

- Q1C Mary must have been b. about 1757. She m., in 1776, James Eager, of Cloonmore, Dingle. He was the son of Francis Eager, of Ballinvoher (d. 1772, at Brackloon), by Honoria, dau. of Thomas Hickson, of Minard, Dingle. Francis Eager, of Ballinvoher, who flourished in 1710, was one of the sons of John Eager, of Ballinacourty, who was the son of Alexander Eager and Rose O'Toole, of Culeanmore. John Eager m. Dorothea, dau. of Philip Talles, Sovereign of Dingle, who, in 1671, m. Mary, dau. of William Coddington. James Eager, above-mentioned, had, with five dau., two brothers. Francis Eager, the third son of Francis, and Thomas Eager, of Rathpogue, who was the grandfather of Eusebur Macgillicuddy Eager, of Castle Caragh, Kerry. A tract on the Eager family was printed in 1861 by Fred. John Eager. Mary O'Connell and James Eager had
- Q2C1 Alice Eager, b. 1778; d. unkm. 1854.
- Q2C2 Francis Eager, b. 1785. An Ensign in 73rd Regt., 16 July, 1807. He brought in some 50 men from the Kerry Militia to join the Regiment at Perth whilst it was under the command of his first cousin (afterwards Sir Maurice Charles O'Connell). He became a Captain, but d. unkm. in Ceylon, probably during or shortly after the Kandian Campaign of 1814.
- Q2C3 Rose Anne Eager, b. 1792; m. Edward Rice, of Dingle. The descendants of this marriage—if any—have not yet been traced, and it is hoped that this Tract may reach one of them, who is asked to forward details.
- Q2C4 Anastasia Eager, b. 1796; d. 10 Feb., 1857; m. John Matson, Lieut., R.N., who d. 5 April, 1830. They had
- Q3C4A Mary Matson, b. Jan., 1825; d. Oct., 1834; unkm.
- Q3C4B Alice Matson, b. 2 Nov., 1826; d. April, 1912, having m. (1) Dr. Robert J. Hickson, M.D., of Tralee, and (2) Domenick Marques; sp.
- Q3C4C Elizabeth Matson, b. 6 Sept., 1828; d. Feb., 1915; m. Michael J. Cronin, of Bantry, and d.s.p.
- Q3C4D John James Matson, b. 23 May, 1830; d. 7 Nov., 1890; Entered Deeds Office as 1st Class Clerk (Junior), 22 Nov., 1851, Senior 15 Jan., 1866, Chief Clerk 4 May, 1866, 2nd Asst. Registrar 18 Feb., 1870, 1st Asst. Registrar, 1890; m. Emily Lynch, and had
- Q4C4D1 Mary Alicia Matson, b. 31 May, 1858; d. 17 Sept., 1868.
- Q4C4D2 John Agar Matson, M.D., President R.C.P.I.; b. Dublin, 8 Nov., 1855; educ. Belvedere and Tullamore Colleges and T.C.D. (B.A. and M.D.); President (1934-1937) Royal College of Physicians of Ireland; Consulting Physician, Richmond Hospital, Dublin; Examiner in Medicine, Conjoint Roy. Coll., Ireland; Member of the Governing Body of Richmond Hospital; General Council R. Acad. Medicine; Capt. R.A.M.C., 1916-18; Contributor to the *Transaction R. Acad. Med., Ireland*, and *British Medical Journal*, etc.; m. (1) Helena, e. dau. of Robert Burke Honan, who d. 1926, and (2) 1927, May, dau. of P. Kenny, solicitor, Tullamore. He d. 12 Jan., 1945, sp. She was living at The Orchard, Park Avenue, Ballsbridge, in 1950. Dr. Agar Matson appears to have been the last representative of his line.
- Q2C5 Mary Eager, b. 1799; m. Capt. Ulysses Fitzmaurice. To work out the exact place of Ulysses in his family record is not easy. Eager's *History of the Eager Family*, 1861, and Foster's *Royal Descents*, p.647, show him as a Captain, Royal Navy. This is not so. A *Biological Sketch of Major-General John Fitzmaurice, K.H.*, privately printed in Italy in 1908, says of him: "The eldest son" (elder brother of the Major-General) "Ulysses, was handsome, but was cursed with a hasty temper, and in some fracas having struck his Commanding Officer, was obliged to exchange for foreign service, and, as a Colonel, died in Canada. His wife was a Roman Catholic and their son and dau. (late Mrs. Cronin) were of the same faith. From a Bible preserved by Rickard O'Connell, Head of the Spa Branch, we get a printed notice, 'at Dingle, on 16 Jan., 1844, Thomas Cronin married Mary Alicia, only dau. of the late Col. Ulysses Fitzmaurice and niece' (actually grand niece) 'of Major-General Sir Maurice O'Connell and great grand niece of Lord Ventry.'" This later relationship beats us for the time being, but may well be correct.
- We find, however, amongst "Mary Rick's" papers a notice that at the time of the marriage, 1844, the bride's father was called "the late Ulysses Fitzmaurice, 35th Regt. Burke's *Dictionary of Landed Gentry*, supplementary volume, page 128, published 1850, gives an account of the Fitzmaurices of Douagh. Douagh was then held by Oliver Fitzmaurice, b. 8 Feb., 1818, and our Ulysses was presumably an uncle of his and brother of Maurice Fitzmaurice, m. 1812, to Margaret, dau. of Oliver Stokes. Maurice d. 1843. The Fitzmaurices of Duagh claimed, in 1850, to be "the only lineal descendants of the Lords of Kerry, still residing on and possessing a portion of their ancient domains." They claimed descent from John Fitzmaurice, 5th Lord Kerry, who d. at Lixnaw in 1348, through his 2nd wife, Elinor, dau. of Garrett fitz Pierce. The Fitzmaurice family of Lixnaw is of great interest to us. John Charles O'Connell, Q1A (uncle of Mary Eager) herein, m. one, and Donal Mor O'Connell (grandfather of the Liberator), his sister, Clara (d. 1758), having m. one, and there being several O'Connell-Fitzmaurice connections, but the unravelling of this will have to wait. Suffice to say that Mary Eager, b. 1799, m. Lt.-Col. Ulick (Ulysses) Fitzmaurice, late of the 35th Regt., who d. before 1844