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15th August, 1986.

Mr. George Fitzgerald,  
P.O. BOX 185,  
WOORI YALLOCK, 3139.

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

I am writing in reference to your Freedom of Information request for Wardship information concerning your father, George Fitzgerald senior.

Please find enclosed copies of two extracts from records held by this Department concerning your fathers time spent in care. The extract marked (1) is taken from an Infant Life Protection Act Register. The Infant Life Protection Act involved a child being voluntarily placed into the care of the Department by his/her parent/s. In your fathers case his mother placed him into care. The Department would then find a suitable family to look after the child and the natural parent/s or a relative would provide a weekly payment to that family for the upkeep of the child. Your fathers mother provided the payment. Under the Act, if the payments ceased for a period of more than four weeks, the child was automatically made a Ward of the State.

This occurred in your fathers case (see extract marked (2)) as he was made a Ward of the State on 26/04/18 and remained in the care of the Department until he was discharged from Wardship in 1936. This extract contains brief information concerning your fathers parentage and a list of where your father was placed whilst he was a Ward.

These extracts are the only remaining records held by this Department concerning your father.

If you have any queries concerning the material I have sent you, please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 653 6240.

Yours faithfully,

*Helen Nanut*

Helen Nanut,  
Acting Freedom of Information Officer.

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No. 47946 NAME

George

Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Religion.	Date of Commitment.	Committing Bench.	Cause of Commitment.	Maintenance Order.	Exp.
18 3 18	Abbotsford Vic	R.C.	26 4 18	Bollingwood	No means		18

Previous History of—

Child— is illegitimate & has been b'ound under the I.L.P. Act. with Mrs Raper of Victoria Rd. Auburn. 20/4/18

Reputed Father— John Thomas Wells 9 Royal Place S. Richmond. (his mother's address). Warrant issued.

Mother Mrs Sarah Fitzgerald 13 Night St. Bollingwood poor & of doubtful character. Her husband is in the A.I.P. and is returning shortly

Relations— Brother 47947

Subsequent History of Child.

Date.	Where Stationed.	Date.	Where Stationed.	Remarks.
26.4.18	Mrs Raper Hawthorn	1. 6. 32	Service Mr. B. Banfield, Mosquito Creek, Axedale.	
1. 4. 19	" " Sugarra			
3. 7. 19	Mrs O'Rourke Brunswick	31. 1. 33	Boys' Depot.	} Salvo. Boy's home Baywater
1. 1. 20	" " Colwing	14. 2. 33	Baywater No 3.	
18. 6. 20	Girls Depot	21. 11. 34	Boys Depot	
21. 6. 20	B/o Mrs O'Rourke	22. 11. 34	Service, Mr P. Darcy, Clensae, Beac.	
22. 7. 20	B/o Mrs H Ross Colwing			
1. 10. 20	" Mrs J. J. E. Church	28. 2. 35	Boys Depot	
13. 11. 20	" Mrs J. J. E. Church Colwing	4. 3. 35	Service, Mr A. Kelly, Morlake.	
26. 2. 20	Girls Depot			
6. 3. 22	B/o Mrs Piddington Henders	25. 11. 35	Atscand.	
31. 5. 23	Girls Depot			
5. 6. 23	B/o Mrs Ann Atkins	26. 11. 36	Service Mr O'Lishman East. Franklignaw	
19. 3. 24	Children's Hospital			
26. 4. 24	pneumonia. B/o Mrs Ann Atkins			
8. 3. 27	Boys' Depot.			
15. 3. 27	B/o Mrs H. O'Soman, Kyneton			
18. 5. 27	Boys' Depot.			
31. 5. 27	B/o Mrs M. Huilker, Bendigo			
25. 10. 27	" " Kinnab Henders			
20. 8. 28	" " Bridgen Banfield, Axedale			

17 years + 8 months

(A) 30th May father John Raper arrived Australia

(B) 12/6/18 Discharged

Fitzgerald

SEX

Male

No.	Expiration of Term.	HEALTH.			General Remarks.
		State on Admission.	If Vaccinated.	Particular Marks (if any).	
	18 3 36				

## Subsequent History of Relations.

Collingwood Police report that the 3 children of J. F. S. Fitzgerald have been removed from the mother and handed over to the father's brother, Mr Fitzgerald 26 Omer St. Collingwood. 7/5/18 E.S.  
 Mother 112 North Road Carlton. A. Rowland St. Verbal 28.7.19. Mother was given childrens address. 24.7.19

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 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
 ACT UNDER

EXTRACT TAKEN FROM AN INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT REGISTER  
 CONCERNING GEORGE FITZGERALD

No. of Application	Name and Address of Applicant	Name of Infant	Date of Birth	Religion	Name and Address of Registered Person
4859	George Joseph Fitzgerald 26-4-18	George Joseph Fitzgerald	18 3 18	R.C.	George Joseph Arthur Fitzgibbon Dublin

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Name and Address of Infant's Father	Occupation	Name and Address of Infant's Mother	Occupation	Remarks
George Joseph Fitzgerald 26-4-18		Marie Fitzgibbon		