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To

Minister of Finance

July 16 1923

Free State Government Dept



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Seeing in Irish Independent of June the 21<sup>st</sup>  
a statement to the effect that dependents of  
men killed in 1916 rebellion or rising were to be  
paid. I beg to apply for same for my child  
my husband Edward Costello was killed  
behind Church Street boarding in Dublin either  
on Easter Monday night or Easter Tuesday at least he  
was shot through the head. He was taken to  
Gerrard Street hospital and died shortly after  
admission. He was buried in Glasnevin along with  
others and has not even a coffin. He was  
unconscious on admittance to hospital and never  
regained sense. I have letters from the Superress of  
Gerrard Street hospital still. Please let me know  
particulars. I remain Anne Costello

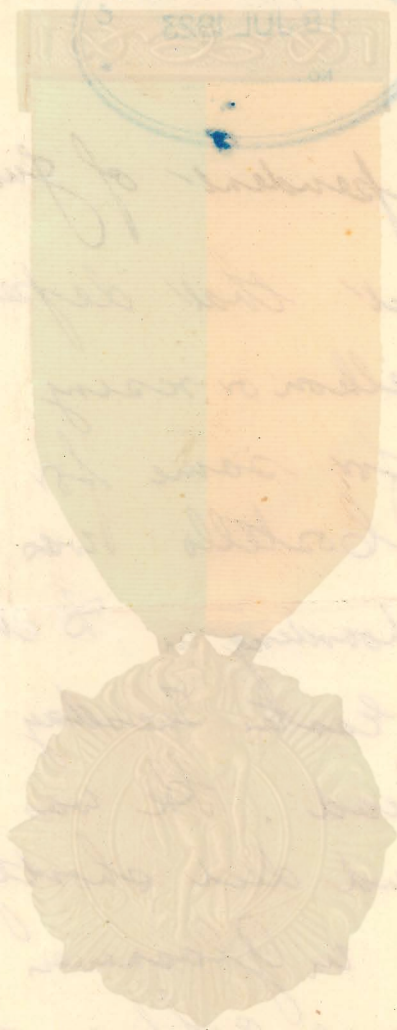


(Mrs)

Anna Costello  
3 Castle Lane

Lurgan

Co. Down



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Edward Costello (decd)

File No. 653/59

Mrs Annie Costello (widow)

Form K (Personal) sent 15th Aug. 1923. *CB*





JOHN GALLERY,  
SOLICITOR.  
TELEPHONE No. 109.



*Lurgan.*  
30th. November 1923.

Your refce. 633/59.  
re Edward Costello deceased.

Sir,

Mrs Annie Costello of 3 Castle Lane, Lurgan, has requested me to communicate with you on her behalf and on behalf of her daughter relative to her claim to a pension in respect of the death of her husband, the above named Edward Costello deceased, who was killed during the 1916 Rebellion.

My client informs me that she was married to the deceased on the 5th. February 1912 at St. Peter's Catholic Church Lurgan, and the only child of the marriage - Annie Maive Josephine Costello - was born on the 1st. December 1912. The deceased was a draper by occupation, and some time prior to his death unhappy relations arose between the deceased and his wife and he was not conducting himself to Mrs Costello's satisfaction, and as a result of those relations he left Lurgan and went to business in Kingstown, - Mrs Costello continuing to reside in Lurgan with her mother. There was some correspondence between the deceased and his wife and the latter always looked forward to a time when he would become steadier and when they would be able to live together once more. The deceased was still residing in Kingstown when the Rebellion took place, and the first intimation which she received of his death was when she observed his name amongst a list of persons who had been admitted to Jervi's Street Hospital and had subsequently died from their wounds. On seeing this, Mrs Costello went at



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once to Dublin and interviewed the Nuns in charge of the hospital. To her regret the Nuns were able to inform her that it was really her husband who had died in that institution as some of his near relations had been at the Hospital earlier and had identified his photograph and belongings. These were produced to my client who at once identified them also. She was then informed that the deceased had been buried with a number of others in Glasnevin Cemetery.

My client had no knowledge at that time whether or not the deceased had been a member of the Volunteers and as everybody was then reticent on such matters she was not able to ascertain any details further than that the Nuns were able to inform her that they had heard that he had been wounded when fighting in either Church Street or Westmoreland Street. Not so long ago however, a gentleman called upon her and stated that he fought side by side with the deceased in Church Street. Mrs Costello is endeavouring to get in touch with the latter gentleman again and to obtain fuller details from him. Until she obtains this information she cannot put your Department in possession of the facts, but as soon as she has got further information it will be forwarded.

My object in writing you at the present time is to let you know the circumstances and that Mrs Costello desires to inform you that it is her intention to apply to the Government for a pension



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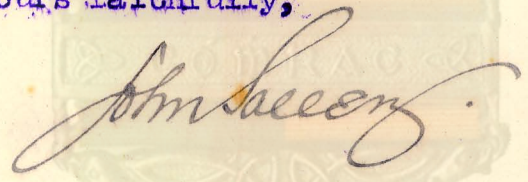
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for herself and her infant daughter who were both dependants of the deceased. She has already communicated with you on the subject and received your reply (undated) bearing the above reference number.

Yours faithfully,



An Rúnaidhe,  
Aireacht Mhuirbhtheann Uacht,  
Baile Atha Cliath.

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