

10/9/2015

Lucy Fitzgerald


Dear Lucy

Please find enclosed copies of records held by MacKillop Family Services concerning your grandfather William Fitzgerald and his brothers, Thomas, John and Edward Fitzgerald. The records are from St Joseph's Foundling Hospital Broadmeadows, St Anthony's Children's Home Kew, St Joseph's Home Surrey Hills, St Vincent de Paul's Boy's Home South Melbourne and St Augustine's Boy's Home Geelong and cover placements for each of the 4 brothers between 1915 and 1935 as follows:

Edward, born 16/11/1919

- **St Joseph's Foundling Hospital Broadmeadows and St Anthony's Children's Home Kew – Registry entries.**

Edward was admitted to St Joseph's on 5 March 1921 when he was 16 months old. He left Broadmeadows to go to St Anthony's Kew on 21 November 1923 when he was 4 years. However the Register entry for Kew records that Edward was admitted 7 months later on 6 July 1924.

- **St Augustine's Boys' Home Geelong – Register entry and Admission form**

Edward was transferred from St Anthony's to St Augustine's on 14 July 1927 when he was aged 7 years 8 months. In March 1935, aged 15 years and 5 months, Edward was discharged to 2 different locations in Ouyen but returned to St Augustine's before being placed with Mrs Gavin in Port Fairy in June 1935.

The Admission form gives Edward's name and date of birth and confirms that he was transferred from St Anthony's Kew.

William, born 18/03/1918

St Augustine's Boy's Orphanage Geelong - Register entry

William's date of birth is recorded. His date of admission to the Orphanage is given as 18 July 1927 when William was 9 years and 4 months and date of discharge 29 May 1934 when he was 16 years and 2 months. The register records that William was released to "John Hackett, Werribee".

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There is a document from the Children's Welfare Department confirming that William was made a Ward of the State and admitted to St Augustine's on 18 July 1927. The reason given for his Committal to State wardship was "window breaking".

John born 1 January 1910 and Thomas born 20/09/1907

- **St Vincent de Paul's Boy's Home – Register entry and Admission form - Thomas**

The register entry records Thomas' date of birth and that he was admitted to St Vincent's on 11 September 1915 aged 8 years and discharged to his father the on 18 December 1915.

There is a note in the Register that his father was "leaving for the war".

The Admission form records Thomas' date and place of birth and baptism, the names and dates of birth and marriage of his parents and his father's occupation (plumber). The form records that there are 2 other children in the family named as John aged 5 and Evelyn aged 6 months. The name of an aunt is also recorded and it is notes that "Mrs Fitzgerald promises to pay 1 pound per month" support for Thomas. The form is signed by Sarah Fitzgerald and dated 11 September 1915.

- **St Joseph's Home Surrey Hills – Register entry – John and Thomas**

The register records John and Thomas were admitted to Surrey Hills on 3 August 1918 when John was 8 years 7 months and Thomas 11 years and 1 month. The Register notes that both boys were "taken by their mother" but gives no date.

A further register entry records John being admitted to St Joseph's again on 3/8/1921 when he was aged 11 years 7 months and discharged on 25/12/1922 aged 12 years 11 months.

I have enclosed a St Augustine's Annual Report from 1931 which provides some information and photos about the Home during the period when William was there and I hope that together with the records this will help in your research.

Good luck!



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REGISTER OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S BOYS' HOME, GEELONG - PRIVATE ADMISSIONS

REGISTER OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S ORPHANAGE, GEELONG.

Register No.	Name of Child.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Date of Admission.	Parent then Living.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
590	Fitzgerald Edward	16.11.1918	Per-adm.	from J. Anthony's list 13.6.1935 1A.7.1927	-	- - - 18.3.35 22.6.35	transferred to Mrs. M. Mark, Farrell St. Clong. Mon. To Mrs. J. Keenan, Nymble, via Clong. To Mrs. L. Gavin, Moyne, via St. John's

St Joseph's Foundling Hospital - Broadmeadows

Boys

Days Counted from 1st July 1923

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Names	No.	Admission	Discharge	Days	Religion	Death	Adoption
Fitzgerald Edward	18	5.3.21	21.11.23	143	None		S. Anthony Kew

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FITZGERALD, Edward born 16.11.19. adm. 12.2.20. Carlton 21.11.23. ST.A. Kew. (Mrs A,)

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St Joseph's Home – Surrey Hills

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Name of Child	Date	Age	Birthplace	Religion	With whom placed
Thomas Fitzgerald				R. C.	Taken by his mother
John Fitzgerald				R. C.	Taken by his Mother

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Name of Child	Date	Age	Birthplace	Religion	With whom placed
John Fitzgerald	Mar. 3rd	1921		R. C.	

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DATE ADMITTED	CHILDREN ADMITTED	Only	FROM 1905
	FITZGERALD Thomas	3. 8. 1918	ages
	FITZGERALD John	3. 8. 1918	6 yrs.

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DATE ADMITTED	CHILDREN ADMITTED	FROM	1905 ONLY
	FITZGERALD John	3. 3. 1921	

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DATE DISCHARGED	CHILDREN DISCHARGED	DATE DISCHARGED	FROM 1905
	FITZGERALD John	25. 12. 1922	