

Chesterfield House,
West End Lane
West Hampstead

Jan 21/89.
My dear Colonel

I send a line to
wish you a happy new
year & the fulfilment
of all your wishes for
the future though I do
hope that you are safe &
& not being found
or anyone else is.

Send you kind love
Dear Colonel & hope
to see you soon
again

Believe me always
Very affectionately

Yours &c
B. C. L. L. L.

1891. No. 12,532.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN IRELAND.

CHANCERY DIVISION.

VICE-CHANCELLOR.

Writ issued the 12th day of January, 1891.

In the Matter of the Estate of SIR ROBERT HAGAN, deceased,

ISABELLA MARY BEVAN, ANNA MARIA SMARTT,
ELIZA JANE BROOMFIELD, ALICIA ROSA
BELL, and PHILLIPPA SARAH VEREKER, Plaintiffs;

AND

CHARLES PATRICK MAHON-HAGAN, and
WALTER BUTLER, Defendants.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

DELIVERED ON THE 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1891, BY
MESSRS. FOX AND CORCORAN, of No. 8 LEINSTER-STREET,
IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, SOLICITORS FOR THE
PLAINTIFFS,

1. Sir Robert Hagan, late of 17 Pembroke-road, in the County of Dublin, Admiral R.N., deceased, by his will dated the 21st day of June, 1858, after devising to John Sherlock Paterson and David Gaussen, both since deceased, his reversionary estate and interest in the tithe rent-charge of the Parish of Ballingarry upon certain trusts and limitations, which in the events that have happened cannot now take effect, attached to the said devise the proviso in the words and figures following:—

“ Provided always and I do hereby direct that every son of
“ either of my said daughters Anna Maria Bevan and Rosa Elizabeth
“ Hagan who under or by virtue of this my will shall become entitled
“ to the actual possession or to the receipt of the said tithes or tithe
“ rent-charge hereinbefore devised or shall become entitled in remainder
“ or reversion to the first estate tail in the same premises expectant on
“ the determination of the several estates for life by the said marriage
“ settlement of my daughter Anna Maria Bevan and by this my will
“ limited as therein and hereinbefore mentioned and who shall not then

“ bear and use the surname of Hagan and the arms granted to me in
 “ consideration and commemoration of my services in the suppression
 “ of the African Slave Trade shall (unless prevented by death) within
 “ 6 months after he shall have attained the age of 21 years or in
 “ case he shall have attained that age before he shall become so entitled
 “ as aforesaid then within 6 calendar months after he shall have become
 “ so entitled to take bear and assume and use upon all occasions
 “ the surname of Hagan and the said arms so granted to me as afore-
 “ said and shall within the said period of six months) unless prevented
 “ by death) apply for and endeavour to attain a proper license from
 “ the Crown or take such other steps as may be requisite to authorise
 “ him so to take bear and use the said name and arms and further that
 “ in case any such son of my said daughter Rosa Elizabeth shall refuse
 “ or neglect within the said period of 6 calendar months to take use
 “ and bear such name and arms as aforesaid or to take such steps as
 “ aforesaid then and in every such case immediately after the expiration
 “ of the said period of 6 months the limitation under which such son shall
 “ be tenant in tail shall absolutely determine and become void and
 “ the said premises hereinbefore devised shall immediately go to the
 “ person or persons next in remainder under the limitations herein-
 “ before contained precisely in the same manner as if such son were
 “ then dead and there were a general failure of issue inheritable under
 “ such limitation in tail.”

2. The said testator thereby bequeathed a sum of £6,000 to
 the said John Sherlock Paterson and David Gaussen, to be invested by
 them in manner therein mentioned, and held upon certain trusts
 therein set forth not necessary to be here repeated, and after giving
 some specific legacies he made the bequest in the words and figures
 following ;—

“ I bequeath to the son of my daughter Anna Maria Bevan
 “ who shall first attain the age of 21 years and shall before attaining
 “ that age have taken and borne the surname of Hagan and the arms
 “ hereinbefore mentioned all my plate plated articles swords pistols
 “ books gold watch and chain medals prints pictures nautical or other
 “ instruments snuff boxes and timepiece to be delivered to him when
 “ attaining the age of 21 years and I direct that in the meantime my
 “ said wife during her life and after her death my said daughter Anna
 “ Maria Bevan shall have the custody and use thereof and in case
 “ there shall not be any son of my said daughter Anna Maria Bevan
 “ who shall attain the age of 21 years and shall before attaining that
 “ age have taken and borne the said surname and arms. Then I
 “ bequeath the said last-mentioned premises to the son of my said
 “ daughter Rosa Elizabeth who shall first attain the age of 21 years
 “ and shall before attaining that age have taken and borne the said

“ surname and arms. And in case there shall not be any son of my
 “ said daughter Rosa Elizabeth who shall first attain the age of 21
 “ years and shall before attaining age have taken and borne the said
 “ surname and arms then I bequeath the same to the daughter of my
 “ said daughter Anna Maria Bevan who shall first attain the age of 21
 “ years and in case no daughter of the said Anna Maria Bevan shall
 “ attain the age of 21 years then I bequeath the same to the daughter
 “ of said Rosa Elizabeth who shall first attain the age of 21 years and
 “ in case no daughter of the said Rosa Elizabeth shall attain the age
 “ of 21 years then I bequeath the same to the eldest grandson of my
 “ said sister Rose Bingham.”

3. After making certain other bequests, not necessary to be here mentioned, the said testator devised and bequeathed the residue of his real and personal estate in the words and figures following :—

“ And as to all the residue of my real and personal estate
 “ and effects hereinafter called the residuary fund I bequeath the same
 “ to the said John Sherlock Paterson and David Gaussen and the
 “ survivor of them and the heirs executors and administrators of such
 “ survivor upon trust that the said John Sherlock Paterson and David
 “ Gaussen and the survivor of them the executors and administrators of
 “ such survivor shall sell the said real estate in such manner and with
 “ such powers as hereinbefore provided with respect to the said tithe or
 “ tithe rent-charge of Ballingarry in the event of a sale thereof and shall
 “ sell and covert into money the said personal estate and invest the
 “ net proceeds of the said real and personal estate in the public stocks
 “ or funds of Ireland or with the consent of my said wife during her
 “ life and after her death at the discretion of the said trustees or trustee
 “ to invest the same upon such securities as hereinbefore described with
 “ reference to the investments of the said sum of £6,000 with power
 “ to vary such stocks funds or securities with such consent or with such
 “ discretion as aforesaid and to pay he interest dividends and income
 “ of such stocks funds or securities and the rents and profits of the said
 “ real estate or of the unsold part thereof for the time being until the
 “ whole shall be sold to my said wife during her life and after her death
 “ in case the eldest son of my daughter Anna Maria Bevan shall then
 “ have attained the age of 21 years and shall have taken and borne
 “ the surname of Hagan and the arms hereinbefore mentioned to pay
 “ and transfer the said residuary fund and the stocks funds and securities
 “ on which the same shall then be invested to such eldest son of my
 “ said daughter Anna Maria Bevan his executors administrators and
 “ assigns but if such eldest son shall have attained the age of 21 years
 “ but shall not have taken and borne the said surname and arms then
 “ in case any younger son of my said daughter Anna Maria Bevan shall
 “ at the time of the death of my said wife have attained the age of 21
 “ years and shall have taken and borne the said surname and arms to
 “ pay and transfer the said residuary fund stocks funds and securities

“ to such younger son or the eldest of such younger sons if more than
 “ one his executors administrators and assigns and if at the time of the
 “ death of my said wife there shall not be any son of my said daughter
 “ Anna Maria Bevan who shall then have attained the age of 21 years
 “ and shall have taken and borne the said surname and arms then to
 “ accumulate the interest dividends and income of the said residuary fund
 “ stocks funds and securities or so much of such interest dividends and
 “ income as shall remain after payment of the annual sum hereinafter
 “ directed to be paid thereout in the way of compound interest by investing
 “ the same and the resulting income thereof from time to time in the
 “ same manner as hereinbefore directed with respect to the principal
 “ until one of the sons of my said daughter Anna Maria Bevan shall
 “ attain the age of 21 years and shall before attaining that age have
 “ taken and borne the said surname and arms and then pay and transfer
 “ the said residuary fund stocks funds and securities and the interest
 “ dividends income and accumulations thereof to such son upon his
 “ attaining the age of 21 years and in case there shall not be any son of
 “ my said daughter Anna Maria Bevan who shall be entitled under the
 “ limitations hereinbefore contained to the said residuary fund then in
 “ case there shall be any son of my said daughter Rosa Elizabeth who
 “ shall then have attained the age of 21 years and shall have taken and
 “ borne the said surname and arms to pay and transfer the said residuary
 “ fund stocks funds and securities and the interest dividends and income
 “ and accumulations thereof to such son of my said daughter Rosa
 “ Elizabeth or the eldest of such sons if more than one his executors
 “ administrators and assigns but if there shall not be any son of my said
 “ daughter Rosa Elizabeth who shall then have attained the age of 21
 “ years and shall have taken and borne the said surname and arms then
 “ to accumulate the interest dividends and income of the said residuary
 “ fund stocks funds and securities or so much of such interest dividends
 “ and income as shall remain after payment of the annual sum herein-
 “ after directed to be paid thereout in the manner hereinbefore directed
 “ until one of the sons of my said daughter Rosa Elizabeth shall attain
 “ the age of 21 years and shall before attaining that age have taken and
 “ borne the said surname and arms and then to pay and transfer the
 “ said residuary fund and the stocks funds and securities on which the
 “ same shall then be invested and the interest dividends and income
 “ and accumulations thereof to such son of my said daughter Rosa
 “ Elizabeth upon his attaining the age of 21 years and I direct that until
 “ one of the sons of my said daughters shall under the limitations
 “ herein contained become entitled to the said residuary fund the said
 “ trustees or trustee shall out of the interest dividends and income of the
 “ said residuary fund apply the annual sum of £50 for the education of
 “ such one of the sons of my said daughters as shall for the time being be
 “ the eldest son capable of becoming entitled to the said residuary fund
 “ under the limitation hereinbefore contained from time of his attaining the

"age of 17 years until he shall attain the age of 21 years and the
 "receipts of his father or guardian shall be sufficient discharges to the
 "said trustees or trustee for the amount of such annual sums and in
 "case there shall not be any son of my said daughter Rosa Elizabeth
 "who shall be entitled under the limitations hereinbefore contained to
 "the said residuary fund then the said trustees or trustee shall hold
 "the said residuary fund and the stocks fund and securities on which
 "the same shall be invested and the interest dividends and accumula-
 "tions thereof upon trust to pay and transfer the same to all the
 "daughters of my said daughters Anna Maria Bevan and Rosa
 "Elizabeth who shall attain the age of 21 years or marry to be divided
 "amongst them if more than one in equal shares per capital and the
 "said trustees or trustee shall in the meantime apply the whole or
 "such part as they or he shall think fit of the interest dividends and
 "income of the share of the said Residuary fund to which any daughter
 "shall for the time being be entitled in expectancy under the trusts
 "hereinbefore contained for or towards her maintenance and education
 "and may either themselves or himself so pay and apply the same or
 "may pay the same to the father or guardian of such daughter for the
 "purpose aforesaid without seeing to the application thereof. And in
 "case there shall not be any daughter of either of my said daughters
 "who shall attain the age of 21 years or marry then the said trustees
 "or trustee shall hold the said residuary fund and the stocks funds and
 "securities on which the same shall be invested and the interest
 "dividends and accumulations thereof in trust for the grand children
 "of my said sister Rose Bingham in equal shares provided always and
 "it shall be lawful for my said trustees or trustee out of the capital
 "income or accumulations of the said residuary fund to pay the
 "necessary expenses of obtaining proper permission for any son of either
 "of my said daughters to take and bear the name of Hagan and my
 "said Arms."

4. The said testator by his said will appointed the said John Sherlock Paterson and David Gaussen to be his executors.

5. By a codicil to his said will, executed on the 18th day of June, 1862, the said testator revoked the appointment of the said David Gaussen as trustee and executor as aforesaid, and in his place he thereby appointed his son-in-law, Dr. Philip Bevan, to be trustee and executor of his said will. And having by his said codicil made some further bequests and charged an annuity of £24 per annum in favour of Martha Devonish for the term of her life on his said residuary estate the said testator proceeded to give the direction in the words and figures following:—"I have some intention of investing my
 "residuary estate in building a house, amount about £1,200, in which
 "case the rent received therefrom after my dear wife's death would be
 "applied first to the payment of Miss Devonish's annuity, and the residue

“ I desire may be invested in railway securities or shares till the arrival
 “ of the period when it is directed to be applied for the use of a
 “ grandson bearing my name and arms.”

6. The said testator died on the 25th day of April, 1863, without having altered or revoked the said will save by the said codicil, and without having revoked the said codicil, and probate of the same was on the 11th day of June, 1863, granted forth of the principal registry of the then Court of Probate in Ireland to the said John Sherlock Paterson and the said Philip Bevan, the executors therein named. The said testator left him surviving his widow, Isabella Hagan, and his 2 daughters, the said Anna Maria Bevan and Rosa Elizabeth Hagan.

7. Previous to his death the said testator had entered into an agreement for a lease of a plot of ground on Raglan-road, in the County of Dublin, and for the erection of a dwelling-house thereon, and in pursuance of the said agreement by Indenture dated the 9th day of June, 1863, and made between the Right Hon. Richard Charles Francis, Earl of Clanwilliam, and the most Noble George William Frederick, Marquis of Ailesbury, trustees of the will of Richard, late Viscount Fitzwilliam of the 1st part, the Right Hon. George Robert Charles, Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery of the second part, and the said John Sherlock Paterson and Philip Bevan, therein described as executors of the will of the said Robert Hagan of the third part, all that plot of ground therein particularly described was demised to the said John Sherlock Paterson and Philip Bevan to hold the same for the term of 150 years subject to the payment of the rent and performance of the covenants on the lessees part thereby reserved and contained. The said testator had made all the arrangements necessary for the erection of the contemplated dwelling-house on the said plot of ground, and upon his death the said John Sherlock Paterson and Philip Bevan carried on and completed the erection of the said house, and same is now known as No. 6 Raglan-road.

8. The Plaintiffs are informed by the Defendant, Walter Butler, that the various articles representing the bequest mentioned in the second paragraph hereof are lodged in the Munster and Leinster Bank, Limited, Dame-street, Dublin, in the name of the Defendant, Walter Butler.

9. After payment of the testator's debts, funeral and testamentary expences and legacies, and providing the sum of £6,000 in said will mentioned the testator's estate was insufficient to provide the expenses necessary for the completion of the said house now known as No. 6 Raglan-road, and to enable them to complete the same the said John Sherlock Paterson and Philip Bevan borrowed the sum of £750 on the security of a mortgage of the said lease. The said sum of £750 and interest due thereon were subsequently paid off out of the rents and

profits of the said house. The said house, No. 6 Raglan-road, now represents the entire of the said residuary fund.

10. The said Philip Bevan died on the 6th day of December, 1881, and by deed dated the said 6th day of July, 1885, made between the said John Sherlock Paterson of the one part, and the Defendant, Walter Butler, of the other part. The said Walter Butler was appointed a trustee of the will of the said testator in place of the said Philip Bevan, deceased.

11. The said Anna Maria Bevan was the eldest daughter of the said testator, and died on the 20th day of September, 1866. There was issue of the marriage of the said Anna Maria Bevan and Philip Bevan one son, Robert Hall Hagan Bevan, and five daughters, Isabella Mary, Anna Maria, Eliza Jane, Alicia Rosa, and Philippa Sarah, who are the Plaintiffs in this action. All the said daughters have attained their age of 21 years, and the said Isabella Mary Bevan is the eldest of such daughters. The said Eliza Jane Bevan on the 21st day of July, 1887, married Dr. Humphrey J. Broomfield; the said Alicia Rosa Bevan on the 24th day of May, 1887, married Dr. Theodore Bell; the said Philippa Sarah Bevan on the 28th day of February, 1888, married Amos Francis Vereker; and the said Anna Maria Bevan on the 21st day of August, 1889, married Dr. Henry Warner Smartt. No settlement, or agreement for a settlement, was executed on the respective marriages of Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Vereker, or Mrs. Smartt, or subsequently thereto; a settlement was executed on the marriage of Mrs. Broomfield, but such settlement does not in any way relate to the property passing under the said will of the said testator, and contains no covenant to settle any after acquired property.

12. The said Robert Hall Hagan Bevan was born on the 13th day of January, 1860, and died on the 18th day of August, 1880, without having attained his age of 21 years.

13. In the year 1865, the said Rosa Elizabeth Hagan married Charles George Mahon, and there was issue of the said marriage one son, the Defendant, Charles Patrick Mahon, now called Charles Patrick Mahon-Hagan, one of the Defendants in this action, and two daughters, both of whom died before attaining the age of 21 years, and without having ever married.

14. The said Rosa Elizabeth Mahon died on the 13th day of November, 1868. Lady Hagan, the widow of the said testator, died on the 21st day of July, 1870. The said Charles Geo. Mahon died on the 6th day of May, 1882. The said Martha Devonish is also dead.

15. The said Charles Patrick Mahon was born on the 14th day of May, 1867, and attained his full age of 21 years on the 14th May, 1888.

16. The said Charles Patrick Mahon some time after he had attained his full age of 21 years, took the surname of Hagan, and assumed the arms in the said will mentioned; but the Plaintiffs aver and charge that the said Charles Patrick Mahon had not before he attained the age of 21 years, taken and borne the name of Hagan and the arms in the said will mentioned in accordance with the provisions of the said will; and the Plaintiffs claim and submit that in the events which have happened, the Plaintiff, Isabella Mary Bevan, is entitled to the property mentioned in the bequest set forth in the 2nd paragraph hereof, and the Plaintiffs, Isabella M. Bevan, Eliza J. Broomfield, Alicia R. Bell, Phillipa S. Vereker, and Anna M. Smartt, are entitled in equal shares to the said residuary fund in the said will mentioned, and the securities representing the same.

17. Both the Plaintiffs and the Defendant, Charles Patrick Mahon Hagan having required the said executors of the said will to hand over to them the articles comprised in the bequest set forth in the 2nd paragraph hereof, and to put them into possession and receipt of the rents of the said house, No. 6 Raglan Road, as representing the residuary fund in said will mentioned; the said John Sherlock Patterson and Walter Butler on the 14th day of June, 1889, commenced an action in this Division of the High Court of Justice, seeking to have the trusts of the said will of Sir Robert Hagan, deceased, carried into execution, and his estate administered under the direction of this Honourable Court, and it was subsequently arranged between all parties to the said suit to have a special case stated therein. The said John Sherlock, however, died pending the said suit, leaving the present Defendant, Walter Butler, sole Plaintiff therein, and the said Walter Butler thereupon refused to proceed further with the said suit, and the Plaintiffs have consequently been obliged to bring this action to enforce their rights.

The Plaintiffs claim :—

1. That it may be declared who, in the events which have happened, are now entitled under the trusts of the said will of Sir Robert Hagan, deceased, to firstly, his plate, plated articles, swords, pistols, books, gold watch and chain, medals, prints, pictures, nautical or other instruments, snuff boxes, and time piece; and secondly, to the residue of his real and personal estate in the said will called "the residuary fund," and the investments or securities representing the same, and the accumulations of the income thereof.

2. That if necessary the real and personal estate of the said Sir Robert Hagan, deceased, may be administered, and the trusts of his will carried into execution under the direction of this Honourable Court.

3. That the Plaintiffs may have such further and other relief as the nature of the case may require.

4. That the costs of this action may be provided for.

CHARLES L. MATHESON.

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STATEMENT OF CLAIM

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8 Leinster-street, Dublin.

W. KING, Law Printer, 36 Upper Ormond-quay, Dublin.
59—17—2—91.



24, Norfolk Street,
Park Lane. W.

January 14th 1861.

My dear Colonel. —

How very
good of you to send me
your photograph. It is a
splendid likeness, & I assure
you I am very proud of it.
I shall prize it immensely.
I must apologize for not-
acknowledging so valuable.

a gift soon, but I have
been confined to my bed
for some time, with a very bad
cold - I am afraid the
cold foggy weather has been
rather trying for you, but -
trust you have not been
suffering from it - Again
thinking you very much, for
your kind presents I believe me
Very sincerely Yours.
Dr. L. Bonck.

Hotel Melrose -

Wednesday afternoon



83, Lancaster Gate. W.

Jan. 13th 1891.

The Earl of Wreath, presents
his compliments to The
O'Gorman Mahon, & begs
to enclose the latest report
of the Metropolitan Public
Gardens Association.
Lord Wreath hopes, that
should the subject be one
in which The O'Gorman Mahon



Takes an interest, he may
kindly consent to become
a member of the Association
or may feel disposed to
Contribute a donation.
towards its funds.

In the former case, the
only liability is an
Annual Subscription

(Vide page 44 of the Report,
Lord Inceath Especially
seeks assistance at the
present time, owing to the
need that has arisen for
raising £3000. for the
Laying out of 11 acres at
Bethnal Green, as des-
cribed in the enclosed leaflet.

at present I can not
do this as I ^{scarcely} receive
enough to keep me alone
in lodgings not to speak
of keeping up a house &
working 70 acres of land
Now I have explained my
difficulties as well as it
is in my power to do so
& if you wish any further
information I need hardly
say that I shall be only
too happy to give it to you.
Your affectionate
nephew
Charlie

Mehon-Hagan

9. up. Pembroke St

Dublin

14th Feb. 1891

My dear Colonel,

Your letter to my Mother
was the first intimation I
received of my letter having
reached you; so that I was
rather surprised at your ~~not~~
complaints to her. Many times
having I written to you both
from School and afterwards
when I was in difficulties yet

during all these years I
have only got one letter from
you, so that I never know
whether you receive or
even care to hear from
me.

Now with regard to Newpark
I shall be only too glad to
respect and follow your
wishes in the matter as I
would prefer to live there.
I did not refer to Mama
because I took it for

granted that you would
understand that she would
live there also with me
as I never had any other
intention than that she
would do so as it would
naturally be her home
as well as mine.

I would be living at Newpark
now with Mama if I
could look forward with
certainty to an income
to keep me out of debt.

33 Selborne Road
West Brighton Mar 13/91

At Clongowes Wood College
Co. Kildare in 1877 I
James William Gage was in
the 2^d Rudiments, whilst the
Rhetoric, were some of those
who have since ranked
amongst the Celebrities of the
Age - viz

The O'orman Mahon
Maurice O'Connell -
- Frank Mahony
- Frank Murphy
John Maher
More O'Fondle

Father Frayser or Father
Thorne was I think
their Master -

James William Lape
ventures to write with
the United Writings
in Congratulating sincerely

The O'Gorman McKim
on this anniversary;
and W. Richard Lynet
late Special Commissioner
of Ireland Revenue

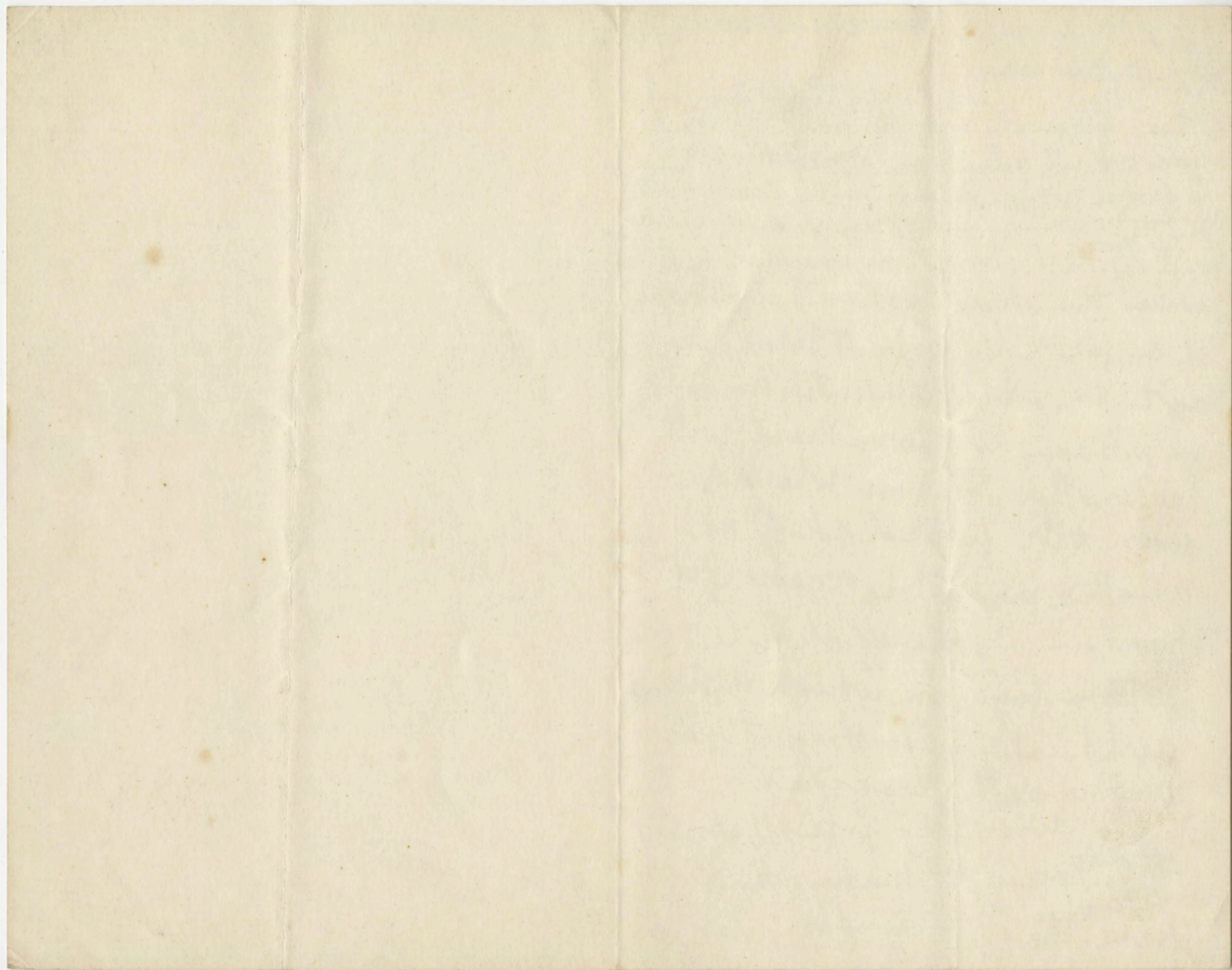
now in his 83^d year also
joins in hearty and
best wishes -

Half a Century ago,
("we" shall soon begin
to count by Centuries) I
had frequently the pleasure
of meeting the O'Gorman McKim
at the House of the Grand
Old Liberator in (larger
Street & Portland Place
London -

J. W. Lape

Copy 12 Spring St. Chelsea March 14th 97.
My Dear Sir
In reply to your Committee's friendly enquiry for which I thank you & than permit me to ~~inform~~ ^{report} that a severe relapse of Bronchitis contracted in the morning of Mr. Buggis' death and a subsequent close confinement ~~will~~ ^{have} the relinquishment of all hope of so far rallying by St. Patrick's day as to be able to identify myself in person as I do in heart with my Brother Irishmen who seize upon our festival of the 17th as another suitable occasion for proclaiming the affectionate estimation in which the Lord and Arch Bishop of Westminster is universally regarded.

Wishing you all a merry
St. Patrick's night & many of them
I remain My Dear Sir Y^{rs} truly
Jermiah MacSwain



52 Sydney St.
S. Kensington
Monday.

(April 9)

Dear Colonel O'Connor Mahon

I am writing to you
as was arranged at our interview on
Saturday to tell you about myself. What
would be of most value to me is an
introduction ~~to~~ any good firm /
Publishers such for instance as Mac-
millan or Kegan Paul & Co or John
Murray - and there are many others
that I might mention. An introduction
to any editor of a newspaper or
magazine might also be of service.
I am interested in anything connected

with literature, and feel sure that there
is plenty of work connected with the
papers that I might do. I may mention
that besides being an Oxford
graduate in 2nd class History Honours
I am a good French scholar, having
resided several years abroad, and
have a smattering of German and
Italian.

Thanking you very much for the
interest you are taking.

I remain

Yours sincerely

T.P. Armstrong

P.S. Perhaps there is work that I might
do as secretary to a member of
Parliament in the way for instance
of acquiring information for him if
he were writing a book.

his life for £2000 for me,
and died so about two years
before he died, but he had
to raise money on mortgage
& the security he gave
was the Insurance, so
when he died the mort-
gage got the £2000.

On John C. C. failing
to be able to settle the
Insurance on me, he
made a will leaving
me guardian of his children
till their majority, so
that I could have a
home with them & share
their means for the period
they were under age.

Walter's Solicitor had the

Gilsum
4th April
1891

My dear Norman Melton
Received your letter
& the cheque for £25
inclosed this morning
It is very kind of you
to send it, & be assured
I shall use it judiciously
& as you would approve.
I am deeply grieved
at Charlie's conduct
I had so impressed
on him, your wish and

desire that he should write actually no income, to
to you regularly, and
in two or three of my
letters to him I asked
if he had written. I am
sorry to say he seems
to hate writing. Walter
is often very vexed at
his carelessness in replying
to business letters.

I have never concealed
any thing from you of
Charlie or his affairs.
My hesitation in accept-
ing your offer, of settl-
ing me at Newport
with Charlie, is, that I have

actually no income, to
assist in the house keeping,
and I would not like to
be there, utterly dependant,
even though I believe
Charlie would not
grudge me any thing.
The facts are, I have
no claim, but the one
of affection, & his know-
ledge of my doing my
very best for him always,
would ensure his being
kind to me - You know
on Charles Georges marriage
all his property was settled
on his wife & her children
therefore there was nothing
to settle on me. But poor
C. G. resolved to insure

What they each said was
a fair Ment. Now they
want a further reduction
& are going into the Land
Court, where the Ment^{ion} will
be reduced one half.
So you must not blame
Charlie if he seems
little warm about this
-part. He is afraid, in
the unsettled state of
his income, to take
the support of a house
on himself, all the same
if it was done up, and
furnished as you pro-
pose, it would be cheaper
to live there, & it would be
a nice home for him to bring

will, if I can get it, I shall
send you a copy of it.
But it is practically
what I tell you, ex-
cept that the terms
were that he left
me all he died pos-
sessed of, or entitled
to, outside his pro-
perty. Rhine came
under that head by
right of the Deed of
gift you gave him.
So that I could have
the life use of the
rents after you, as
a part all the Ment

now received only pays
the head rent & taxes.
the two Hyman's, Bat &
Thomas have not paid
for some years. this very
day there was a letter
from Jim Burton the
Solicitor about Peline
he gets the head rent
for the representatives
of Francis Mac Donald
& Walter is getting him
to threaten to evict the
Hyman's unless they make
a payment. Now I have
given you a sketch of
my position, & how I ^{want}
Wgt Charlie, to take

up Newport for my sake.
We are very good friends
as I told you before
I have no fault to find
with him save his care
for some ways, he is very
steady but I fear not
up to much in the way
of work. Then his affairs
have been so unsettled
it has disheartened him.
Walter is now managing
the agency for him i.e.
trying to drag a few
pounds from them.
but it is hard work.
In 1883 he gave all
the tenants fifteen
years agreements at

the first, he can't well be
put aside now. I have
not much faith in either
Charlie or his Solicitors
Smartness in such a case.
I have I fear wearied
you with this long letter,
but thought it better
to give particulars.

You will be sorry to
hear that my sister Susan
the nun died on Wednesday
last - perhaps Michael
will go see you, as he
went to London, she was
sailing for some time
& I could not be in time
to see her alive - I hope
you are stronger
Yours affectionately Mother

a wife, which he should
soon be thinking of.

The Law suit I wrote
to you of, is one being
taken up the heirs
of Charlie's mother.
Their brother was the
eldest grandson
of Admiral Bagon.
I was to hear his name,
& arms & get the pro-
perty, but he died be-
fore his majority.
Charlie was the
next made 'heir'.
By the terms of the
Will the heir should

assume the name and
Arms by Pragat Sinece
But as an infant in
law, cannot obtain
such, he did not get
the Sinece until
he became of age.
The Will being confusing
& contradictory, has
left an opening for
litigation, & Solicitors
have got in the thin
end of a wedge to try
and oust Charlie.
We have had several
opinions on the point,

which is that by the terms
of the Will Charlie should
have got the Pragat Sinece
before his 21st year, &
on that point his cousins
object to have him get
the property, & force
him into Court though
his Trustee is willing
to hand him over his
property - The Solicitor
managing this law
business for Charlie
is Matt Greenup, whom
I think too slow & old
for the party he has to
fight. But as he has had
Charlie's business from

him as I could best.
I have none so.
Let me hear if you
are pleased.

I hope you are
better & able to be
out

Ever believe me
your affectionate
Niece

Matilda

35 Wellington Road
Dublin

26th April 91

My dear Algernon Mackon.
I came to town
on Wednesday, and
I leave to morrow
for Theobalds. I shall
write later on, and
give you my address.
I find Charles
is obliged to buy
a large gold seal
and to have it

engraved with the
Coat of Arms of his
Grand Father Sir
Robert Nagan, the
Witness of his
having assumed
the Arms etc, as ob-
liged to under the
Will, his legal
adviser said he might
be called upon to
produce a seal as
witness, as every
point is being, this.

jointed by his Cousins.
As Charlie has no money
to buy a seal, or pay
his expenses to leave
to join the Militia
for training. I have
given him the
£25 you sent me
for his use. I desired
him write to tell you
so. I hope I have
acted in the matter
as you wished, he
really wants it, &
as you left me the
power of helping.

possible for me to live
there, later on I could
vacate if necessary.

I am sorry to hear
of Mac Donnell has
had so much illness.
Remember me to them.

Theodore & his wife
desire this letter.
The little people
are all well, such
a homie group, to
be increased very
shortly. Walter was
rather poorly when I
was leaving, a touch
of your evening bronchitis.
Yours affectionate
niece Matilda



INFIELD,
BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

24th April
91

My dear Norman Mahon
I was so pleased to
get Mr. Styles letter
this morning. Thank
you for me. I was very
uneasy on hearing
that the reports in
the papers of your health
were so bad. Theodore
telegraphed for me
to Dr. M. Donnell.

Barrow in Furness
I Mr. Style. I had not seen Monday's papers as I was travelling here that day. But it seems all the Irish papers had most alarming accounts of your illness. Thank goodness you are hale & hearty as Mr. Style reports.

I got your Telegram in reply to my letter from Dublin. The letter you wrote me on Saturday to Killarney

has not yet reached me as soon as I get it should let you know. I hope you approved of my giving Charlie the cheque. He really required it. I had a long talk with him about Newpark. He is ready to do what you wish in the matter. & to leave me there for life. Of course the fact of his ^{not} being in a position to marry & settle there made the plan more

of the disputed Will.
I wrote to you yes-
terday.

I find Theobald did
not go to London
the time I thought
he did. Major
Ogorman has gone
to join his Regt.
(the 10th) at Calcutta.

Believe me dear
Ogorman Mahon
your affectionate
niece
Matilda

Infield
Barrow in Furness
Lancashire

30th April 91

My dear Ogorman Mahon.

I got your letter this
morning from Skelton.
Walter opened it, &
has begun to have
an estimate & drawing
prepared by the
contractor he em-
ployed to repair
the house ^{new part} before it

was let after poor
C. G.'s death. He is a
very good trades man
& I should wish to
employ him if there
is work to be done.
Dwyer, the present
tenant must get six
months notice, I think
but I am not quite
sure of the terms of
the agreement, as the
letting was made after
Charlie came a age.
Walter will know, and
will do what is necessary

in the matter.

We are each day expect-
ing notice of trial
in Charlie's case, the
other side makes the
next move, which is,
an application in Court,
as to whether, the evidence
is to be, by affidavit, or
by the witness in person.
Charlie has to go to
Dover for the Militia
training, so I fancy
his evidence will be
by affidavit. I too am
to be called to prove
the steps I took to
fulfil the conditions

52. Spence St.

S. Kensington

Rides

May 91

Dear Colonel Oliver Mather.

I must not let to-day
go by without sending you a line to
thank you very much for the little
book which I have received from you.
It is sure to interest me and to be
useful, especially as I have been
making some feeble attempts to
master Italian lately. I am already
making great progress in the art
of conversation, which I have begun
to study while I am dressing. Some
day or other I hope to go to Italy
and then my progress will be rapid.

My wife joins with me in kind regards
and Believe me

Yours very truly

T. P. Armstrong.

Colonel J. P. O'Connor Maher.

S. Kensington.

52. Sydney St.

S. Kensington

9th May 1881.

Dear Colonel the O'Grady Mahon.

My wife told me when
I came home on Thursday that you had
very kindly offered to pay for her
joining a course of lectures on electricity,
and that you had left a cheque for that
purpose. We have talked the matter
over together, and have come to the
conclusion that there are several
good reasons, why she should not do
so. Amongst others I doubt very much
if she is strong enough: then we are
not very settled, and it is difficult
to look on as far ^{forward} as six months.

It would be a great pity if after
having paid the fees she were
obliged to give it up. With many
thanks, nevertheless, for your
kindness and the interest you have
taken and hoping that if we can
do anything for you in however
trivial a way you will let us
know of it

Believe me,

Yours very truly

T. P. Armstrong

Colonel the O'Grady M.A. M.P.
12. Sydney St.

and attorneys will
have hot spots in
the next world -

I hope you are
better.

Yours affectionately
Niece

Malilda

and
May 28-91

Infield

Barrow in Greenland

25th May 91

My dear Almona Nelson.

I just had a letter
from Charlie. he has
been in bed ill, he
got chill, & headache.
He says it is not
that horrid Influenza.
but it seems like it.
If he had you to
town to see you, as

he intended, I should
have been sure he
caught it then. But
he took ill the day
before he got leave to go.

I do not know what
letter you allude to
which puts ^{an} end to
your plan about New
Park. Charlie says
he cannot turn out
Mr. Dwyer until all
the arrangements for
the alterations are

agreed upon. When they
are, he says Mr. Dwyer
won't stand in the way
of your plans, but as
long as he is under
rest the better for
Charlie, who has
little else to depend on.
Nothing need about
the dead secret. Matt
Henry meddling
away at the affidavit.
He is likely to make
a nice mess of it.
But we can't employ
another, lawyers