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mrs mary Higgins

REPORTED ON BY COMMITTEE.

16 SEP. 1916

PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE, 1916.

Inspector's Report.

Claim No. 4597

Name of Claimant Mrs. Mary Higgins (widow) Occupation Gaoler.

Situation of Property The Bridewell, Four Courts, 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
Personal (Jewellery)	32.0.0	-		18.0.0	-	-
Cash	7.0.0	-		-	-	-
TOTALS, £	39.0.0	-		18.0.0	-	-

Interests in the buildings

I investigated this claim, and consider £18.0.0 reasonable compensation.

The claim is exaggerated, and I am borne out in this opinion by the Police who their Report dated 27⁶/₁₆ therewith.

Award of Committee: Contents

P. Rynd by
30th August 1916.

Do. Buildings

 M. GRAY, F.A.I.,
LOSS ASSESSOR.

PHONE No. 342.

GRANVILLE HOTEL,

SACKVILLE STREET,

Ackd
12/8/16 W.H.

DUBLIN,.....7th,....August.....1916.

(AND AT BELFAST.)

J. J. Healy, Esq.,

Property Losses Committee (Ireland)

51, Stephens Green.

DUBLIN.

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Dear Sir.

Mary Higgins.

Enclosed please find Blue Form (in duplicate)

Kindly acknowledge.

Yours faithfully.

M. Gray

Are there two previous losses in this case?

Hireworth under 4594

24/8/16 rec'd J.W.H.

M.B.

24/8/16

Refer to our Logbook for report.

J.W.H.

10.20

24/8/16

12.50

14.00

3.00

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 Mary Higgins now residing

at 36. Ardrish Road, Harbour Head, in the City of DUBLIN.

do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that on or about the 27th day of APRIL 1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely :—*

THE BRIDEWELL, FOUR COURTS.

* State situation of property damaged.

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

** Here state cause of damage.

BETRAYAL

And I We 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 Mortagors, Mortgagors, Lessors, Lessees, or joint owners (if any).

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

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

Nil. Company, Policy No. , Amount £

" " " " £

" " " " £

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 27th day of

July 1916, at

109 Talbot St, in the said City, County,

before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said

City
County.

Signature
of
Claimant
Claimants

Mary Jane Higgins

NOTE—This Claim is to be furnished in duplicate, and 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. £ s. d.	Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage. £ s. d.	Value of Salvage. £ s. d.	Amount Claimed
				£ s. d.
I. 18 Caret gold watch.				4 0 0
I. 9 Caret " chain.				4 10 0
I. Gold & diamond ring (2 rows fine diamonds)				10 10 0
I. Diamond ring (3. large diamonds)				7 0 0
I. " & Ruby ring(3 rubys & 2 diamonds)				3 0 0
I. gold shaped bangle 9. Caret.				1 10 0
I. " curved chain bangle. 9 caret.				1 10 0
7. £1/- - Notes.				7 0 0
				£39 0 0

On Easter tuesday Mrs. Higgins removed the above goods for safety from her residence to the Bridewell, and put them in her own private wardrobe in the Matrons room, on or about the 27th April the Police were withdrawn from the Bridewell, which was then entered by the Volunteers and looted.

Mrs. Higgins returned again on monday the 1st, May and found that her press had been forced open and her effects stolen.

*General Survey
of the
M. Higgins Case*

Carried forward,

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(1076.) Wt. 4657—25.18.000.11/13. A.T. & Co., Ltd. (Ssn. 129)

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

METROPOLITAN POLICE.
DUBLIN CASTLE.

D.M.P. Form No. 31.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
10986 - 28 JUN 1916

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Station Report,

Bridewell Station,

D. OFFICE Division.

27th June 1916

Matron's Property Stolen from Bridewell during Rebellion

I beg to report that I have made confidential enquiries relative to the claim made by Mrs Higgins, matron at Bridewell, in regard to money and jewellery lost by her during the Rebellion. I have interviewed the Station Sergeants and the constables employed as gaolers there, and as a result of my enquiries I believe that the property was stolen from her person as stated.

There is no doubt that previous to the Rebellion she was in possession of a valuable gold watch and chain (stated to be a present ^{II} from an uncle), three gold rings - two of them set with diamonds and the other with diamonds and rubies - and two

The Under Secretary
transmitted.

J. Dunn
A.C.

^I Return the claim to Doctor & say that, if he ^{desires} so _{does}, she can submit her claim to Dr W. G. ^{Mr}'s C^o, the Sec'y of

which is James T. Healy at 51 St Stephen's Green.

RC 29/6
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^{II} Let Mr Healy see these papers.

I have seen
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The Superintendent
D. Division

two gold bracelets; and she has not been seen wearing them since that time.

She came to the Bridewell on evening of Tuesday 25th April, and Sergt Roche, 19.D states that she gave some tea and sugar, which she had in her press to the Police there, but she did not remain long as there were no prisoners. She returned to the Bridewell on 1st May and found that her press had been broken open and her property stolen. Her statement to the Police was that the Rebels were in Red Cow Lane - which is beside her residence - on 25th April, and fearing that they would break into her room at 81 North King St, which is a tenement house, she took away the money and jewellery from there and locked them in her press at Bridewell for safety.

Mrs Higgins is the widow of a Dublin Police Constable - Nicholas Higgins (deceased), and in her younger days she was

This was her own responsibility. She had no right to use a public for private purposes, in any case

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was fond of dress and jewellery.
She is honest and respectable
and I believe she would not
make a bogus claim.

As regards the value of
the property I believe it is
considerably exaggerated in
the statement of claim
especially in the case of
the rings as a person in her
rank in life does not
usually have ones so
valuable; but it would
be a difficult matter to
estimate what the jewellery
was worth. I believe she
lost the £7 in notes.

The Police have not
succeeded in tracing any
of the property nor is there
any likelihood that any
of it will be found.

Patrick Beary
Inspector

Submitted
William Gordon
Supt.

The Chief Commr.
D. M. Police

GERALD BYRNE & CO.
SOLICITORS,
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.

Encl.

Telegraphic: "CRIME, DUBLIN."
Telephone No. 475, DUBLIN.
" 19, KINGSTOWN.

GERALD BYRNE,
EDWARD H. BYRNE,
GERALD A.G. BYRNE,
WM. J. BYRNE, B.A.

1 Lower Ormond Quay.
Dublin 20th June 1916

The Under Secretary
Dublin Castle

Sir,

As Solicitor for Mrs Mary Jane Higgins
of 81 North King Street, Matron in the
Dublin Metropolitan Police Bridewell, Inns
Quay, we have to enclose Statement as to
property lost by her from the Bridewell
Station, during the occupation of same by
the Rebels

The property was placed in her
private press in her quarters at the
Bridewell and on her return to the
Bridewell after Rebellion week was found
to be missing

Yours truly,

Gerald Byrne Esq.

I. Act.
II. Chief Commissioner

To Under Secretary with thanks

for a Confidential Report in this
claim.

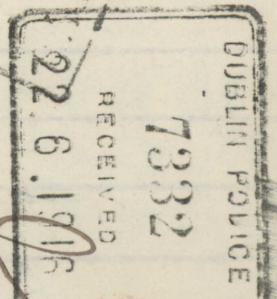
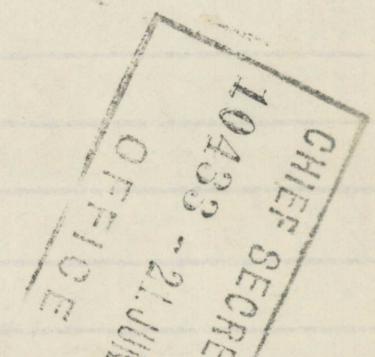
I.R.T.

21.6.16

Mary

Sup't. P.
for report of Queen's
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Joseph Beary
for confidential inquiry
one short unjoined date
22.6.16



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Applicant.	Particulars.	Amount.
		£. s. d.
Mrs. Mary Higgins, 81 North King Street, D U B L I N .	18 Carat gold watch and 9 Carat gold chain, value: ...	8.10. 0
	3 Diamond rings, value ...	20. 0. 0
	2, 9 Carat Gold Bracelets ...	3. 0. 0
	7, £1 notes.	7. 0. 0
		£38.10. 0