Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive[©] V3.0 Introduction

Are you a Fitzpatrick? Have you Fitzpatricks in your family tree? Are you interested in Fitzpatrick history? If you answer yes, then it is no longer necessary to travel to some of the most significant libraries in the world to view Fitzpatrick records. No longer is it necessary to search for the insights of many of the most reputable Fitzpatrick authors, including their handwritten field notes. No longer is it necessary to try to piece together many generations of Fitzpatrick families because the Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive (FMA) can now answer many of your questions. Three hundred seventy-five documents, photographs, and slideshows of Fitzpatrick history are instantly available on your computer. They include items from the time of the Macgilpatrick ennoblement by Henry VIII in 1541 to current Upper Ossory maps of churches, chapels, and Fitzpatrick castles, letters, heraldic achievements, memorials, paintings and so much more. There has never been a single Fitzpatrick resource available anywhere with these capabilities until now.

The Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive (FMA) is an electronic resource containing the works of Shearman, Carrigan, O'Hart, Lodge, and Carew as well as manuscript, family, and unpublished sources from private collections not available in the public domain. These resources can be viewed in full colour and printed from your own computer. The FMA has been 20 years in the making and has 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). The Archive merges all of these resources into a single text-searchable program for easy access, viewing and printing. Over one dozen Fitzpatrick descendancy charts are also included with branches containing up to 15 generations of documented descendants. So, no more searching for hundreds of Fitzpatrick sources because they are instantly available in the FMA. And it is yours for free.

The FMA consists of two parts – the Descriptions and the Sources. All of the items in the FMA have unique descriptions and access a variety of electronic formats including electronic scans, photographs, documents, portraits, engravings, presentations, and similar multimedia.

These are selectable by you through a combination of search options. You can search by name, location, Fitzpatrick branch, multimedia type, and any text you can think of. Each Description has its own buttons for easy viewing and printing. Another button gives access to the second part - a Description's Source. Typically, each Source includes the author's name, year, title, publisher, repository, call number and a link to the location where it can be accessed. The FMA Descriptions and Sources complement each other and are powerful companions for *The Descendants of Bryan Fitzpatrick* volume.

Exciting new additions to the FMA are over a dozen Fitzpatrick family descendancies which show over 1100 Fitzpatrick descendants and family members, hundreds with dates and places of birth, death, marriage, and residence. Several of these descendants have documented connections to Bryan Fitzpatrick, Lord and First Baron of Upper Ossory.

The Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive currently consists of 375 items and will grow as new content is discovered and added. To help you to get the most from this valuable resource, an Installation Manual and a User Manual are available on the Research tab of The Fitzpatrick - Mac Giolla Phádraig Clan Society website at Research - The Fitzpatrick - Mac Giolla Phádraig Clan Society (fitzpatricksociety.com). The website also contains a Full Catalogue of the items in the Archive.

The FMA needs three programs to run: Microsoft 365, Irfanview (free for personal use) and Foxit PDF Reader (free for personal use). Instructions that come with the FMA explain how to download and install these programs. All three programs work together as part of the magic of the Archive and may be installed on either a laptop, standalone or networked PC. (Foxit requires a muti-user license for networked PCs.)

We invite you to download and use the Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive as your main resource and constant companion for all things Fitzpatrick. And remember, it's free. Get started here,

<u>Microsoft Word - Fitzpatrick Multimedia Archive-SIngle PC Installation (fitzpatricksociety.com)</u>

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