarvan, County Waterford and the place-name Capoquin was associated with the family. They had several children and moved to Paris; by 1896 they had settled in Rome, where George Douglas was employed by a department store called Old England.

We began our research in Irish sources by looking for the marriage registration of George Douglas Fitzmaurice. Protestant marriages in Ireland have been registered centrally in Dublin since 1 April 1845, whereas births and deaths and Catholic marriages were not registered centrally until 1864. George Douglas Fitzmaurice married Elizabeth, daughter of John Sherin, Coroner for County Waterford, on 24 February 1852 at St. George's Church of Ireland parish, in the City of Dublin. George was described as a gentleman of full age

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(i.e. over 21 years), the son of William Fitzmaurice, an agent. Both he and his bride gave 3 St. George's Place, Dublin as their address. The witnesses were Roger Baker and William I. Harvey.

We searched Thoms Dublin Directories, but 3 St. George's Place was listed as vacant in 1850, 1851 and 1852. In 1853, Mrs. Catherine Sheil was the tenant. We turned next to the records of Dungarvan, County Waterford. Census returns before 1901 have not survived for County Waterford, but we have two land surveys taken in the nineteenth century for taxation purposes. The earlier one was the Tithe Applotment Book, for the year 1826, and here we traced William Fitzmaurice living at Affane Hunter, which lies a few miles west of Dungarvan and immediately south of the town of Cappoquin. He rented, from Sir Richard Musgrave, 35 acres of land, upon which a tax of £2-10 shillings, was assessed. The second land survey was the Griffith Valuation of 1848, and here we noted only one person called Fitzmaurice in Affane; this was James Fitzmaurice who rented the same acreage at Affane Hunter from Sir Richard Musgrave. The 35 acres was then valued at £34 per annum. James also let two houses in the same townland, valued at 14 shillings. We may guess that James was the eldest son of William Fitzmaurice and hence inherited the holding.

Unfortunately, the Church of Ireland parish registers of Affane and AGLISH have not survived; they were probably destroyed in the great fire of 1922. Most Irish wills proved before 1858 have also been lost in the 1922 fire, but the indexes to probates have survived. We listed Fitzmaurice wills proved in the diocese of Waterford and Lismore from 1648 to 1858 and noted those of significance. Honora Fitzmaurice of Cappoquin made her will in 1851 and William Fitzmaurice, for whom no address was given, left a will in 1842. It seems most likely that this refers to the father



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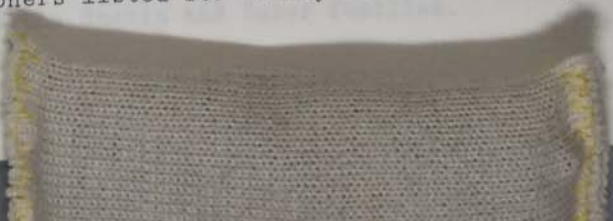
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of George Douglas Fitzmaurice, whom we traced living at Affane in 1826, but who was no longer there in 1848.

We turned next to Directories for County Waterford and here noted that George Fitzmaurice traded as a linen and woollen draper at the Square, Dungarven, in 1870. He was not listed in earlier Directories, but in 1846 John Fitzmaurice was to be found at Cappoquin, a veterinary surgeon, and Lewis Fitzmaurice kept a public house in Main Street, Dungarvan. Lewis was again traced in a Directory of 1824 as living at Cappoquin. Waterford and Lismore marriage licence bonds indicated that Lewis Fitzmaurice married Mary Sherin in 1832, and it seems reasonable to suppose that he was closely related to George Douglas, perhaps an uncle.

The Church of Ireland parish registers for Dungarvan start as early as 1741, and we began by searching for the issue of George Douglas and Elizabeth Fitzmaurice after 1852. Their eldest child, John William, was baptised on 20 February 1853, his father then being described as a shopkeeper. The next child was Mary, but burial entries showed that she died in 1858. Robert Baker Fitzmaurice was baptised in 1855, when his father was described as a draper. George, Kate, Mary and Elizabeth were baptised in 1857, 1859, 1861 and 1863 respectively, but Elizabeth also died young in 1868. Edith was baptised in 1864; Frederick in 1866; and finally Elizabeth was born on 10 December 1869, when her father was described as an esquire of Townmore, a district of Dungarvan. We found no earlier entries for the name Fitzmaurice in Dungarvan, apart from the baptism in 1844 of a daughter of Lewis Fitzmaurice, a merchant, and his wife Mary.

Dungarvan sources revealed a good deal of information about the Sherin family. Elizabeth Sherin's father, John Sherin, was listed in Wilson's Dublin Directories as a Coroner of Dungarvan between 1822 and 1831, but he was one of at least three coroners listed for County Waterford each year. He died



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young, and was buried on 7 March 1831 at Dungarvan, aged 39. We know from Waterford and Lismore diocese marriage licence bonds that he married Catherine Baker in 1813, and this explains why Robert Baker Fitzmaurice born in 1855 was given that middle name.

Catherine was traced in Griffith's Valuation of 1848 living at Devonshire Square, Dungarvan, renting a house, office and yard worth £27 per annum, and in the 1846 Trade Directory she was described as owning a linen and woollen drapers and haberdashers shop in Devonshire Square. Catherine Sherin was buried on 13 January 1869 at Dungarvan, aged 77. The parish registers of Dungarvan show that she and John Sherin had one son, Robert, and apart from Elizabeth, whose baptism was not recorded, four further daughters, these being Mary (1814), Catherine (1817), Margaret (1819) and Anne (1820). Finally, we searched baptisms at Dungarvan back as far as 1777, and noted that in 1780, Robert son of Robert and Mary Baker was baptised. We know that Catherine was born in about 1791/2 and it seems possible that Robert and Mary Baker were her parents.

In conclusion, we believe we have made reasonably good progress researching the origins of George Douglas Fitzmaurice, although we have been hindered by the loss of the Church of Ireland registers for Affane. We know that he was the son of William Fitzmaurice, and that he ran a drapery shop in Dungarvan from 1853, shortly after his marriage in Dublin in 1852. We do not know precisely when he moved away from Dungarvan, but it was certainly after 1870. There is ample scope to investigate this by searches in the Registry of Deeds, where numerous property transactions were registered. This is a difficult and time-consuming source to use, but is frequently very rewarding when the correct documents are identified. We have made good progress establishing his maternal ancestry and there is also scope, in the Registry of Deeds and other sources, to research further the lives and origins of the Sherin and Baker families.

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PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE, Four Courts

Waterford Diocesan Wills, Administrations,  
Marriage Licence Bonds.

Dungarvan C. of I. Register

Index of Surnames, Co. Waterford

Church Tithe Book, Affane Parish

Griffith's Valuation Co. Waterford

Dublin Directories 1819 - 1831, 1849 - 1854.

OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRY, Lombard St.,

Marriages 1845 - 1865.



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A P P E N D I X

\*Jesse Filenwright, Affair  
Duster Mr. Dan.  
Hugrass 31. Soldg. 25-10-3  
Valuation 27.0.0.

\*Jesse Filenwright also let two hours, valued at 20.14.0.  
each on the above provided.

Wargates Parish 1818

Mrs. Catherine Sharns Devonshire Square Mrs. Mary Houghton 31. 27.10.0.  
Edward Houghton 24.000 2 9, 7, 0.  
Eng.



where Dawson Villa 1818-1822  
Mrs. Deppquin 1821  
Miss, at address 1812

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Tithe Applotment Book  
Affane Parish 1826

	ac.rd.pch	Tithe
William Fitzmaurice of Affane (Sir Richard Musgrave, Owner)	Hunter (sic) 35- 1- 34	£2.10. 0.

Griffith's Valuation  
Affane Parish 1848.

*James Fitzmaurice, Affane Hunter	Sir Rch. Musgrave Bt.	Holdg. Land	ac.rd.pch. Valuation
			35- 1- 9 £34. 0. 0.

\* James Fitzmaurice also let two houses, valued at £0.14. 0. each on the above townland.

Dungarvan Parish 1848

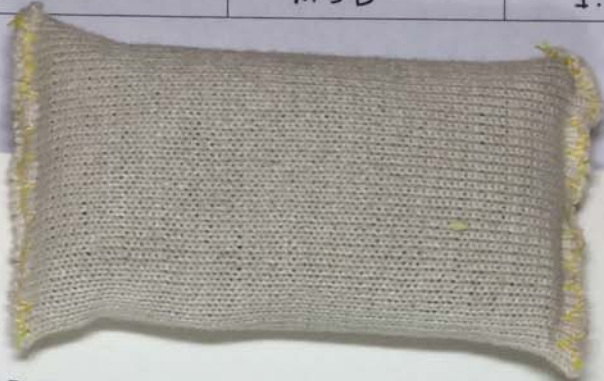
*Mrs. Catherine Sheran Devonshire Square	Mrs. Mary McGrath	Hse.Off Yd.	£27.10. 0.
... Fitzmorris (sic) Abbeyside.	Edward Galway Esq,	Hse.Off. Yd.Gdn	£ 0. 0.17. £ 9. 5. 0.

Waterford & Lismore Diocesan Wills 1648-1858

Fitzmaurice, Honora, Cappelquin	1851
*William, no address	1842



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Marriage Bonds

Waterford & Lismore Diocesan 1648-1858

Sherin John, Cath Baker 1813

Slater's Trade Directory 1846

\*Catherine Sherrin, Devonshire Square, Linen & Woollen Drapers  
& Haberdasher  
Dungarvan.

\*(also listed for 1856)

Lewis Fitzmaurice, Main St., Dungarvan, Public House.

John Fitzmaurice, Cappelquin, Veterinary Surgeon.

Pitot's Directory 1824

Cappelquin, Lewis Fitzmaurice Esq.,

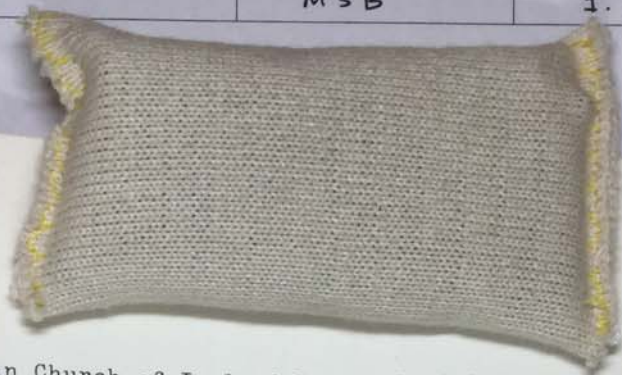
No Fitzmaurice or Sherin entries listed for Dungarvan.

Slaters Trade Directory 1870

\*George Fitzmaurice, Square. Draper Linen & Woollen Draper.



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Dungarvan Church of Ireland Parish Registers  
1828-1871  
Baptisms

- 28 Jul 1844 Cath. Margaret (d) of Lewis & Mary Fitzmaurice  
of Dungarvan.  
Father's Occ: Merchant
- 20 Feb 1853 John William (s) of George & Elizabeth Fitzmaurice  
of Dungarvan.  
Father's Occ: Shopkeeper
- 7 Mar 1854 Mary (d) of George & Elizabeth Fitzmaurice of  
Dungarvan.  
Father's Occ: Shopkeeper
- 9 Dec 1855 Robert Baker (s) of George & Elizabeth Fitzmaurice  
of Dungarvan.  
Father's Occ: Draper
- 6 Sep 1857 George (s) of George and Elizabeth Fitzmaurice of  
Dungarvan.  
Father's Occ: Draper
- 21 Jul 1859 Kate Margaret (d) of George and Elizabeth  
29 Jul 1859 Fitzmaurice of Dungarvan.  
Father's Occ: Draper
- 12 Mar 1861 Mary (d) of George and Elizabeth Fitzmaurice of  
12 Apr 1861 Dungarvan.  
Father's Occ: Draper
- 4 Mar 1863 Elizabeth (d) of George and Elizabeth Fitzmaurice  
of Dungarvan.  
Father's Occ: Draper
- 7 Aug 1864 Edith (d) of George and Elizabeth Fitzmaurice  
of Dungarvan.  
Father's Occ: Draper
- 18 Nov 1866 Frederick (s) of George and Elizabeth Fitzmaurice  
of Dungarvan.  
Father's Occ: Draper
- 11 Nov 1869 Elizabeth (d) of George and Elizabeth Fitzmaurice  
of \*Townmore (sic)  
Father's Occ: Esquire
- \*(a townland in Dungarvan parish)



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Dungarvan Church of Ireland Parish Registers (cont.)

1828-1902, 1806-1828

Burials

7 Mar 1831 John Shearan of Dungarvan, aged 39 years  
 12 Feb 1839 Margaret Sheerin of Dungarvan, aged 18 years  
 25 Dec 1858 Mary Fitzmaurice of Dungarvan, aged 4½ years  
 6 Nov 1868 Elizabeth Fitzmaurice of Dungarvan, aged 6 years  
 13 Jan 1869 Catherine Sherin of Dungarvan, aged 77 years

1817-1828

Baptisms

? ? 1820 Anne (d) of John & Catherine Shearin  
 16 May 1819 Margaret (d) of John & Cath. Sheerin  
 28 Nov 1817 Catherine (d) of John Sherin & Mary (sic) his wife  
 13 Apr 1814 Mary (d) of John Sherin & Mary (sic) his wife  
 7 Apr 1816 Robert (s) of John & Mary (sic) Sherin

1806-1848

Marriages

23 Jul 1814 Stephen Baker Junr. to Mary Sherin

1777-1806

Baptisms

15 Nov 1805 Eliza (d) of Stephen & Eliza Baker  
 3 Aug 1807 Alicia (d) of Stephen & Eliza Baker  
 1 Sep 1803 Henry (s) of Stephen & Eliza Baker  
 5 Nov 1780 Robert (s) of Robert & Mary Baker

Waterford & Lismore Diocesan Marriage Licence Bonds 1649-1849

Sherin, Mary to Stephen Baker 1814  
 Mary to Lewis Fitzmaurice 1832



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Dublin Directories (Wilson's)

1822-1831

\*John Sherin of Dungarvan, Coroner, under Keady County.

Officials

There were at least three coroners listed for County Waterford each year. John Sherin was therefore not the sole coroner for the county.



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No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the Time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
<p>Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of England and Ireland, by <u>Mr. Gibson Black</u></p> <p>This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>Lavinia Douglas</u> in the Presence of us, <u>Edward I. Nyson</u> by <u>Mr. Gibson Black</u>  <u>Lucas Lindsey</u> <u>Bayesian Lindsey</u></p>								
<p>1852. Marriage solemnized at the <u>Parish Church</u> in the Parish of <u>St. George</u> in the <u>County of Dublin</u></p>								
48	24 <sup>th</sup> February 1852	George Douglas Sigmawice Elizabeth Shirin	full	Bachelor	Bachelor	3 St. George's Place 3 St. George's Place	William Sigmawice John Shirin	Squire Squire
<p>Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of England and Ireland, by <u>Mr. Gibson Black</u></p> <p>This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>George Douglas Sigmawice</u> in the Presence of us, <u>Roger Butler</u>  <u>Elizabeth Shirin</u> <u>H. S. Murray</u></p>								
<p>1852. Marriage solemnized at the <u>Parish Church</u> in the Parish of <u>St. George</u> in the <u>County of Dublin</u></p>								
49	26 <sup>th</sup> February 1852	Thomas Ellis Catherine Richardson	full	Bachelor	Gentleman	King's Road Buckingham	William Ellis Richardson Richardson	Esq. Esq.
<p>Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of England and Ireland, by <u>Mr. Gibson Black</u></p> <p>This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>Thomas Ellis</u> in the Presence of us, <u>Richardson</u>  <u>Catherine Richardson</u> <u>Richardson</u></p>								

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WILLIAM FITZMAURICE == ...

of Affane, County Waterford (1826)  
Agent (1852)  
Mill dated 1842 (?)

JAMES FITZMAURICE  
of Affane Harter,  
County Waterford  
(1848)

GEORGE DOUGLAS FITZMAURICE ==  
born circa 1828/9  
Gentleman of 3 St. George's Place  
Dublin (1852)  
Shopkeeper of Dungarvan  
County Waterford (1853/4)  
Drapery of Dungarvan (1855-1869)  
of Toumore, Dungarvan (1869)  
Linen and woollen draper of  
The Square, Dungarvan (1870)  
Emigrated to Paris, then Rome  
died 1915 in Rome

JOHN WILLIAM  
FITZMAURICE  
baptised  
20 February  
1853 at  
Dungarvan

MARY  
baptised  
7 March  
1854 at  
Dungarvan  
buried 25  
December  
1858 at  
Dungarvan

ROBERT BAKER  
FITZMAURICE  
baptised 9  
December 1855  
at Dungarvan

GEORGE  
FITZMAURICE  
baptised 6  
September  
1857 at  
Dungarvan

KATE  
MARGARET  
born 21;  
baptised  
29 July  
1859 at  
Dungarvan

MARY  
born 12  
March;  
baptised  
12 April  
1861 at  
Dungarvan

ELIZABETH  
baptised 4  
March 1863  
buried 6  
November 1868  
at Dungarvan

EDITH  
baptised 7  
August 1864  
at Dungarvan

FREDERICK  
FITZMAURICE  
baptised 18  
November 1866  
at Dungarvan

ELIZABETH  
born 11 November  
baptised 10  
December 1869  
at Dungarvan

JOHN SHER(R)IN == CATHERINE

Corner for County  
Waterford (1828-1837)  
born circa 1791/2  
married 1833  
born circa 1791/2  
buried 7 March 1831 at  
Dungarvan, County Waterford

ELIZABETH  
born circa 1821-1830  
married 24 February  
1852 at St George  
Dublin

MARGARET  
baptised  
16 May  
1819 at  
Dungarvan  
buried 12  
February  
1839 at  
Dungarvan

MARY  
baptised  
28 November  
1817 at  
Dungarvan

ROBERT  
SHEZIN  
baptised  
7 April  
1818 at  
Dungarvan

daughter of ROBERT BAKER(?)  
born circa 1791/2  
marriage licenses dated 1813  
Linen and woollen draper and  
haberdashery of Penzance Square  
Dungarvan (1846-1869)  
buried 13 January 1869 at Dungarvan

CATHERINE  
baptised  
28 November  
1817 at  
Dungarvan

MARY  
baptised  
13 April  
1818 at  
Dungarvan

ROBERT  
SHEZIN  
baptised  
7 April  
1818 at  
Dungarvan



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My mother married - I think in 1895 - my father named  
Virginia Scolari. He was from Bassano, now called  
Bassano del Grappa about 20 miles from Venice. When they  
married he was already employed in the Galleria Sangiorgi.  
I was born in 1901 via del Babuino 41.

Kate Margaret is Auntie Katie. She married in Paris  
Basil Theophylidi who was twenty-five years older than  
herself. He was courtier en bourse which means broker.  
They had one son named George. He asked my grandfather  
for permission to use the Fitzmaurice name. So he is the  
George Fitzmaurice who made a success in Hollywood,  
especially with The Perils of Pauline. His widow gave  
copies of the films to the film library. She had two  
daughters and after one or at most two conversations in  
New York, she returned to Hollywood and never kept up  
the connection.

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Auntie Elsie continued.

My mother married - I think in 1896 - my father named Virginio Scolari. He was from Bassano, now called Bassano del Grappa about an hour from Venice. When they married he was already employed in the Galleria Sangiorgi. I was born in 1901 on Via del Babuino 85.

Frederick Fitzmaurice (Uncle Fred) . My mother and both aunts spoke of him "as if he didn't belong" and I was not brought up to respect him. I met him, he was very poor and lived in a Paris suburb.

Auntie Elsie (Elizabeth) ~~xxx~~ never married.

When the family migrated to Paris she was in her teens, and went to public school in Paris. She was very bright. By the time my grandfather and grandmother, my mother and she got to Rome she was already a painter. She took care of the grandparents. There never was quite enough money so ~~xxx~~ my father commissioned her to paint fake antique furniture for the wealthy customers of the Galleria Sangiorgio. ~~She~~ Around 1912 she managed to go for a season to Munich and came back enthusiastic because some teacher there ~~And~~ encouraged her in her portrait painting. She did portraits of all the family. When my grandfather died in 1915 she moved to the artists' street Via Margutta and settled in to be a painter but she had hardly moved when she decided to take a course as a nurse and went to be a nurse at the Ospedale Villa Trento

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Auntie Elsie continued.

which was the only British hospital on the Italian front immortalized in Hemmingway's Farewell to Arms. When the Austrians broke through the Italian front she walked across the Tagliamento to Padua and she had in her handbag the diamond ring that is in the Citibank safe deposit box. From Padua she went to London and worked in the map room of Admiral Batty. After the war she had great difficulty finding a job. I don't know how she lived through the general strike (1926?). But when I saw her during my Vassar years she was living in a boarding house on Great Ormond Street. She died in 1928.

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Dear Miss Burgess,

Many thanks for your report. It is exactly what I wanted and more than sufficient.

I admire your thoroughness and precision. Your record matches, completely, my memory of my grandfather and grandmother and what was passed on to me by my mother and my aunts.

As the report will show, we have been able to make reasonable progress and there is no point in going back into the early 19th century, much less the 18th. In the absence of relevant registers, we have been able to identify the Fitzmaurice and Sherin families and make some progress in discovering earlier generations.

There is ample scope for further research, particularly in the Registry of Deeds, to look for earlier evidence of the Baker and Sherin families and we should be very pleased to continue if you wish. Sincerely, we should need to ask you for a further payment of £480, either by cheque or through a credit or charge card account.

It has been a pleasure undertaking this research on your behalf; we hope that we will have the opportunity of continuing.

Yours sincerely

*Juliet Burgess*

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Yours sincerely,

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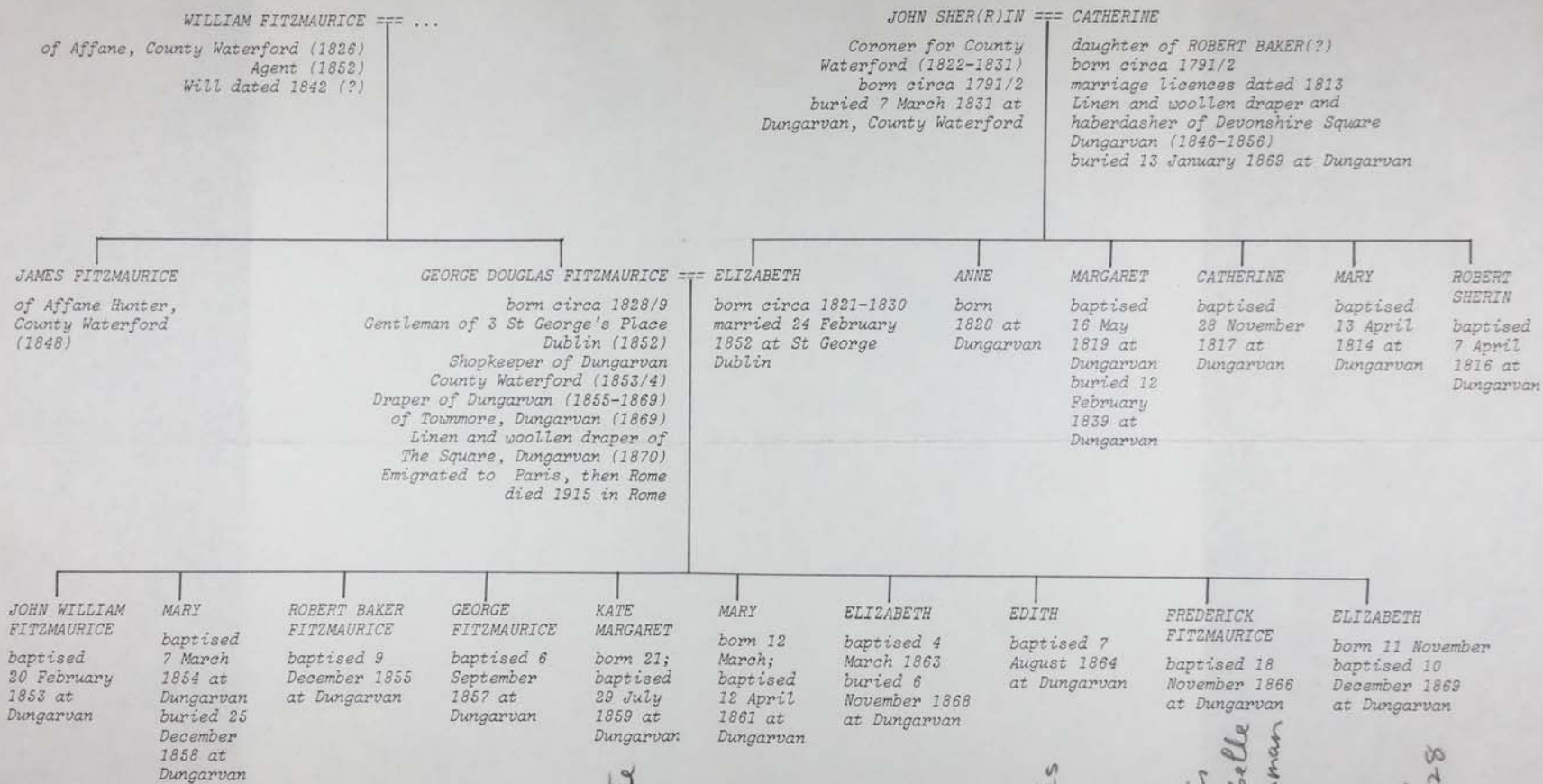
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Auntie Katie

My mother

Died in Paris

Lived in Paris  
had a daughter, Isabelle  
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Died in London, 1928

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14th January 1986

*Debrett Ancestry Research*

Dear Mr. Belfield,

Thank you for your letter of October 8. I am replying to your questions but I must repeat once more that I would like to know something about the origins of my grandfather George Douglas Fitzmaurice. I know enough about his biography after 1900.

You ask whether he died a British citizen. He and his wife (my grandmother Elizabeth Shearan)(sp.?) moved to Rome from Paris around 1890. My grandfather was regularly employed in the firm called Old England. I have no doubt that in the lenient days of the Kingdom of Italy British citizens were legally forced to change citizenship if they resided in Italy at length.

I already told you in my first letter that my grandfather/around 1836, most probably in southern Ireland.

There were no close relatives left in Ireland when he and his family emigrated to Paris. The family owned land and a house in or near Dungarvan and that property must have changed hands somewhere before 1890

I have remembered that either my grand-father or my grandmother was born in Capoquin near Dungarvan.

You want to know about the children. I am sure that I listed whatever children I knew about. They are dead without issue and of no help in ascertaining the origin of my grandfather.

Sincerely,

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9 October 1985

Dear Mrs Barr

Your letter addressed to our North American Office has been forwarded to us here for a more detailed analysis of your requirements to be undertaken.

The details you provide concerning your grandfather should be entirely sufficient for us to successfully research his origins and career, but we should welcome some further details if you have them. Please list all his children, and where and when (approximately if necessary) he was born. Was he a British citizen when he died in Rome, and do you know whether he was merely visiting or permanently resident in Rome? From such sources as wills, census returns, civil registration records and perhaps property records, we should be able to establish a good deal of information.

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24th October 1985

Dear Mr. Belfield,

I have received your letter of Oct. 9 and I am enclosing a cheque.

As my first letter was forwarded to you I am repeating myself as little as possible. Essentially I am asking you who George Douglas Fitzgerald was. I am rather good at research myself and would have provided you with the details you ask for if they had been available to me. Everything is lost. There are no heirs. He was born around 1835/36 in Ireland and was of gentle birth. He and his family migrated to Paris and later to Rome. He arrived in Rome before 1896 because in that year my mother married an Italian, Virginio Scolari.

My grandfather and his wife settled in Rome. They never travelled again. Anyway passports were not needed in those days. I was born in 1901. I don't need you to trace anything about my grandfather in later years.

He is buried with his wife in the Protestant Cemetery in Rome. The tablet on his grave may bear the date of his birth but I don't think that would be essential. I mentioned in my first letter that the Fitzmaurice sons were sent to the university. When they grew up they emigrated to Australia and I remember family stories of my grandmother going to say goodbye to her sons at Queenstown (now Cork?).

*and  
Tasmania*

In Paris after a period of unemployment my grandfather went to work in the firm of Old England, a splendid department store. The winter climate became too harsh for him so the firm sent him to their Rome branch which was first on the via Nazionale and later on the via del Tritone. It closed in the early Fascist years, probably 1925/26. I have no idea whether my grandfather went to the university, he was Church of England, well-bred, knew languages. I have photographs of him in his later years. He was handsome.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Margaret Barr*

*The right place to start  
the hunt is Dungarvan  
city Waterford*

There may be records of the sale of property. The family had property near Dungarvan.