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Compensation Personal  
Injuries Section

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# AIREACHT AIRGID.

NÁ CUIRTEAR ÉANTUAIRISC AR AN GCLÚDACH SO.

An Roinn.

Tá anniso, leis,

No App  
under  
H.  
Inscribed under  
Howley & Keane

An Uimhir.

An Gnó.

24.12.20

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Michael Joseph. Howley. (decd)

Mrs Mary Keane (claimant)  
mother

An Uimhir ag Aireacht  
Eile.

Oranmore, Co Galway

Sols: -

Little & O'Suadhagh

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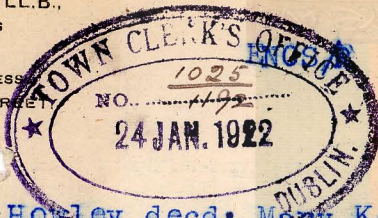


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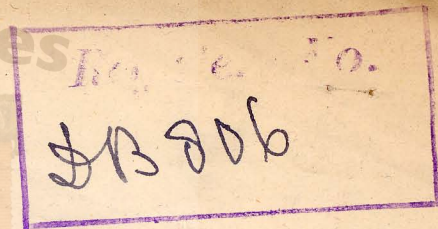
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L. E. O'DEA,  
T. A. ARKINS, LL.B.,  
SOLITORS

DUBLIN ADDRESS  
41 KILDARE STREET



Cyre Square  
Galway



23rd day of January 1922.

M. J. Howley decd: Mary Keane V Dublin County Council.

Dear Sir,

I enclose under registered cover Preliminary Notice  
and Notice of Application herein. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

The Town Clerk of Dublin,  
Municipal Buildings,  
Cork Hill,  
DUBLIN.

Yours faithfully,

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Received from  
Compensation Ireland  
Commission. 15/10/23

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No. 12.

FORM OF NOTICE AGAINST ONE COUNTY FOR COMPENSATION FOR MURDER OF A JUDGE,  
MAGISTRATE, POLICE CONSTABLE, MEMBER OF NAVAL, MILITARY OR AIR FORCES,  
OR OF A CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER PERSON.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT 1898.

CRIMINAL INJURIES (IRELAND) Act 1919.

County of Dublin.  
Division of

TAKE NOTICE that on the 4th day of December  
1920, at Broadstone Station, Dublin in the

townland of

in the Parish of

County District of

the City  
and County of Dublin, Michael

Joseph Howley of Orammore, County Galway, farmer was murdered, and

that said murder was a crime arising out of a combination of a

sedition character or an unlawful association, and that it is the  
intention of the applicant in pursuance of the provisions of Section

106 of The Grand Jury (Ireland) Act 1836 and of the Local Government

(Ireland) Act 1919 at the Sittings of the County Court to be held at

Green Street Courthouse  
the City of  
and County of Dublin on the 1st

in the Division of

day of March 1922, to apply

to the County Court of the said County for the sum of Five thousand

pounds or such other sum as may seem just and reasonable be awarded

for compensation for said murder to the representatives of the said

Michael Joseph Howley and that the said compensation money be ordered

to be paid or distributed to or amongst such person or persons in such

manner, shares and proportions as the County Court Judge shall determine

and that the said compensation money be ordered to be raised off the

County at large or off the County District where such murder was

committed or such other area or areas as the County Court Judge shall

direct.

Dated this 15th December 1921.

Signed:-

Solicitor for Mrs Mary Keane mother and next-of-kin  
of the said Michael Joseph Howley deceased.

To/

THE TOWN CLERK OF DUBLIN, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, CORK HILL, DUBLIN  
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, DUBLIN, CASTLE, DUBLIN, THE SECRETARY,  
DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL, RUTLAND SQUARE, DUBLIN, THE SECRETARY, NORTH  
DUBLIN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL, 18A. TEMPLE STREET, DUBLIN.





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\* 6.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR MURDER OR, MAGISTRATE, POLICE CONSTABLE, MEMBER OF NAVAL, MILITARY FORCES, OR CIVIL SERVICE, OR OTHER PERSON.

THE TOWN CLERK OF DUBLIN, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, CORK HILL, DUBLIN, LIEUTENANT COLONEL, DUBLIN CASTLE, DUBLIN, THE HONORABLE MEMBER OF DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL, RUTLAND SQUARE, DUBLIN, THE HONORABLE MEMBER OF NORTH DUBLIN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL, 12A TEMPLE ST., NORTH, DUBLIN.

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TAKE NOTICE that on the 4th day of December 1920 Michael Joseph Howley of Cranmore, County Galway, farmer was murdered at Broadstone Station, Dublin in the County District of County of Dublin and County of County of Dublin and that said murder was a crime arising out of a combination of a seditious character or of an unlawful association and that it is intended to apply to the County Court to be held on the first day of March 1922 at Green St. Courthouse of the City for the Division of County of Dublin and County of Dublin for the sum of Five thousand pounds to be paid as compensation for said murder, or for such other order as shall seem just and reasonable and that the said compensation money may be ordered to be paid or distributed to or amongst such person or persons in such manner, shares and proportion as the County Court Judge shall determine.

Dated this 15th December 1921.

SIGNED:-

*P. C. O'Leary*

Solicitor for Mrs Mary Keane, mother and next-of-kin of the said Michael Joseph Howley deceased.

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*referred*  
PADRAIG Ó CAOILTE  
SEÁN Ó HUADHAIGH  
ATURNAETHE

GUTHAN: ÁTH CLIATH 4392  
SREANG-SGEALTA: "SWIFTESS, DUBLIN"  
CÓD: MARCONI, 1 CHUR AMACH

PATRICK J. LITTLE  
SEÁN Ó HUADHAIGH  
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SOLICITORS

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CODE: MARCONI, 1ST EDITION

*Seomraí Swift*  
SWIFT CHAMBERS  
Z/F *Tráid Iustas a 22*  
22 EUSTACE STREET

*Ath Cliath*  
DUBLIN

15th October 1923

The Ministry of Finance,  
Upper Merrion Street,  
Baile Áta Cliath



A Cáirde,

I have been handed over the Claim of Mrs. Mary Keane of Oranmore, Co. Galway for Compensation for the death of her son Michael Joseph Howley who was shot by British Forces at the Broadstone on 4th December 1920. The Preliminary Notice on Form 12 under the repealed Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act 1919 dated 15th December 1921 was duly served by Mr. P.A. Arkins together with Form 6 for the Recorder's Court March Sessions 1922. Please let me know what steps I should take in order to bring this Claim, which was for £5,000, forward.

Is mise, le meas,

*Seán Ó Huadhaigh*

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Commission. 15/10/23

Joseph Howley

by Mrs Mary Keane-  
O'Connor

of Galway

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Michael Joseph Howley (decd.)

Mrs. Mary Keane.  
applicant.

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Form K. sent: 5<sup>11</sup>/<sub>23</sub> 7.00 PM

Despatch 5/11/23

I Form B sent 24/4/24.

M.G.

Form M.D. 3 sent 19.12.23 *bas.*

Police report asked for 14/5/24.

W.A.

*Heard 29/24. Galway.*

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22 EUSTACE STREET

*Ath Cliath*

DUBLIN

7th November 1923

The Secretary,  
Ministry of Finance,  
Upper Merrion Street,  
DUBLIN

A Cara,

re- Michael J. Howley Deceased

I am in receipt of yours of 5th inst requesting  
Statement in connexion with the death of the above named  
deceased, which I am preparing and shall forward you in  
due course.

Is mise, le meas,

*Seán Ó Huadhaigh*

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*Áth Cliath*

DUBLIN

Your reference 960/102

8th November 1923

An Rúnaide,  
Aireacht Airgid,  
Sráid Muirbteann Uač.,  
Baile Áta Cliath

A Cara,

re- Michael Joseph Howley Decd.

Further to yours of 5th November and mine of  
7th idem as requested I now beg to enclose you Statement  
of Applicant as to how the deceased met his death.

Is mise, le meas,

*Seán Ó Huadhaigh*

E.l.

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MICHAEL JOSEPH HOWLEY DECD.

MRS. MARY KEANE

V.

The Galway County Council.

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

[Michael Joseph Howley aged 25 years was killed outside the Broadstone Railway Station, Dublin by British Crown Forces on the evening of the 24th December 1920. He was the son of Mrs. Mary Keane of Orammore, County Galway Widow who carried on business as Shopkeeper and farmer. It appears deceased was walking along with Patrick Mullins and Mr. Laurence Lardner of Athenry the latter being some yards ahead when he (deceased) was fired at by some men who emerged from the Railway Station after the Deceased and his companions. It appears from statements of witnesses that a Taxi Cab arrived near the Railway Station at about 5.30 or thereabouts that evening and remained outside until after the arrival of the train and when Deceased emerged from the Station carrying a parcel in his left hand two men in Mufti rushed out after him and fired immediately at him. The two men afterwards knelt over deceased and searched his clothes as he lay on the ground. They subsequently blew a whistle and went off in the Taxi. There were altogether in the Car three men and the Driver.

The Deceased was in an ambulance which had been telephoned for when an Armoured Car arrived and removed him to ~~the~~ the Castle. At this time Howley was not dead, but died at 12.30 that night at King George V. Hospital where he had been subsequently removed.

Mrs. Mary Keane was married twice, the deceased being the only son of the first marriage. She married secondly in 1901 or 1902 when deceased was six years old. Her second husband (Keane) died on 20th January 1920 leaving four children.

When deceased was 17 years of age he took over the management of two farms and a Shop. One farm of 27 acres and a farm of about 80 acres held on an Agistment Letting. He also went to Fairs and bought and sold cattle for his Mother and was practically indispensable.

Dated 8th November 1923

*Sean O'Meara*  
Solicitor for Applicant,

22, Eustace Street,

DUBLIN.



MICHAEL JOSEPH HOWLEY DECD.

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MRS MARY KEANE

v.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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STATEMENT OF APPLICANT.

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AIREACHT UM GHNÓTHAÍ DÚITHCHE,

BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

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FILE FORWARDED TO  
PERSONAL INJURIES  
(COMPENSATION) COMMITTEE.

13 February 1924

Tá an scribhinn seo dá seóladh ag an Aire um

Ghnóthai Dúithche chun.....

*Mr. Byrne*

....., ós leis a bhaineann an scéal do

réir dheallraimh Tá an méid sin mínighthe do'n té

a scríobh i

ÉINRÍ Ó FRIGHIL.

*Mr. Byrne / Baines me file*  
*17/4.*



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9 - APR 1924

Sanmore  
Co Galway

7. 4. 24



Dear Sir

Will you be so kind to let me know if the claim I have lodged for my son Michael Howley who was shot at Broadstone by Crown forces on the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1920 is going to be heard. I understood people who suffered on those days should be considered first. He was my sole support - as my husband was dead. Were it not for my friends I would have to go to the workhouse as my home and every thing I possessed was burned so when I got my claim I had to pay back those who I borrowed from including £500 from the White Cross altho I was certain I would be left some of that - at least - however I paid it that claim I received was for my houses & furniture & they deducted so much from it as they left me in debt & owing to the troubled times I feel it hard to make ends meet.



as I have no one to earn for me only  
the little I do myself so please let me  
know if this claim is going to come  
off as it seems I can get no reply  
from my solicitor they seem not to  
know I feel sorry for troubling  
you but I can't help it

Faithfully Yours Percy

Mary Keane

P. S

the reason I write I heard  
those claims were not to be  
brought on m. 1/2.



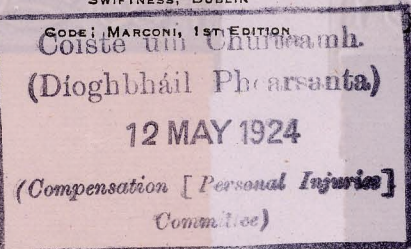
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22 EUSTACE STREET

*Ath Cliath*

DUBLIN

10th May 1924

The Secretary,  
Compensation (Personal Injuries) Committee,  
125, Lower Baggot Street,  
Dublin.

Dear Sir,

re- Michael Joseph Howley Decd.

I now beg to return you the Dependent's Form "B"  
in this case duly completed and signed by Mrs. Mary Keane.  
Kindly note that in the event of your requiring any witnesses  
to attend on the hearing I shall be glad if you will let me  
know when writing informing me of the date fixed for the  
hearing.

Yours faithfully,

*Seán Ó Huadhaigh.*

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SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN.

25 APR REQ

10 MAY REQ

## B. DEPENDENT'S FORM.

FOR USE BY THE DEPENDENTS OF PERSONS WHO DIED AS THE  
RESULT OF INJURIES SUSTAINED.

Éin-fhreagra ar an litir  
seo, is mar seo ba chóir  
é stiúradh :

(Any reply to this com-  
munication should be  
addressed to) :

An Rúnaidhe,  
fé'n uimhir seo :  
(and the following num-  
ber quoted) :

5703.

COISTE UM CHÚITEAMH (DÍOGHBHÁIL PHEARSANTA)  
(Compensation (Personal Injuries) Committee),

125 Sráid Bhagóid Íoch  
(125 Lower Baggot Street),

Baile Átha Cliath.

Coiste um Chúiteamh.  
(Díoghbháil Phearsanta)

12 MAY 1924

24th April, 1924.

(Compensation [Personal Injuries]  
Committee)

re Mrs. Mary Keane of Oranmore Co. Galway, for her son,  
Michael Joseph Howley (decd.) late of same place.

A CHARA,

I am directed by the Compensation (Personal Injuries) Committee to forward  
herewith a Form of Application for Compensation ; and to request you to return  
this form, by post, with your replies as soon as possible to this Office.

I am to inform you that answers to the queries on the Form will constitute  
the basis of <sup>your</sup> ~~the applicant's~~ application and if, on investigation, any of the statements  
are ascertained to have been falsely made within <sup>your</sup> ~~the applicant's~~ knowledge,  
the Committee may recommend that no compensation shall be awarded.

On receipt of this Form, with particulars of the claim set out therein, the  
Committee, if it is considered necessary, will inform you of the time and place fixed  
for the hearing of the case.

Extracts from the terms of reference to the Committee, showing the classes  
of cases with which it will deal, are enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

D. P. SHANAGHER,

Rúnaidhe.

To/ Messrs. Little & O'Huadháigh,

Solrs.,

22, Eustace Street, DUBLIN.

(3149). Wt. 565— 2000.5-23. A.T. & Co., Ltd.

Notified 25/8/24 wra



1. Name of Applicant in full..... Mary Keane
2. Present postal address of applicant..... Oranmore, Co. Galway.
3. If a woman, whether married woman, widow or spinster..... Widow Shopkeeper
4. Name of the deceased in full..... Michael Joseph Hawley
5. Address of the deceased at time of injury..... Oranmore, Co. Galway
6. Full particulars of the injury sustained by the deceased, setting out clearly :
- (a) The date of the injury..... 12<sup>th</sup> December 1920.
- (b) The place where the injury was received..... Outside Broadstone Railway Terminus
- (c) The person or persons who caused the injury..... British Army Forces. It is believed official explanation was "Shot whilst attempting to escape."
- (d) The circumstances in detail under which the injury was received :
- Deceased was leaving the Railway Station in company with Edk Mullins and Laurence Lardner of Athlone when they were followed by some men in huffs who fired at & wounded Deceased who died shortly afterward. This occurred about 5.30 and Deceased died at 12.30 am in King George's Hospital. The men who fired arrived in a taxi before the train arrived after shooting Deceased they searched his clothes while lying on ground, blew a whistle subsequently & departed in the motor. Subsequently an Armoured Car arrived & removed Deceased to the King George's Hospital.
7. The date of the death (attaching herewith a certified copy of the registration of the death)..... 14<sup>th</sup> December 1920 (King George's Hospital)
8. Was the injury the immediate cause of the death? If not, what other causes supervened?..... Yes.
9. Give full particulars :
- (a) Of the nature and extent of the injury..... Bullet wound
- (b) And of the medical and/or hospital treatment received..... Not Known
10. Has the applicant certificates of medical gentlemen showing the nature of the injury and the cause of death? If so, please attach the certificates..... No
11. Under which sub-paragraph (1, 2 or 3) of paragraph 1 of the Terms of Reference does the applicant ask to be paid compensation? Give particulars of the circumstances which bring the applicant within the particular sub-paragraph..... No 1 & 3.
12. Give the following particulars as to the deceased :
- (a) Age of deceased?..... 25 years
- (b) Was he (or she) married or single?..... Single
- (c) Names, present addresses and ages of any children who now survive:
- Children of applicant :- Charles aged 18 years (apprentice)  
William aged 17 years, Mary aged 16 years, and  
Josephine aged 12 years.



13. State the relationship of the applicant to the deceased

*Mother*

14. Give particulars of the way in which and the extent to which the applicant was dependent on deceased.

*When 17 years of age deceased took over the management of 2 farms & a shop one farm of 27 acres & another one a great deal better of 80 acres. Bought & sold Cattle and generally managed the property.*

15. Names, addresses, relationship and ages of any other dependents of the deceased:

- (a) *Charles Keane Septhor, 18 years, Rammore Co Galway*  
 (b) *William Do " 17 " Ditto.*  
 (c) *Madge Do Septhor 16 " Do*  
 (d) *Josephine Do Do 12 " Ditto.*  
 (e) .....  
 (f) .....

16. Give particulars of the dependency of the above persons to the deceased:

*He was manager over the whole property for his mother.*

17. Give particulars of the occupations at the time of the injury and at the present time of the applicant and of the above dependents:

*See reply to no 11.*  
*Charles Keane is apprenticed to Engineering in England*  
*William " at home*  
*Madge & Josephine Ditto.*

18. Name and address of the deceased's employer at the time of the injury:

*Applicant's*  
*Manager of shop and farms*

19. Wages or salary of the deceased at the time of the injury

*As manager of shop and farms deceased used earn at an average £500 per annum.*

20. Amount and nature of deceased's income from other sources at the time of the injury

*Nil*

21. Give particulars of the compensation or other monies paid to the deceased after the injury and before the death, or to any other person in consequence of the injury:

- (a) By the employer or anyone on his behalf under the Workmen's Compensation Act.....

*nil*



(b) By any Society under the National Insurance Act or by any Club or Society otherwise *nil*

(c) By the White Cross or other relief organisation..... *nil*

(d) By any other person or body..... *nil*

22. (a) Was the deceased person insured?..... *Yes for £250*

(b) If so, give particulars of the name or names of the company or companies and amount paid by same in respect of the death..... *The Life Association of Scotland £250*

23. Is the applicant or any of the above dependents eligible for any award under any law making provision for army pensions..... *No*

24. Did the deceased or the applicant or any other person obtain a decree under the Criminal Injuries Acts in respect of the injury? If so, give date and other particulars of the decree..... *No*

25. Has the British Government undertaken liability in respect of the injury and death?..... *No*

26. Amount of compensation applied for, with particulars of how the total is made up. *£5000*  
*based on annuity*

27. Names and addresses of the witnesses (if any) whom the applicant desires to be called to bear out the above statement. (The Committee reserves to itself the right of determining whether the applicant or any of the witnesses shall be called or not.)

*Laurence Lardner Shopkeeper Athenry Co. Galway*  
*Patrick Mullins of Killeenagh Gaughwell*  
*Galway Mrs Stanley Broadstone Cottages*

Signature of Applicant..... *Mary Keane*

Dated this..... *9th*..... day of..... *May*..... 192*4*

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22. Yes, for £250.  
(b) The Life Association of Scotland.
23. 24. 25. No.
26. £5,000 based on an annuity.
27. Lce. Lardner, Shopkeeper, Athenry.  
Patk. Mullins, Killeneen, Craughwell.  
Mrs. Stanley, Broadstone Cottages.

9th May, 1924.

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22. Yes, for £250.  
(b) The Life Association of Scotland.
23. 24. 25. No.
26. £5,000 based on an annuity.
27. Lee. Lardner, Shopkeeper, Athenry.  
Patk. Mullins, Killeneen, Craughwell.  
Mrs. Stanley, Broadstone Cottages.

9th May, 1924.

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*M. Shanagher*

960/102.

9th May 1924.

A Chara,

With reference to your enquiry in regard to the claim for compensation in respect of the death of Michael Joseph Howley of Oranmore, Co. Galway, I am directed by the Minister of Finance to inform you that the Compensation (Personal Injuries) Committee will probably be visiting Galway towards the end of this month when this case will be heard by them.

Mise, le meas,

*CSA*

J. Broderick, Esq., T.D.,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin.

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*Éin-shreagra ar an litir seo, is mar seo  
ba chóir é stiúradh :—  
(Any reply to this communication should  
be addressed to :—)*

An naidhe,

Aireacht um Ghnóthaí Dúithche,  
Sráid Mhuirbhtheann Uacht.  
Baile Átha Cliath,

*fé'n uimhir seo :—  
(and the following number quoted :—)*

H.150/27.

Roinn Tí agus Círc

AIREACHT UM GHNÓTHAÍ DÚITHCHE  
(Ministry of Home Affairs).

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

Coiste um Cháiteamh.  
(Díoghbháil Phearsanta)

5-JUN 1924

(Compensation [Personal Injuries]  
Committee)

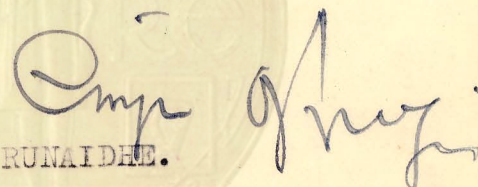
3rd June, 1924.

Secretary,  
Compensation (Personal Injuries)  
Committee.

With reference to your minute (5703/B) of the 14th  
ultimo I am directed by the Minister for Justice to  
transmit herewith, in original a report received from  
the Garda Síochána relative to a compensation claim in  
the case of Mrs. Mary Keane, of Oranmore, Co. Galway.

It is regretted that a report from the Dublin  
Metropolitan Police cannot be furnished as the records  
of the period are not available.

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RUNAIDHE.

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Your Ref DC/2586/23.  
my Ref 2645/G

Gárho Siótcána.	
Division of.....	<u>Galway</u>
Chief Superintendent's Office	
at.....	<u>Galway</u>
Date.....	<u>30 - 5 - 24</u>

Compensation claim Pre - Truce.  
Mrs Mary Keane, Orammore.

Commissioner.

Reference your communication of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst. re - the above claim.  
I beg to state, from inquiries made, that the attached extract of applicant's statement is correct. The deceased (Michael J. Howley) was the eldest Son of the applicant.

He was O.C. 1<sup>st</sup> Galway Brigade I.R.A. and was on the "run" up to the time of his death. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of Oct 1920. he proceeded to Dublin on matters concerning his Brigade, and on arrival at the Broadstone Railway Station, he was shot by men in Mufti, presumably "Brown Forces", and died in Hospital the following morning at 12-30 Am.

The applicant, (Mrs Mary Keane) is in very good circumstances. She is the owner of a Licensed Premises, Provision Store, and a farm of about 50 acres of land.

I return enclosure herewith.

J. W. Gilroy.  
Supt for C. Supt  
at conference.





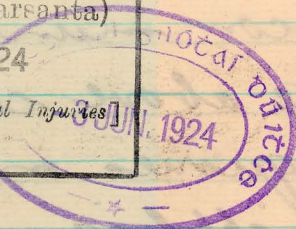
*The Secretary*

*Ministry of Home Affairs*

*For your information*

*C. O'Leary*  
*Leas Comhairle*

Coiste um Chúiteamh.  
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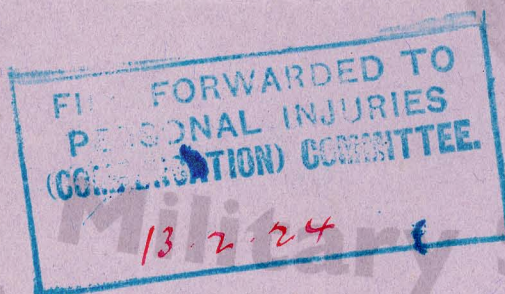
The Secretary,  
Department of Finance.

21 AUG 1924

With reference to Mr. Almond's Minute No. 960/102 of the 19th December, 1923 regarding an application for the payment of compensation to Mrs Mary Keane, Orammore, Co. Galway, in respect of the death of her son, Michael Joseph Howley,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to inform you that the late Michael Joseph Howley may properly be regarded as having been a supporter of the Irish side in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 4 (a) of the "Heads of Working Arrangements" (C.P. 3648).

The Minister is not aware of any objection to the consideration of the case with a view to immediate payment.



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27 AUG 1924

(Compensation [Personal Injuries]  
Committee)

26th August, 1924.

D.P. Shanagher, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Compensation (Personal Injuries) Committee,  
125 Lower Baggot Street,  
Dublin.

re Michael Howley - deceased.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of yours of the 25th inst. informing us that the hearing of the above Compensation Claim will take place at the Court House, Galway, on next Tuesday, 2nd prox. at 2.30 p.m. We have accordingly written to our client to be in attendance.

We should be glad to hear from you by return whether you will require any evidence as to the cause of death or if these facts are already admitted. We presume that they are and that the only evidence which the Committee will require at the hearing will be evidence of dependency.

Yours faithfully,

*Little, O Huadhaigh & Proud.*

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MINUTE SHEET.

M.S.A.

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re Mr Howley Dec'd

<sup>27</sup>/<sub>8</sub> Rang Solrs upon reply to lr of 26<sup>th</sup> inst. and  
<sup>24</sup> informed them that if evidence as to cause of  
death is required - an opportunity of putting  
same before Committee at a later date in  
Dublin. will be given them (Howley was shot  
in Dublin) as at Galway. the Committee will  
principally be concerned with evidence  
as to dependency

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Mr. Mary Heane - married twice  
boy who was killed - son of  
first husband. 2<sup>nd</sup> husband was  
killed died in 1920 of cancer -  
Mr. Hawley took up management  
of place young - have 82 acres  
He also ran little mill & made £40  
a year out of this - place was  
all burned - I got £3,550 from  
C.(I.)C. - £1,550 for building.  
This boy dealt in cattle &c.  
He often made £300 a year -  
he managed tillage also. in 1920  
had 80 sheep 40 ewes, 20 wethers.  
20 cattle, lambs & pigs. He  
also managed the shop. nothing to  
show what shop made - we used  
do very well - £500 or £500  
profits. In year following death



police prevented me from carrying on -  
of 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage 4 children Chas  
is away - Wm in Switzero - now in  
charge of place - two girls 20 &  
15 at home. Wm is not to  
strong. get ~~two~~ men - £1 a wk  
each of food - keep them all the yr.  
Former husband had shop stand.  
He left all to me - made no will  
W. Murphy took out adm'n - Mr. made  
no will - only one child of first  
marriage - property reverts to widow  
on death of Michael - 2<sup>nd</sup> husband  
brought money (£500) into place - he  
left all to me. Son was insured  
£250 which I recovered. -

Laurence Larner - with Howley - in I.R.A.  
on duty to Dublin - were not armed -  
he was not armed as far as I know.  
He had no despatches - he was troubled by



lungs was going to see D. & report to  
C.H.Q. — He was Brigadier.



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M<sup>r</sup>. Almond.

This would appear to be a case which should be dealt with by the Army Pensions Dept. The deceased (Howley)

was an active member of the I.R.A. and when he was shot was on his way to G.S.D. for a consultation to make a report. Apparently he was unarmed at the time of his death.

Would you please have matter brought before A.P. Bd. at an early date for a decision?

J.D.

22/9/24.

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Dept of Finance

Mr. Hogan

Army Pensions Dept.

Will you  
kindly let me know whether  
the Army Pensions Board will  
deal with this case?

N.T.

C.S. Hammond

23.9.24



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