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5018

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Mrs. E. Darling

Cancelled

This is a duplicate & made on behalf
of Thos. Murray, which has been settled
under claim 5050

12th December,

No. 5018 - Mrs E. Darling - £2.
In 12th List, page 275.

Mr Taylor,

In reply to your Minute of 4th instant - I enclose copy of a report on the subject received from the Committee's Inspector. It will be seen that the claims were very carefully investigated and that the mistake made by Messrs. McDowell in certifying as to the correctness of this claim was in the circumstances not inexcusable. There is no reason to believe that any other similar case has occurred. Mrs Darling it will be noted made a statutory declaration that the watch was her own property, but it is evident that she did this in good faith as agent for Thos. Murray.

The error is much regretted. Please note cancellation of recommendation in the case of No. 5018.

*Noted in Register & 12 List
claim cancelled on 28th list*

*886.
12/12/16.*

C O P Y.

Gillstown,
Athboy,
Co. Meath.

Dec. 2nd 1916.

Claim No. 5018.

Sir,

I received (in due course) from you a cheque or paying order dated Nov. 20th under Property Losses Compensation for £2 - on Bank of Ireland, which I have not yet cashed. The property destroyed by fire was a watch left for repairs in Mr McDowell's shop, 3 Upper Sackville St., by me for one of our labourers, his name "Thomas Murray" was in the application for compensation and he tells me he has got a cheque similar to that sent to me. Will you kindly let me know what I should do.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) (Mrs)E. Darling.

To
J. J. Taylor,
Chief Secretary's Office,
Dublin Castle.

fact that Mrs. Darling stated when asking for a claim form that she wished to claim on behalf of a friend.

8, Cowper Road,

Yours faithfully,

RATHMINES.

J. J. Henly, Esq.,

7th December, 1916.

Sir,

+ U. B. I. N.

re Claims 5018 - Darling and 5050 - Murray.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 5th inst. enclosing the above claims, and very much regret to note your advices.

I had an interview with McDowell's who state that Mrs. Darling came to them about the 20th July and said that she wished to make a claim on behalf of a friend, for a Watch, which had been left for repairs prior to the Rebellion. She produced the ticket and they gave her a claim form for completion. You will observe that Mrs. Darling states on the form that she was the owner, and her address is given as "Gillstown" Athboy. About a week later, Thomas Murray, wrote to McDowell's from "Green Park" Athboy, stating that he wished to claim £5 for a watch, and giving a description of same, which tallied with one of those recovered from the fire. Messrs. McDowell replied that they would not recommend more than £2, (and he answered that he agreed to that amount.) Undoubtedly Mrs. Darling is at fault; firstly she should not have stated on the form that she was the owner of the watch, and secondly when she heard from Murray that he had sent in an independent claim (as doubtless she must have done) she should have withdrawn her's.

It is a most regrettable instance and one that is very difficult to explain. I would mention however, I am of the opinion, that McDowell's did everything in their power to safeguard the interests of the Treasury, and the large number of cases that I investigated, in connection with their customers' goods, in no one case did they recommend a penny more than they honestly thought was the value of the article claimed for. Of course, where a firm's books have been destroyed and a man has to depend solely on his brains, it is difficult to avoid an error of this kind. They regret exceedingly the trouble caused and in view of the fact that at the time they were much rushed with claims in my opinion it would be very easy for them to overlook the

fact

8, Cowper Road,

RATHMINES.

7th December, 1916.

J.J. Healy, Esq.,

DUBLIN.

Dear Sir,

Claims 5018 - Darling. & 5050 - Murray.

Referring to previous correspondence in this connection, I now have pleasure in enclosing Report for the Under-Secretary, and trust same will meet with your requirements.

With reference to the closing paragraph of your letter, I do not think there is any fear of similar cases arising.

Claim 6688² - Moore.

This is enclosed,

Yours faithfully,

W. St. J. Phillips

Regd Ackd Lsd

J. 9/12/16

5th December,
No. 5018 - Mrs E. Darling.
" 5050 - Thomas Murray.
Claims for Watch lost in Messrs.
McDowell's, 3 Upr. Sackville St.

Mr Phillips.

The above claims are attached. You will see that both were reported on and recommended, and both have been paid. A letter has now been received by the Under Secretary from Mrs Darling in which she says that the watch referred to in 5018 was left by her for repair in Messrs. McDowell for one of her labourers, Thos. Murray, who had already received compensation. Kindly let me have a report early for the Under Secretary's information, and say what evidence Mr McDowell furnished to you in support of both claims.

Is there any danger that there were other similar cases?

PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE, 1916.

Inspector's Report.

Claim No. 5018.

Name of Claimant Mrs Eleanor Darling Occupation ✓

Situation of Property J. McDermott's 3 Upper Searsville St 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
<u>Contents.</u>	<u>2.0.0.</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>2.0.0.</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>
TOTALS, £	<u>2.0.0.</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>2.0.0.</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>

Interests in the buildings

Remarks Payment recommended.

Signature H. St. J. Philips

Date 2 Oct 1916.

Award of Committee: Contents

Do. Buildings

REPORTED ON BY COMMITTEE

John Leonard Esq. 21st D'Almeida Street

5018

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 *M^{rs} Eleanor Darling* now residing
We

at *Capelbowe, Rathboy* in the City of *Meath*
County of *Meath*

do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that on or about the *28th* day of *April*

1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely:—*

Crofts Galt Glin Water

* State situation of property damaged.

and such damage was occasioned to the best of ^{my}our belief by** *Fire*

** Here state cause of damage.

And ^IWe 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}us

as† *Eleanor*; and that no person is interested in the said property except ‡

† 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).

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

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

Company,	Policy No.	Amount £
.....
.....
.....

And ^IWe 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 *20th* day of

July 1916, at *103*

Jack St. St. in the said City,
County,

before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said

City
County.

Signature of Claimant }
of Claimants }

Eleanor Darling

Augustus J. P.

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.

