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1248.

Benjamin Evans.

REPORTED ON BY COMMITTEE.

8 SEP. 1916

PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE, 1916.

Inspector's Report.

Claim No. 1248.

Name of Claimant Benjamin Evans.

Occupation

Situation of Property 48, Kenilworth Square, Rathgar, Dublin.

Description	Claim	Insurance (if any)	Valuation of Buildings (Commissioner of Valuation)	Inspector's Valuation of full Damage	Loss Payable on basis of Insurance	Excess of Loss over and above amount payable under the Policies of Insurance
Household Furniture:-		£700.				
Ring.	£40.		-) £25. See note at foot.	- E.g.	-
Breast Pin	7.		-			
TOTALS, £	47.	700.	-	£25.	-	-

Interests in the buildings

I interviewed Claimant and his daughter and they substantiated the various items in the papers affixed to this claim which I have carefully gone through. Briefly the case may be summarised as follows:-

Large Solitaire Diamond Ring. No details can be supplied as to where this was purchased, but it was reset by Messrs. West within recent years and they valued it at £50. It was stated to be in Claimant's daughter's jewel case, with a half hoop diamond ring, a pearl and diamond ring, and a sapphire and diamond ring, the four being in one case. The one missed is a claw set large diamond. It was worn on 30th April, and on 4th May the premises were searched by 12 of the Royal Irish Constabulary under a Lieutenant (?) of the Royal Irish Rifles. The property was not missed until 7th May.

£25 W.M.

Award of Committee: Contents

Do.

Buildings

Pearl Breast Pin. £9. was paid for this article to Messrs. West. This was not missed until 7th May. The Maid has been in Claimant's employment for 12 months and appears trustworthy. There is no direct evidence that the property was taken by the R.I.C. It certainly disappeared between 30th April and 7th May. Claimant is a highly respected citizen and the Commissioners might deem it expedient to make payment of say £25. It is impossible to elicit further information. The Burglary, Larceny & Theft Policy with the "Railway Passengers" Condition 2 (g) relieves them from liability.

Cecil Macdonald 10th Aug. 1916.

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Are there any

previous papers in

this case?

gma

2/17/16

No previous papers
are indicated in Register, or with
the Mason.
F.D.O.B. 22.7.16

In under Miss C. J. Jones.

gma.

2/17

Previous papers - 2368 - now
attached. necessary notings made
in Index & Register

gma
2/17/16

Claim 2368 cancelled
in Reg for 1248

Your obedient Servant,
J. Donnelly.

Treasury Solicitor in Ireland.

Mess^{rs} John & Thos. Mc. Grath.
Sugarloaf.
Thomastown

Several Enclosures

40, KENILWORTH SQUARE
RATHEAR,
DUBLIN.

17/7/16 A.K.H.

19 JUL 1916

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Dear Sir,

Herewith enclose 2
Declarations & relative papers
Attached with regard to
property missed, value £47,
after inspection by the
Military for Arms, arising
out of the recent disturbance.
I will thank you to let me
have the 3 Policies for Insurance
in due course to oblige.

Yours truly

The Secretary, P. Evans
Property Losses Ireland Committee,
57 St Stephen's Green,
City.

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Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.

51 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN, EAST, DUBLIN.

Claim for Damages caused during the Disturbances on the 24th April, 1916, and following days.

I Benjamin Evans now residing

at 48 Renilworth Square Rathgar in the City of Dublin

do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that on or about the 24th day of May 1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely:—*

~~after searched~~ 48 Renilworth Square, Rathgar

and such damage was occasioned to the best of my belief by** been missed

after searched by the military

* State situation of property damaged.

** Here state cause of damage.

And I further declare that the Property and Articles specified on the other side were so destroyed or damaged; that the Cost Price of same was as shown in each case; that at the time of the destruction or damage they were respectively of the Values specified under the head "Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage"; and that, in consequence of such destruction or damage, claim is hereby made for the sums specified under the head "Amount Claimed"; that the Claim is made by me

as† Owner; and that no person is interested in the said property except ‡ myself

† Insert "Owner," "Lessee," or "Mortgagee," as the case may be.

‡ Insert "myself," or "ourselves," and the names of Mortgagees, Lessors, Lessees, or joint owners (if any).

and that it is not insured by me or any other person, § except as follows, namely:—

<u>North British Mercantile</u>	Company, Policy No. <u>446331</u> , Amount £ <u>775</u>
<u>Railway Assurance</u>	Company, Policy No. <u>447656</u> , Amount £ <u>850</u>
<u>Assurance</u>	Company, Policy No. <u>B22543</u> , Amount £ <u>700</u>

§ Strike out the words following if the property is not insured.

And I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1835.

Made and subscribed the 17th day of July 1916, at 39 Westmoreland St. in the said City, County,

before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said City County.

Signature of Claimant } Benjamin Evans

NOTE—This Claim should be accompanied by the Policies of Fire Insurance and the last receipt, in each case, or certified copies of same. When completed it is to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee, 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIM.

(TO BE GIVEN IN DETAIL.)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.	Cost Price.			Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage.			Value of Salvage.			Amount Claimed		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">Large Solitaire Diamond Ring</p>				40						40		
<p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">Breast Pin, large Pearl Set with Diamonds</p>				7						7	47	
<p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">Carried forward,</p>												

PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIM. (continued).

(TO BE GIVEN IN DETAIL.)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.	Cost Price.			Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage.			Value of Salvage.			Amount Claimed		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.

Copy

Brought forward.

On the afternoon of the 4th May last. The Military Authorities instituted a search for arms in Kenilworth Square South Side. On account of the recent disturbance. 12 Royal Irish Constabulary in charge of an officer of the Royal Irish Rifles arrived at 48 (my residence) about 4-30 P.M. The Men scattered themselves through the house. None of the family went with them expecting every thing would be perfectly safe. On the dressing table in pin-cushion in my room was a breast pin, large Pearl set with diamonds value £7. and in front bed room a large Solitaire Diamond ring value £40, it was in a small tinnet box. a couple of days after they were missed. We informed the Military Authorities of the occurrence. they directed us to put the matter into the hands of the Rathmines Detective office. Inspectors called twice to investigate the matter. I advised us to write to the Provost Marshal. Enclose copy of correspondence & reply.

I delayed putting in my claim till now expecting the articles would be duly returned.

R B Evans

dated 21st June 1916

To the North British & Mercantile
Insurance Co.,
Dawson Street.

Copy of Correspondence

48 Kenilworth Square
Rathgar Dublin
16th May 1916

Dear Sir,

On the 4th Inst. this house was searched for arms by men of the Royal Irish Constabulary in charge of an Lieut. of the Royal Irish Rifles, after the search some articles of jewellery were missed viz. a very valuable large Diamond ring & a Pearl Scarf pin set round with Diamonds. The men had free access to the rooms. it never occurred that some one should have been with them all the time as we thought they were above suspicion of committing a fraud. I would feel much obliged if you would enquire into the matter. The Police Station at Rathmines has been notified of the case, I was directed by them to write to you

Yours truly

Signed L. J. Evans (Miss)

Provost Marshal

Dublin Castle

115/4149

My daughter wrote this
under my dictation. B. Evans

Headquarters
Irish Command,
park gate

Dublin June 16th 1916

Madam,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th May 1916. re damage & loss sustained by you & in reply have to inform you that the Military Authorities do not admit any liability for such loss or damage arising out of the recent disturbances.

Your letter however has been passed to the Civil Authority, i.e. The Under Secretary, Dublin Castle.
I am

I am, Madam
Your Obedient Servant
Signed F. B. Taylor
lol

for Major General's administration
Irish Command

North British & Mercantile Insurance Coy.

1 Dawson St Dublin 24th June 1916

Bl Evans Esq.
28 Renilworth Square,
Rathgar.

re Policy B/22543 Self

Dear Sir

I submitted this matter to my Head office as
promised & as advised you when you called here
we could not allow this claim and I regret very
much that I cannot do anything for you in the
matter, but I have no doubt that if you adopt
the course suggested you will recover the full
amount from the Government.

I return herein the correspondence as requested,

Yours faithfully
(Signed) E. Lenison Collins
Local Manager

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Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.

51 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN, EAST, DUBLIN.

Claim for Damages caused during the Disturbances on the
24th April, 1916, and following days.

I ~~we~~ Benjamin Evans now residing
at 48 Kenilworth Square in the City of Dublin
Rathgar County of Dublin
do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that on or about the 4th day of May
1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely:—* 48 Kenilworth
Square, Rathgar

* State situation of property damaged.

and such damage was occasioned to the best of ~~our~~ ^{my} belief by ^{being} ~~missed~~ missed
after searched by Military

** Here state cause of damage.

And ~~we~~ ^I further declare that the Property and Articles specified on the other side were so destroyed or damaged; that the Cost Price of same was as shown in each case; that at the time of the destruction or damage they were respectively of the Values specified under the head "Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage"; and that, in consequence of such destruction or damage, claim is hereby made for the sums specified under the head "Amount Claimed"; that the Claim is made by ~~me~~ ^{me} as Owner; and that no person is interested in the said property except Myself

† Insert "Owner," "Lessee," or "Mortgagee," as the case may be.

‡ Insert "myself," or "ourselves," and the names of Mortgagees, Lessors, Lessees, or joint owners (if any).

and that it is not insured by ~~me~~ ^{me} or any other person, § except as follows, namely:—

§ Strike out the words following if the property is not insured.

North British Mercantile Company, Policy No. 446331, Amount £ 775
Railway Assurance Passengers } " 447656 " £ 850
" " B22543 " £ 700

And I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1835.

Made and subscribed the 17th day of July 1916, at 39
Westmoreland St in the said City,
County,

before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said
City
County.

Signature of Claimant }

Benjamin Evans

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Copy

On the afternoon of the 4th May last, The Military Authorities instituted a Search for Arms in Kenilworth Square, South. On account of the recent disturbance, 12 Royal Irish Constabulary in charge of an Officer of the Royal Irish Rifles arrived at 48 my residence about 4.30 P.M. The Men Scattered themselves through the House, None of the family went with them expecting every thing would be perfectly Safe. On the dressing table in pin cushion in my room was a breast pin large Pearl Set with diamonds value £7 and in front bed room a large Solitaire Diamond ring value £40 it was in a small trinket box. a couple of days after they were missed. We informed the Military Authorities of the occurrence they directed us to put the matter into the hands of the Rathmines Detective office, Inspectors called twice to investigate the matter & advised us to write to the Provost Marshal. Enclose copy of correspondence reply.

I delayed putting in my claim till now expecting the articles would be duly returned.

B. Evans

North dated 21st June 1916
To the British & Mercantile
Insurance Coy

Copy

16th May/16

Dear Sir,

On the 4th Inst, this house
was searched for Arms,
by Men of the Royal Irish
Constabulary in charge
of a Lieut of the Royal
Irish Rifles. After the
Search, some Articles of
Jewellery were Missed,
viz. a very valuable, large
Diamond Ring & a pearl
Seaf pin set round with
Diamonds. The men

had free access to the
rooms. it never occurred
that some one should
have been with them
all the time, as we thought
they were above suspicion
of committing a fraud.
I would feel much obliged
if you would enquire
into the matter.

The Police Station at Rathmines
has been notified of the
case. I was directed by them
to write to you.

yours truly
Signed - L. J. Evans
Provost Marshal (Miss)
Dublin Castle

My daughter wrote
this under my
directions.
Evans

115/4149.

Headquarters,
Irish Command,
Parkgate.
Dublin, June 16th, 1916.

Madam,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th, May 1916., re damage and loss sustained by you and in reply have to inform you that the Military Authorities do not admit any liability for such loss or damage arising out of the recent disturbances. Your letter however has been passed to the Civil Authority, i.e. The Under Secretary, Dublin Castle.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

F.P. Taylor

Col.
for Major General i/c Administration,
Irish Command.

Miss. L.J. Evans,
48 Kenilworth Square,

2368
1248
Evans



S.T.

Passed . It is not proposed to take diciplinary action
in this case. There is not sufficient evidence.

9/6/1916.

Mully Coy

for Colonel. "A"

Refrudiate

Will accept no resp.

C.S.O. 1031576

I have seen the
Adj^t 3/R. I. Rps
under whom the
men of the R. I. C.
at Portobello were
acting, but there
is not information
as to names of men
who searched this
house.

Willy Coff
attd. A. A. G's Dept.

9/6/16

of the case I was directed
by them to write to you.

Yours truly

(Miss) L. J. Evans

May 16th

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The Provost Marshal
Dublin Castle.

Dear Sir,

On the 4th Inst this
house was searched for arms,
by men of the Royal Irish
Constabulary in charge of

48 KENILWORTH SQUARE,

RATHGAR,

DUBLIN.

As W. H. Harrison is named as in charge of
the search party; House No 49 Kenilworth Square
might likely the Crime Office can give
information in this case of House No 48.

A Lieut of the Royal Irish
Rifles. After the search,
some articles of Jewellery
were missed, viz every
valuable single diamond
ring & pearl scarf pin set
around with diamonds. The
men had full access to the

rooms; it never occurred
that someone should have
been with them all the time
as one thought they were
above suspicion of commit-
ting a fraud. I would feel
much obliged if you would
enquire into the matter.
The Police Station at
Rathmines was notified

MEMORANDUM.

From O. C.

From

3RD (RESERVE) BN. ROYAL IRISH RIFLES

To Assistant Provost Marshal,
Dublin

To

ANSWER.


Belfast. 4. 6. 1916.

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Reference attached
Correspondence :

(1) Re 48 Kenilworth Square;
this house was not searched
by the Battalion under my
Command, please. Vide
report from Captain Rodwell
attached, marked X.

(2) re 49 Kenilworth Square
report from Lt. Macfarren
is attached to another file
of correspondence which
is returned herewith.



(3) Nothing is known of
the arrest of the man
in question. Lt. Moorhead
does not belong to this
Battalion, and the troops

115-414.9

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
10946 - 28 JUN 1916
OFFICE

Headquarters,
Irish Command,
Parkgate,
Dublin, June 27th 1916.

Sir,
Previous reports on this subject were passed to you on the 16th inst.,
and this may attached to same.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

10315
Mr. Healy

P. C. B. Woodruff

[Signature]
Col.

For Major General i/c Administration,
Irish Command.

The Under Secretary,
Dublin Castle.

Mr. Healy
J.H.
28.6.16

S. T.



Passed. This has
been received from
'Q' but I believe
has already been
rejudicially by
you.

Milly Capt
for

26/6/16 Col 'A'

Headquarters,
Irish Command,
Parkgate,
Dublin 16th May, 1916.

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Sir,

Reference your Police report Rathmines Station dated 9th May, 1916 from S.S.Kelly regarding jewellery stolen from 45 Kenilworth Square the property of Miss Evans. The Military Authorities do not admit any liability for loss, or damage to private property arising out of the recent disturbances.

If however there is any evidence to show that the loss was directly due to the troops in occupation of the premises and provided the unit to which the troops belonged can be identified, then the matter shall be fully investigated and you shall be informed in due course of the result of such investigation.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Major
for Major General i/c Administration,
Irish Command.

Chief Commissioner,
Dublin Metropolitan Police,
Dublin Castle.

*Matched with file for
for the...
21.5.16*

No. 5295

20 MAY. 1916

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

METROPOLITAN POLICE
DUBLIN CASTLE.

Station Report,

Downybrook Station,

E.

Division.

19th May

1916.

Re Jewellery stolen from 48 Kenilworth Sq.

HEAD QUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
NO. 64153
20 MAY. 1916

Referring to attached File 5295/16. re gold ring and scarf pin stolen from 48 Kenilworth Sq. I beg to report that Miss Evans states that on evening of 4th Inst an officer of the Royal Irish Rifles, and about a dozen of men belonging to the Royal Irish Constabulary, called to her father's residence 48 Kenilworth Sq. and searched the house, apparently looking for arms etc.

Transmitted to the Major-General's Administration, Dist. Command

W. W. Johnston

Comms.
20.5.16.

Three or four of the men went upstairs and

The Supt. E. Division.

and the remainder,
including the officers,
remained downstairs.

After a short
time the party left the
house. On the following
Sunday 7th Inst. Miss
Evans missed a gold
ring from her jewel case,
in her bedroom. She
last saw the ring the
previous Sunday 30th Uct.

Mr. Evans also missed
a gold scarf pin from
his bedroom on 7th Inst.
which he thinks he last
saw there on 3rd Inst.

The Evans household
consists of Mr. Evans, his
two daughters, Miss Evans
and Mrs Clarke, a widow
and her child, and the
servant Mary Byrne,
all of whom had access
to

to the rooms from
where the articles were
stolen. Miss Evans
would know the officers
again, but could not
identify the men.

Since then
the R. I. Rifles have
been moved to the north
of Ireland, and a
number of the R. I.
Constabulary attached to
Portobello Barracks have
enlisted and joined their
Regiments, I may add,
for the information of the
Military Authorities, that
the R. I. Constabulary
have no connection
with the Dublin M. Police,
and that under the
circumstances it would
be

be difficult to have
the men who searched
Miss Evans' house identified
Miss Evans' last
saw her ring on 30th
ult, and did not miss
it until 7th Inst.
and Mr. Evans did
not miss his Scarf pin
till latter date, the search
party called on 4th Inst.
so that there is very
little evidence against it,
or grounds to suspect
that they had anything
to do with the disappearance
of the articles. The Evans
are very respectable people
and there is no doubt but
that the Jewellery was stolen.

John R. Frey
Insp.

Submitted: Cornelius Kiernan
Sept. 20 - 5 - 16.
The Chief Commissioner,

4153 (Q).

DUBLIN POLICE
5295
RECEIVED
17.5.1916
Headquarters,

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
16 MAY. 1916
DUBLIN, IRELAND

Irish Command,
Parkgate,
Dublin 16th May, 1916.

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I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

[Handwritten signature]

Major
for Major General i/c Administration,
Irish Command.

Chief Commissioner,
Dublin Metropolitan Police,
Dublin Castle.

[Handwritten initials]

*Insp. Grey. In return
For compliance W.C.P.
O. Kilman
17/5/16*