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– By Steve Zalewski, Genealogy Research Committee Chair

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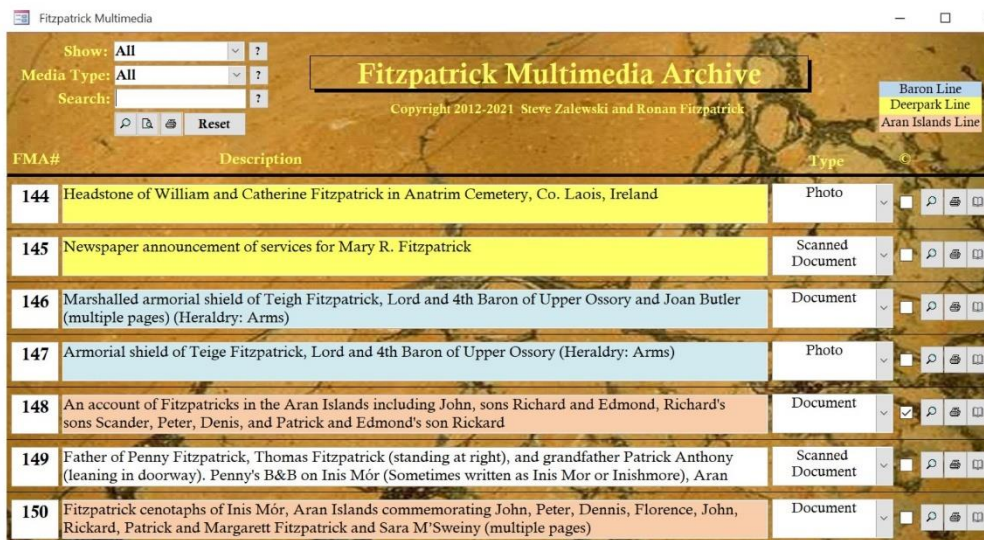
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The Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive (FMA) is an electronic resource of contents relating to the Manuscript, Family, and Published Sources for the Fitzpatrick Nation. It evolved from the work of Steve Zalewski and Ronan Fitzpatrick as part of their collaborative research for their publication, *The Descendants of Bryan Fitzpatrick, Lord and First Baron of Upper Ossory* (2013). This work referred to extensive research sources, acquired copies of multimedia artifacts and recorded Fitzpatrick genealogical details with information of where these sources, artifacts and details can be accessed. The FMA merges these sources, multimedia acquisitions, and Fitzpatrick genealogy records, as charted using Ancestral Quest, a genealogical program, for easy searching and viewing.

The FMA consists of two parts: the descriptions, and the sources. The descriptions of each entry in the FMA refer to many different formats including electronic scans, photographs, documents, portraits, engravings, presentations, and similar multimedia. Each description is supported by its source which typically includes the author, year, title, publisher, repository, call number and a link to where it can be accessed online if appropriate. In addition, individual items in the FMA may be accessed using a keyword search of the descriptions and may also be combined with family line and/or multimedia filters. To honour copyright requirements, the FMA displays copyright protected items through access to internet websites that contain the copyrighted content.

The FMA requires the availability of three programs: Microsoft 365, Irfanview (a free graphics viewer), and Foxit PDF Reader (a free PDF reader). These programs function together to search and display the content of interest. These files may be installed on either a separate PC or a networked PC. The current size of the FMA - including the multimedia files and application- is 750MB and consists of 350 entries which will grow as new content is discovered and added. Additional documentation for the FMA includes an Installation Manual and User Manual. Both manuals are available on the Research tab of The Fitzpatrick - Mac Giolla Phádraig Clan Society website, along with a complete catalogue of The Archive. **(Video:)** [Watch this video online to learn more about the Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive.](#)

The Fitzpatricks of Knockheel

A Needle in a Haystack!

– By John Fitzpatrick, Dublin

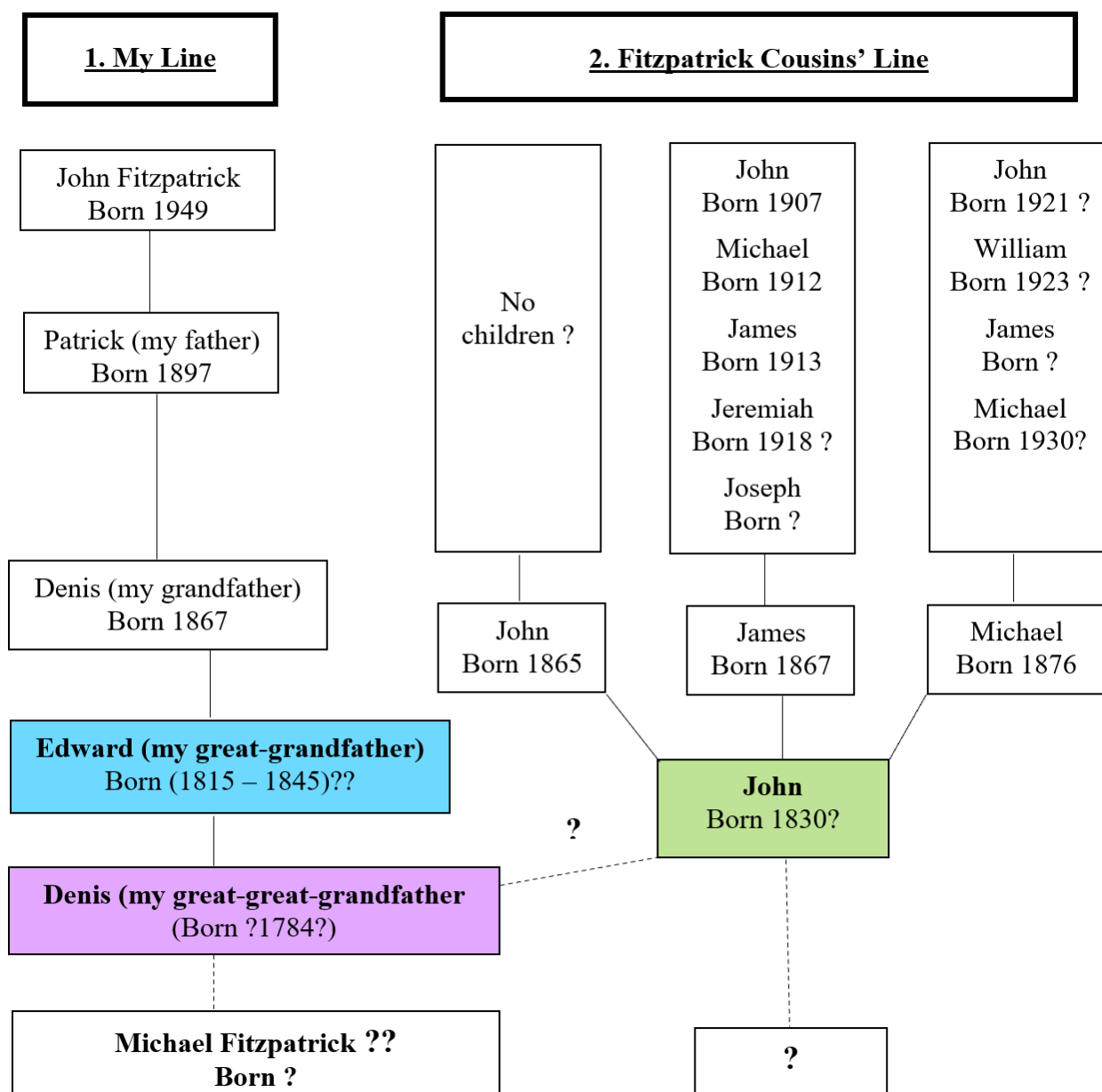
When I was a child my father, Patrick Fitzpatrick, who was born in Rathdowney, Co. Laois (Queen's Co.), Ireland in July 1897, only spoke very occasionally and very briefly about his relatives in Knockheel and Rathdowney. Strangely, I can't recall ever hearing him speak about his mother or father or about his grandparents. The only references I heard him make regarding his immediate family concerned his brother, Edward, who died relatively young in 1933, his sister, Julia, who died in middle-age in 1938, and his other sister, Mary (or Aunt Moyra as I knew her), who died in 1992 ten years after my father's death. He also mentioned with great fondness his aunts and uncles on his mother's side. These were Kate, Eliza, Tim and John Maher, and John's wife, Johanna. Tim's name always stuck in my memory as he had died tragically in March 1924 about a month after being brutally injured when he was attacked and robbed on the night of 15 February 1924 while returning to Rathdowney in his horse and dray-cart. The horse made its own way home in the early hours of 16 February as Tim was badly injured and unconscious in the cart. Tim had worked for Robert Perry & Son Ltd. a company which brewed beer and was a large employer in Rathdowney for many years. He regularly delivered beer to customers on behalf of the Brewery and collected any monies due. The motive for the attack appeared to be robbery but, while a number of men were charged with the murder and were prosecuted, no one was convicted for the alleged crime. The tragic event attracted widespread press coverage and is still mentioned locally. Other than Tim, John (Jack) Maher and his wife, Johanna, both played a big role in my father's young life and the lives of his siblings. In this context, I discovered in recent years that my father's mother (i.e. my grandmother and John Maher's sister), Johanna ("Annie" née Maher), died in 1912 when my aunt Julia was 16, my father 14, my uncle Edward 12 and my aunt Moyra 9. My understanding is that John and Johanna Maher took responsibility for their care and may have done so much earlier. The role of their father (i.e. my grandfather), Denis Fitzpatrick, is unclear. John was affectionately referred to always by both my father and my Aunt Moyra as "Addy-Ack". I think this pet name "Addy-Ack" may be a corruption of "Daddy-Jack" as a child might have tried to pronounce it, and may indicate that John Maher effectively acted as a father to Denis Fitzpatrick's four children. I discovered recently that Denis remarried in 1913 (to a woman named Bridget Peters) and joined the British Army in July 1915 in Maryborough (now Portlaoise), Co. Laois to fight in the Great War. He returned when the war was over – probably in 1919 and lived in Mooreville, Rathdowney (adjacent to Knockheel). His second wife Bridget Fitzpatrick (née Peters) died in May 1926. Denis seems to have worked in Perry's Brewery for some time afterwards. Almost three years before I was born, he died in February 1947, aged 79, in my home town, Athy, Co. Kildare, Ireland, having been cared for in his latter years by my father.



Like so many other people, the start of my active interest in my family roots in 2013 occurred far too late to make my research somewhat easier than it has been. Those key relatives who had some of the crucial knowledge I needed had departed from this life many years earlier. Trying to piece together my Fitzpatrick antecedents from the small number of handwritten and other family documents became a major challenge. Unfortunately, those known relatives who are still living had very little information and in many cases not much interest. The task was made more difficult in trying to connect publicly available online data from Census, Church and other (e.g. Griffith's Valuation) records for the vast number of Fitzpatrick individuals and families recorded in the Rathdowney area of Co. Laois (Queen's County), Ireland from the mid-1700s to the mid-1900s. My focus was the townlands of Knockheel, Johnstown Glebe, and Rathdowney: three townlands closely associated geographically with the town of Rathdowney. However, I had never heard Johnstown Glebe mentioned previously in relation to my family. As is so often the case, I hit a 'brick wall' in trying to trace my male line. For example, despite the vast number of Fitzpatricks recorded for 'Knockheel' (and its variant spellings) in both the Catholic Parish and Civil Records, there were no Fitzpatricks recorded in the 1901 and 1911 Censuses for this Townland. There were, however, many Fitzpatrick households recorded for the Rathdowney townland and a small number for the Townland of Johnstown Glebe (adjacent to Rathdowney) on both occasions.

I am completely convinced that my great-grandmother, Johanna/Julia Fitzpatrick (née Loughman) who was married (in April 1866) to Edward Fitzpatrick of Knockheel (i.e. my great grandfather) lived in one of these households along with some of her adult children (i.e. some of my great-uncles/-aunts). The other households were most likely cousins of some sort. A further constraint was the fact that there are major gaps in the Rathdowney Catholic Parish Records for the 1800 - 1840 period making fruitful research quite impossible - especially given that there are so many Fitzpatricks in the general Rathdowney area, and so many with common first names too. Nevertheless, I persisted with my research. Reading Dan Fitzpatrick's very interesting article - *My Humble Beginnings* - in the Summer 2021 1st edition of The Fitzpatrick - Mac Giolla Phádraig Clan Society Newsletter, prompted me to contribute something on the progress of my own family research or, more precisely, on the difficulty I have encountered in tracing my line backwards. This is partly in the hope that perhaps some fellow member of the Fitzpatrick - Mac Giolla Phádraig Clan Society may be able to help me track down some of the missing pieces. My research concentrated on two Fitzpatrick lines: my own direct line **(1.)** and parallel lines **(2.)** of certain male cousins of some kind. The latter have the same grandfather born probably around 1830.

Broad Outline of Apparently Related Fitzpatrick Families



This is where the trail goes cold. My critical question is “what was the relationship between my great-great-grandfather, Denis Fitzpatrick (*shown in the purple box* and, from the Rathdowney Catholic Parish Records, possibly born in 1784), my great-grandfather, Edward Fitzpatrick (*shown in the blue box*) and the John Fitzpatrick (*shown in the green box*)? Were Edward and John brothers i.e. was Denis their father? Or were Edward and John cousins? Perhaps there is a member of the Fitzpatrick – Mac Giolla Phádraig Clan Society who may be able to help uncover ‘the needle in the haystack’.

Selected Details of My Family History

What follows is my interpretation of the information I have obtained from published and private sources and represents my opinion of the relationships between the individuals named and on other details shown. I cannot be certain of the accuracy and precision of the source data used or of the conclusions I have drawn in all cases. I stress that I am not presenting this information as fact although much of it is probably factual. Some broad background information on some of the individuals featuring in the diagram above may illuminate some of the missing facts concerning the relationships between my line and the ‘cousin’ lines. The Catholic Parish Records available show that there were Fitzpatricks living in Knockheel (with its variant spellings) as far back as the 1760s. In addition, the Griffith Primary Valuation of Tenements records for the mid-1800s show Fitzpatricks as tenant farmers in Knockheel and in Johnstown Glebe. Some of the Griffith Poor Law Valuation Map references and field boundaries shown for the parcels of land occupied by certain Fitzpatrick tenants are the same as those attaching to the lands occupied/owned in the 1900s by my relatives and connections.

Regarding the cousins’ line, the **John Fitzpatrick** (born about 1830, *highlighted in green in the diagram*) married an **Anne Clear** of Rathdowney Parish on 7 February 1861 (an Edward Fitzpatrick was a witness at the church ceremony – could this have been my great-grandfather?). They apparently had (at least) 7 children: **Anne**, born 20 Dec. 1861 (an Edward Fitzpatrick was one of the sponsors); **Margaret**, born 15 Sep. 1863; **John**, born 10 Sep. 1865; **James**, born 20 Nov. 1867; **Mary** born 7 Jun. 1870; **Michael**, born 31 Oct. 1875; **Catherine** born 30 May 1879. The parents, John and Anne (née Clear) died in 1915 within two weeks of each other: John on 29 March 1915 and Anne on 8 April 1915. The following focuses on the three sons, John, James and Michael:

The eldest son, **John**, married a **Bridget Loughman** (of Harristown) on **16 August 1904** and both are recorded as farmers on the marriage record. They seem to have had no children. I could not find any other information about them other than John seems to have died on 30 Nov. 1943 in Knockheel aged 78, being survived by his wife, Bridget, who was present at his death.

The second son, **James**, married a **Bridget Campion** (of Coolkerry) on **23 January 1906**. He died in 1949, Bridget in 1978 (aged 97 years). They appear to have had (at least) 8 children: **John** born 9 Jan. 1907; **Anne** born 3 Nov. 1909 (died 10 Apr. 1930); **Michael** born 25 Apr. 1912; **James** born 14 Nov. 1913; **Jeremiah** born 26(?) Aug. 1918, along with **Joseph**, **Mary** and **Bridget**, for whom I could not find any birth details. It is understood that John, Michael and Joseph were members of the Irish police force (*an Garda Síochána*), **Michael** becoming Garda Assistant Commissioner (he died on 14 February 1982) and **John** reaching the rank of Garda Superintendent (he died on 13 Aug. 1969). Both Michael and John, along with **James** were unmarried; I cannot determine the marital status of **Joseph**. **Jeremiah** did marry and lived in north Dublin until his tragic death in Cork City on 14 Feb. 1964. **James** appears to have lived as a farmer in Knockheel/Johnstown Glebe. Apparently, he was known as ‘**Jim the Hat**’ or ‘**Larkin**’ (after the famous Irish trade union leader Jim Larkin). He died on 30 December 2005. Many of these Fitzpatricks were interred in the ‘New’ Cemetery, Rathdowney.

The third son, **Michael**, married a **Mary Grace** (of Grange, Johnstown) on **7 February 1918**. He died on 16 September 1943 and was interred in Coolkerry Cemetery, Rathdowney. Mary died on 10 April 1970 and was interred in the ‘New’ Cemetery, Rathdowney. They had at least 5 children: **Michael** (died 1975, aged 45 years), William (died 1998, aged 75 years), John (died 1993, aged 72 years), James (died 1988), **Mary** and **Ann**. Not much is known about this line of the Fitzpatricks except that **Mary** married a **John Quigley** of Rathdowney. **Ann** married a member of the Henderson family from Kilkenny, famous in Ireland for their prowess playing the traditional game of hurling.

Regarding my own line, **Edward Fitzpatrick** (*highlighted in blue in the diagram*), my great-grandfather whose date of birth/baptism I cannot find, married a **Johanna** (known also as Judith, Julia) **Loughman** on 22 April 1866. The marriage registration in the Irish Civil Records show that Edward was a farmer from 'Nockiel' (i.e. Knockheel) while Johanna, also from 'Nockiel' was shown as a 'servant' (presumably a domestic servant). Edward's father (i.e. my great-great grandfather) was recorded as **Denis Fitzpatrick** and his occupation was given as 'farmer'. It is quite likely that this Denis Fitzpatrick was the individual (*highlighted in purple in the diagram shown above and recorded in the Church records as having been baptised on 11 July 1784*). Edward's date of death is uncertain, but the Irish Civil Records show the death on 25 March 1896 of an Edward Fitzpatrick, farmer, from Johnstown Glebe, Rathdowney, aged 84 years. The informant was an Edward Fitzpatrick (possibly my great uncle), son of the deceased also from Johnstown Glebe (my great grandfather had a son named Edward!). So, the deceased individual may have been my great-grandfather but the age at death recorded may not be correct (as is often the case). The Civil Records also show that a Julia Fitzpatrick (of Knockhiel), widow of a farmer, died on 18 Jan. 1922 aged 76. Her son, Edward (most likely to have been my great uncle), was the 'Informant' present at death. This probably refers to the death of my great-grandmother Johanna (also referred to as Judith, Julia, Judy). My great grandparents, Edward and Johanna, appear to have had (at least) 7 children: **Denis** (my grandfather, born 24 May 1867; my great-uncles/aunts: **Michael** (born 7 Jan. 1869); **Mary** (born 5 Dec. 1870); **Patrick** (born 4 Aug. 1872, died 8 Jan. 1934); **Anne** (born 4 Aug. 1872); **Johanna** (5 Mar. 1877); **Edward** (born 19 Jan. 1881). I have uncovered very little about these individuals apart from my grandfather, **Denis**, Great-aunt, **Mary**, and great-uncles, **Patrick** and **Edward**.

Edward and Johanna Fitzpatrick's first child, **Denis Fitzpatrick**, was born in Knockheel on 24 May 1867 and married my grandmother, **Anne** (Annie) **Maher**, on 12 Nov. 1894 in Rathdowney Parish Church. They had four children: **Julia** (born 12 Sep. 1895, died 8 Jul. 1938); **Patrick** (my father, born 5 Jul. 1897, died 6 Jan. 1982); **Edward** (born 26 Sep. 1899, died 27 Feb. 1933) and **Mary** (known as Moyra, born on 8 Jul. 1902, died 18 Jun. 1992). My grandmother, Annie, died on 27 Jan. 1912. My grandfather remarried on 30 Oct. 1913 to a **Bridget Peters**, a farmer's daughter from Harristown, Rathdowney. I don't think there were any children from this marriage. Denis enlisted in the British Army in July 1915 at the age of 48 (but declared as 37!) and was a private in the Leinster Regiment (7th Battalion) in the Somme offensive of World War I. He appears to have been injured or to have had health issues at some point as he was transferred to different units/divisions and eventually to the Army Labour Corps in September 1917. Denis survived the war and returned to live in Mooreville, Rathdowney. He subsequently worked in Perry's Brewery. His second wife, Bridget, died on 14 May 1926. Denis himself died in Athy, Co. Kildare, on 4 Feb. 1947 aged 79. For a time beforehand, he had been cared for by my father, Patrick Fitzpatrick, in Athy, Co. Kildare. Denis's remains were interred in the 'New' Cemetery, Rathdowney.

Mary Fitzpatrick, a sister of Denis, born in 1870 was married to a Michael Kirwan, farmer of Johnstown Glebe, Rathdowney, on 6 Mar. 1916 and died on 27 Feb. 1941 at Johnstown Glebe.

Patrick Fitzpatrick, a brother of Denis, born 4 Aug. 1872 (church baptism record) was a bachelor farmer. He died on 8 Jan. 1934 at Johnstown Glebe, Rathdowney.

Edward Fitzpatrick, a brother of Denis, born 19 Jan. 1881 (church record), bachelor, died 8 March 1951.

A final piece of ancillary information is that another apparent relative, a Jim Fitzpatrick from Knockheel, was a US policeman possibly in New York City or State in the 1920s/1930s/1940s who was decorated for some action but, so far, I have not found any details about him or the relevant action.

What I have described essentially represents my interpretation of the information I have sourced to date. I cannot guarantee the veracity of all of the information obtained from published or other sources, nor of the accuracy of my interpretation of these data and the relationships and connections that I have presented. I apologise for any errors I may have inadvertently made. I am hopeful that in due course some or all of the relevant outstanding information will become available through some means. Should this happen, it will allow me or other parties to strengthen the information and its interpretation and hopefully result in a more complete understanding of my Fitzpatrick family history. 🏰

The Fitzpatrick Scholarship Prize, 2022

A call for contributions to our annual essay contest; \$500 prize.

– By Andrew Wallace, History & Antiquities Committee Chair; Scholarship Contact

The Society recognises a scholar based on an outstanding recently written contribution submitted in competition. The purpose of this recognition is to encourage the study of the history, heritage, culture and tradition of the Fitzpatrick nation. Each year the recognised scholar will be referred to as the Fitzpatrick Society Scholar or simply the Fitzpatrick Scholar and will receive a purse of \$500.00.



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The Rules:

1. Entries must be received by 31 March in year of competition and the scholar's name will be announced 11 June each year.
2. The 2022 competition will be adjudicated by Senator David Norris acting as single judge supported by a panel selected by the Committee.
3. An entry should consist of no less than 2000 typed words on any of the four themes which demonstrates scholarly research, reporting and understanding and must not have been previously published. Entries should be of a publishable standard and fully cited and referenced.
4. The competition is open to all members and membership is open to all interested persons, regardless of ancestry.
5. A minimum of three (3) entries is required for the competition to take place.
6. The committee will retain discretion to determine if the standard is acceptable and may decide, as circumstances dictate, to announce no scholar.
7. An unsuccessful submission may be resubmitted for competition in the first year following its initial submission.
8. A condition of the competition is the right of the Society to publish any of the entries in the Society publications with due acknowledgement. All entries will remain the intellectual property of the author.
9. Separate from the competition for the Fitzpatrick Scholar, should a meritorious contribution be submitted by a scholar aged under 18 on 31 March in year of competition, the panel may recommend that a special award be made in recognition of a Fitzpatrick Junior Scholar.

Entries or queries should be submitted to:

The Fitzpatrick - Mac Giolla Phádraig Clan Society

Email: fitzpatrickscholar@gmail.com Contact : Andrew Wallace.

See website: <https://fitzpatrickssociety.com/scholarship/> 

Noteworthy Awards

Recent honours bestowed on members of the Clan.

– By Ryan Fitzpatrick, Clan Society Herald

The Clan Society brings attention to noteworthy awards given to our members and Fitzpatricks and related names worldwide. If you want to share news of a special award, please email the Editor at:

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Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, inducted into the Honorable Vidocq Society.



Congratulations to our own dear Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, who was inducted into the honorable Vidocq Society. Named for Monsieur Eugène François Vidocq, one of the world's greatest detectives, The Vidocq Society provides pro bono expert assistance to the law enforcement community in solving their cold case homicides. Members must "be of exemplary character, possess a forensic skill or other skill necessary for the furtherance of the work of the organization and have demonstrated a commitment to solving cold case homicides." Dr. Colleen's lifelong work, her co-founding of the DNA Doe Project, and her establishment of the field of forensic genealogy used in cracking many cold cases, places her in a top tier amongst the detectives of the world. Congratulations Dr. Colleen! Learn more at: <https://www.vidocq.org/> or see Dr. Colleen's website: <http://dnadoeproject.org/>.

The Honourable David Ross Fitzpatrick, O.C., O.B.C.

On December 29th, 2021, her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, announced the Hon. David Ross Fitzpatrick of Kelowna, British Columbia, as an Officer of the Order of Canada (O.C.) for his lifelong dedication to the cultural and economic development of the Okanagan, and for his leadership and conservation efforts in the region.



David Ross Fitzpatrick was born in 1933 to a pioneer Okanagan agricultural family. Upon graduation from UBC with a degree in Commerce and Business Administration he was appointed Research Director to the Royal Commission into the Tree Fruit Industry of British Columbia. Following completion of the Royal Commission he worked for the B.C. Tree Fruits Industry before pursuing post graduate studies. After a successful business career founding and developing companies in aerospace, oil & gas and mining, he returned to the Okanagan in 1986 to promote value added agriculture and founded Cedar Creek Estate Winery to pioneer the planting of vinifera grapes to produce premium quality wines (sold to Von Mandl Family Estates in 2014). Mr. Fitzpatrick is Proprietor and Chairman of Fitzpatrick Family Vineyards at Greata Ranch, a Sparkling Wine House which opened April 2017 (www.fitzwine.com). From 1998 to 2008, Ross Fitzpatrick served for a decade in the Senate of Canada representing both Canada and the Okanagan-Similkameen. Throughout his career he has worked tirelessly to protect the environment, promote green economic development and to contribute to the public and community's well-being.

David has received numerous awards for his work including the Order of British Columbia (O.B.C., 2009), Freedom of the City of Kelowna (2008), Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal (2002), Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2013), Freedom of the City of Oliver (1998), and the Canadian Confederation Medal (1992). He has also received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Okanagan University College in 2003 and UBC Okanagan in 2012 to accompany his degree in Commerce and Business Administration from UBC. Established in 1967 during Canada's centennial year by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Order of Canada is the cornerstone of the Canadian Honours System and recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. It consists of three ranks, from highest to lowest: Companions, Officers, and Members, as well as Honorary Members. The Order recognizes people in all sectors of Canadian society. Their contributions are varied, yet they have all enriched the lives of others and made a difference to Canada. Many thanks to long-time member Monica Craig for bringing this to the attention of the Clan Society via our Facebook group.

(See: <https://www.rossfitzpatrick.com/>) 



Remembrance - The two minutes silence

How one FitzPatrick's idea became a worldwide phenomenon.

From: [Remembrance - The two minutes silence \(veterans-uk.com\)](https://www.veterans-uk.com/remembrance-the-two-minutes-silence) (Accessed 24 January 2022)


The two minutes' silence to commemorate the first anniversary of the ceasefire of 11 o'clock on 11 November 1918 was almost as much of a surprise to the general public as the ceasefire itself had been. The decision to mark the first anniversary of the Armistice with a silent pause in the life of the nation was taken very close to the anniversary itself.' [1] The origins of the silence can be found in a minute dated 4 November 1919, submitted to Lord Milner for the consideration of the War Cabinet by Sir Percy FitzPatrick, former British High Commissioner to the Dominion of South Africa. His son had been killed in France in 1917. He wrote:



"In the hearts of our people there is a real desire to find some lasting expression of their feeling for those who gave their lives in the war. They want something done now while the memories of sacrifice are in the minds of all; for there is the dread - too well grounded in experience - that those who have gone will not always be first in the thoughts of all, and that when the fruits of their sacrifice become our daily bread, there will be few occasions to remind us of what we realise so clearly today. During the War, we in South Africa observed what we called the "Three minutes' pause " At noon each day, all work, all talk, and all movement were suspended for three minutes that we might concentrate as one in thinking of those - the living and the dead - who had pledged and given themselves for all that we believe in. Silence, complete and arresting, closed upon the city - the moving, awe-inspiring silence of a great Cathedral where the smallest sound must seem a sacrilege... Only those who have felt it can understand the overmastering effect in action and reaction of a multitude moved suddenly to one thought and one purpose." [2]

The War Cabinet discussed FitzPatrick's proposal on 5 November and approved a 'Service of Silence' on Armistice Day. Lord Milner was placed in charge of making the arrangements. The only amendment the Cabinet made was to amend the duration to one minute, - subject to approval from the King. (The precedent for a minute's silence can be found in the silence observed at Theodore Roosevelt's funeral that same year). Milner drafted a 'personal request' for the King and took it to Buckingham Palace. The King discussed it with his private secretary Lord Stamfordham and altered the duration of the silence to two minutes. Milner then arranged for the release of the finalised draft to the Dominions and the press. It was carried by all national newspapers on 7 November 1919:

"Tuesday next, November 11, is the first anniversary of the Armistice, which stayed the worldwide carnage of the four preceding years and marked the victory of Right and Freedom. I believe that my people in every part of the Empire fervently wish to perpetuate the memory of the Great Deliverance, and of those who have laid down their lives to achieve it. To afford an opportunity for the universal expression of this feeling, it is my desire and hope that at the hour when the Armistice came into force, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, there may be for the brief space of two minutes a complete suspension of our normal activities. No elaborate organisation appears to be required. At a given signal, which can easily be arranged to suit the circumstances of the locality, I believe that we shall gladly interrupt our business and pleasure, whatever it may be and unite in this simple service of Silence and Remembrance."

The silence was well observed the length and breadth of the UK. 'For two minutes after the hour of eleven had struck yesterday morning Plymouth stood inanimate with the nation... Two minutes before the hour the maroons boomed out their warning in one long drawn-out note... As the hour struck a great silence swept over the town. People halted in their walks, chatter ceased as if by magic, traffic stopped, and the rumbling note of industry stayed'. [3] A new tradition had been established. 

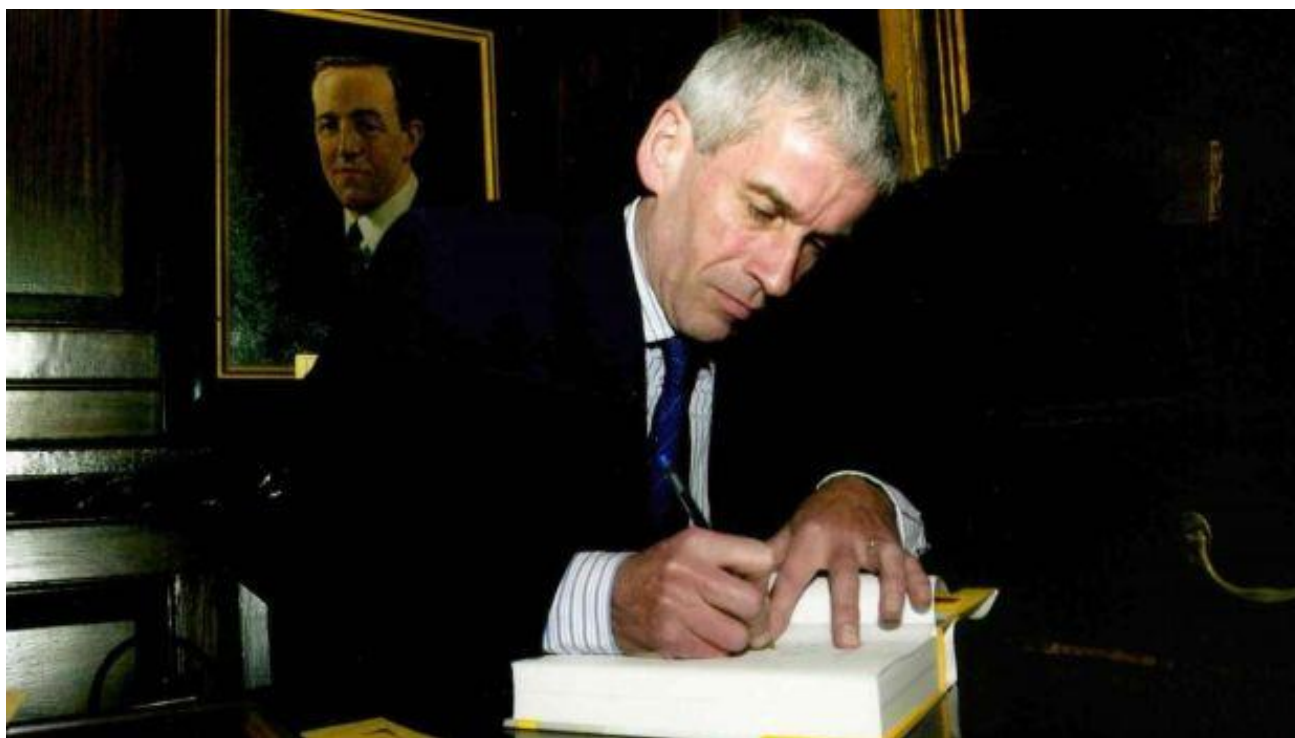
Sources: [1] Adrian Gregory, *The Silence of Memory*. [2] PRO CAB 24/C45. [3] *Western Morning News and Mercury* 12th November 1919.

Cuimhne Shíoraí (Memory Eternal)

Preserving the memory of the departed.

Anyone wishing to commemorate a person or loved one or may email text details & photos to the Editor (editoremeralddragon@gmail.com); entries need not be recent. The Clan Society may note the repose of bearers of the surname, or related surnames, whether Society members or not. May God grant rest and eternal memory to all named herein, in a place of verdure, and comfort their families in their grief.

David Patrick Brian Fitzpatrick (25 May 1948 - 20 Feb 2018) Australian-born Professor of Modern History at Trinity College Dublin and member of the Royal Irish Academy. Widely celebrated by fellow academics, it was said of him that he was "the most original and influential Irish historian of his generation", and "one of the most brilliant historians of his generation", and as "a careful and fastidious historian. He will be remembered for his deep, sometimes contrarian, insights and for his takes on a bewilderingly wide range of themes." His many works dealt mainly with the subjects of Irish immigration, revolution, and biographies. A man of very wide interests, David was a multi-instrumentalist musician and while at Oxford, learned how to programme a mainframe computer. Both his parents and only sibling were historians, as was his wife: he was the son of Brian Fitzpatrick (socialist historian) and Dorothy (nee Davies); his sister is the famed Australian historian of Soviet Russia, Sheila Fitzpatrick. He was survived by his widow, military historian Jane Leonard and their children, Julia and Hannah; and by his first wife, Georgina (nee Haigh), also an academic, and their children, Brian and Meg. Thanks to Clan Society member Francie Fitzpatrick who related on Facebook: "His family originated from Aughavas, Co. Leitrim. Emigrated to Victoria, Australia after the famine. Related to Phil Fitzpatrick (author of *Lovely Leitrim*)."



David P.B. Fitzpatrick (Photo: Irish Times)

Michael Gerard Fitzpatrick (June 28, 1963 - January 6, 2020) Eulogized as "the Father of Bucks County", he was an American attorney and politician who served as a Republican member of the United States House of Representatives, representing Pennsylvania's 8th congressional district from 2005 to 2007 and 2011 to 2017. He was first elected to Congress in 2004 and represented the district from 2005 to 2007, but he was defeated by Democrat Patrick Murphy in 2006. He declined to run for his old seat in 2008 but ran again in 2010 and won a

rematch with Murphy. He was re-elected in 2012 and 2014. A supporter of term limits, he did not seek re-election in 2016 and was replaced by his brother, Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick. He was considered a moderate Republican, and consistently ranked among the most bipartisan members of Congress. He was a Past President of the Bucks County Council, Boy Scouts of America and a member of many charitable, civic and business organizations including the Temple Lower Bucks Hospital Board of Directors, the Conwell-Egan Catholic Board of Advisors, the Knights of Columbus, the Levittown Bristol Kiwanis Club, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Brehon Law Society. The oldest son of eight children to Jim and Mary, and a Distinguished Eagle Scout, Mike's life was molded by his deep devotion to his family, faith, and community service. Mike and his wife, Kathy, had six children: Katie, Maggie, Molly, James, Michael, and Thomas.



Helen Ann (Barry) Dooley (25 June 1951 - 12 January 2022) Wife of Clan Society member David Dooley of LaSalle and Peru, Illinois, Helen passed away this past January in Chicago. She was born in Limerick City, Ireland to Patrick and Nora (Condon) Barry. She married David Dooley on December 11, 1976 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Limerick City. Helen received an Associate's Degree from Triton College and worked as a Dental Lab Technician at Dental Arts in Princeton. She was a very active member of St. Hyacinth's Church in LaSalle and was active in the choir and prayer groups. Helen had a very joyful, prayerful and outgoing personality loved by all. She was very proud of her Irish heritage and enjoyed Irish Music, knitting, crocheting and quilting. Her family includes her husband, David; four children, Brendan, Rochelle, Maureen and Catrina; four grandchildren, Sophia, Anthony, Gianna, and Lilliana; one sister, Breda (John) Ryan of Pallasgreen, County Limerick, Ireland; two brothers William (Carmel) Barry and Patrick Barry both of Limerick City, Ireland and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Ita Collins and one brother, John Barry. Helen's husband David laid her to rest in Fedamore, County Limerick.



Rita Fitzpatrick (d. 2 Feb. 2022) Rita Fitzpatrick, the beloved mother of Laois-native *Supervet* Noel Fitzpatrick, passed away at age 92, on Wednesday, February 02, 2022, at the comfort of her home at Esker, Mountmellick. Rita was predeceased by her husband Sean (d. 2006), brothers Tom, Sean and Pat, her sister Marie and her daughter-in-law Sheila. She is mourned by her sister Philomena, her children John, Mary, Frances, Grace, Noel and Josephine, her daughter-in-law Geraldine, her sons-in-law Robert, Liam, Willie and Patrick, her brother-in-law PJ, her sisters-in-law Bernie, Ettie and Sadie, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, wonderful neighbours and everyone in her care team.



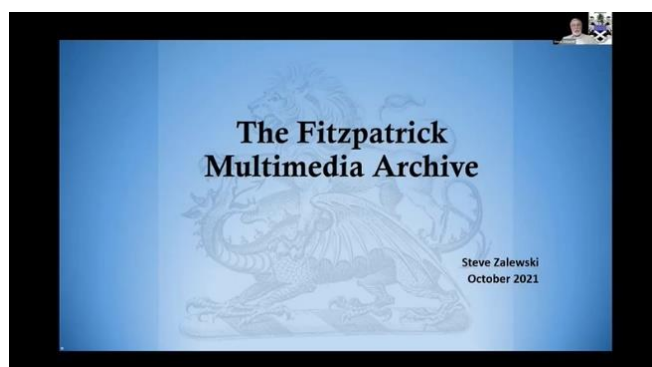
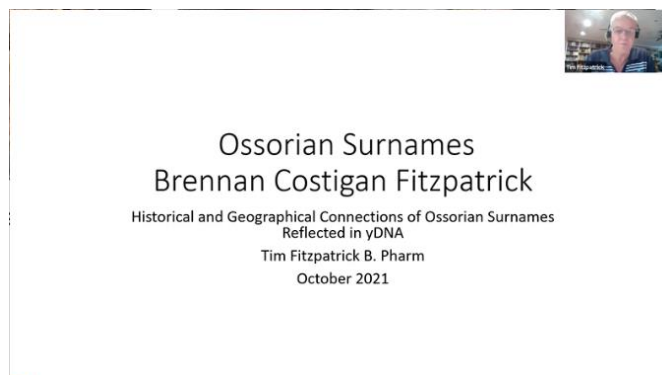
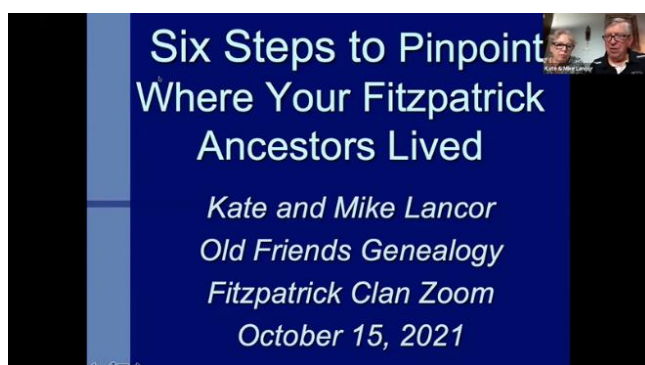
Donald Fitzpatrick (father of Clan Society member Carrie Fitzpatrick) passed in February 2022 at age 93. He was born in North Dakota after his parents (Mark and Martha Fitzpatrick) immigrated from Canada on foot to N. Dakota for the free land giveaway. His father (John Henry Fitzpatrick and John's father, (William Fitzpatrick) immigrated from Ireland County Down. They were rejected at Ellis Island but were accepted by Canada where they lived and raised the rest of the children. Don had 6 daughters, but no sons. He is the last of his 6 brothers and sisters. It is the end of an era and the end of his Fitzpatrick legacy. Beloved Dad and a great human being. Happy is he now with his family and our Father in Heaven. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

Recent & Upcoming Clan Society Events

2021 Capital District Scottish Games – (5 Sept. 2021) A fun-fill day outdoors in beautiful the late-summer weather: Fitzpatrick flags flew over the Clan Tent at the Altamont Fairgrounds for the third-consecutive year (2020 notwithstanding). Hundreds of folks stopped by to chat about Irish history, view surname maps, discuss heraldry, admire tartans, and learn about everything Fitzpatrick. Twenty-four people with Fitzpatrick connections rolled through the tent with countless others. Ryan, Melissa, Paul, Rebekah, & families marched under Fitzpatrick banners and Irish flags in the Parade of Clans, with the sounds of bagpipes, drums, traditional music, and the sights of heavy athletic events on the field. See photos of this fun event, under [Regional Gatherings & Local Events](#) on the Gatherings page of the Clan Society website. (<https://fitzpatrickscsociety.com/gatherings/>)



2021 Clan Zoom Gathering - (15 & 16 Oct. 2021) Government lockdowns and restrictions have not stopped the Fitzpatrick Nation from Gathering online and sharing our research. Our first-ever two-day Zoom Gathering was a smashing success, with attendees from around the world, and four presentations: (1) *Six Steps to Pinpointing Where Your Fitzpatrick Ancestors Lived*, presented by Mike & Kate Lancor (nee Fitzpatrick); (2) *The Cerball Nexus (Ossorian Surnames)*, presented by Tim Fitzpatrick, (3) *The Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive*, presented by Steve Zalewski; and (4) *The Fitzpatrick Harp*, presented by Ryan Fitzpatrick. For those who weren't able to attend, all four recordings are now available on our YouTube Channel. Do watch. We were even visited by the late "Norman Hunter" who dropped in from NZ to make the day extra special. **Click on the images below** to view each presentation on our YouTube channel:



Upcoming 2022 St. Patrick's Day Zoom: (19 March 2022, 9PM Irish Time)

To celebrate St Patrick's Day 2022, we are proposing to host an old school Irish style 'House Party' on Saturday 19 March - using Zoom technology to build on the success of the Clan Gathering held late last year - as the next best thing to meeting up in person. The party will last for approximately two hours, commencing at 9pm Irish time on the Saturday evening - **click on this image of St. Patrick to check your local time:**

(And then double check to avoid being late/early/disappointed!) - but we believe it will commence at e.g. 5pm (Saturday) New York time and 8am (Sunday) Sydney Australia (both of those locations will be on Daylight Savings Time by 19 March) - and it is obviously quite a challenge/impossible to find a time that suits all Fitzpatricks in all parts of the globe.

The 'House party' will be a purely social event with no set/formal structure of presentations, speeches etc, and in between chatting and catching up it will be based on the old Irish tradition of the 'Noble Call' as we are seeking participants to perform their party piece, e.g. recite a poem, sing a song, dance a jig, play a reel, tell a tall tale, joke or yarn, share a Fitzpatrick memory etc. You can choose to pre-record your contribution, or to perform it on the hoof at the party - your choice. Send an e-mail if you would like to heed the 'Noble Call' to Peter FitzPatrick on the List and we can work out the logistics of singing, playing, reciting, recording etc in the coming weeks.

In the unlikely event of the Clan being a shy bunch or of a lull in the conversation, we will be sharing photos on screen of previous Clan events during the 'House Party', and we will have the facility to also share your photos on screen if anyone else would like to do so.

If we have a really large attendance we may have to use Zoom breakout rooms to facilitate the fireside chats etc - and the party will then move for a period out to the virtual kitchen (where the best craic is always to be had!), or the virtual front parlour, or the front porch etc.

The House rules for the party are as follows:

1. Wear something green/Irish-themed in honour/honor of Saint Patrick's Day/Weekend (we are lucky to have a four day weekend in Ireland this year)
2. Have a beverage of your choice on hand to help drown the shamrock/raise a toast
3. Keep your camera on please (no lurking permitted and anyone attempting to hang back anonymously off camera will have to either sing a song to remain in the party or the rest of us will sing 'Hit the road Jack' to them and they will be shown the door!)
4. Have a great time!

A Zoom link for the House Party will be sent out a couple of days in advance of 19 March (hopefully the magic Zoom leprechauns will clarify/confirm your local time zones in the invite if you are unsure about daylight savings etc) - keep an eye on the List/Facebook for more information. If this is a successful event we can look to make it an annual event on the Fitzpatrick Clan calendar.

Hope to see you all there - feel free to drop by for 10 minutes, or the full two hours - sure stay the night in true Irish party fashion! 🍀

