

**SS Dundalk Disaster Fund Committee Papers, 1918 – 1930, 2004, 2018**

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**Title:** SS Dundalk Disaster Fund Committee Papers

**Dates:** 1918 – 1930, 2004, 2018

**Level of Description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 11 files and 50 items

**Name of Creator(s):** SS Dundalk Disaster Fund Committee, Charles F Little

**Admin/Biographical History:** The collection consists of correspondence and financial material relating to the administration and management of the SS Dundalk Disaster Fund by the Fund's Committee. The SS Dundalk was a merchant ship built for Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company in 1899 by A & J Inglis. It was owned by SJ Cocks, Dundalk. During World War I, U-boat attacks began on merchant ships in 1917 and consequently the SS Dundalk became defensively-armed. However, on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1918, the ship which operated out of Dundalk, had been sailing from Liverpool and was sunk sixty miles south of the Isle of Man by two German U-Boats, UB123 and UB90. Tragically, twenty people died in the sinking. The Disaster Fund was set up to take care of the dependants of those who died in the sinking of the SS Dundalk. Charles F Little of Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company Limited was honorary secretary of the SS Dundalk Disaster Fund committee. A memorial stained glass window to those who died was erected in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dundalk.

Below is a list of those who died: Edward Bennett (38), Fireman; Samuel John Cocks, Manager of the Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company; Margaret Creegan (38), Stewardess; Joseph Fox (27), Cattleman; Harold Gray (19), Ordinary Seaman; Joseph Halfpenny (38), Fireman; James Hernon (40), Fireman; Patrick Hughes (41), Trimmer; Edward Johnston (41); John Francis Kieran (19), Able Seaman; Peter Matthews (46), Steward;

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William McKeown (55), Able Seaman; Patrick Melia (50), Second Mate; Vincent Morgan (25), Greaser; John Michael Muckian (47), Fireman; Hugh O'Neill, Master; Peter Valentine Sloane (17), Ordinary Seaman; John Stacks (33), Fireman; Daniel Stowell (33), Quartermaster; Thomas Tuite (21), Donkeyman.

<b>Archival History:</b>	These papers were deposited with Louth County Archives Service in 2006 by Robert Beggs. Photocopies of letters in the collection came from a private researcher.
<b>Scope and Content:</b>	The collection contains correspondence from Charles F Little, honorary secretary of the Committee for the administration of the SS Dundalk Disaster Fund. One series relates to the sale of war stock, another series to signing cheques and banking matters. There is one file containing seven statements of accounts; one small file of letters relating to the memorial stained glass window in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dundalk; and one file containing 160 cheques that were issued by the National Bank Limited, Dundalk Branch for the Disaster Fund (the bank was founded in 1835 and was taken over by Bank of Ireland in the mid-20 <sup>th</sup> Century). There is only one page containing minutes of a Committee meeting. The Papers also include correspondence related to obtaining and managing financial aid for several dependants (PP00201/002/), the bulk of which relates to the dependants of Patrick Melia, second mate. There is also a file relating to medical costs for the child of Joseph Halpenny, fireman. The final series relates to a small quantity of research notes which includes copies of Dundalk Democrat newspaper articles from the time.
<b>Subject index:</b>	Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company; Little, Charles F; Macardle, Sir, Thomas Callan (1856-1925), Knight of the British Empire; World War One (First World War)
<b>Appraisal &amp; Destruction:</b>	Retain permanently
<b>Accruals:</b>	Further accruals may be received.
<b>System of Arrangement:</b>	The collection is divided into eight series as per subject and within series, items are arranged chronologically.
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**Level Headings:**

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### **Descriptive List**

**PP00201/001/**

**Disaster Fund Committee: sale of war stock correspondence and receipts**

**1918 – 1927**

**Series**

**22 items**

PP00201/001/001

Receipt from John Cox & Company, Dundalk to Dundalk Disaster Fund for £3790.6.0 cost £4000 War Loan 5%.

25 Nov 1918

Item

1p

PP00201/001/002

Three receipts from Carroll & Company, stock share brokers, 5 Copthall Buildings, London in respect of the sale of £200 5% War Loan 1929/47 by order and for account of The National Bank Limited, Dundalk branch. Details of price is provided.

02 Mar 1920 – 12 Feb 1924

Item

3pp

PP00201/001/003

Receipts from George B Tydd & Company, stock and share brokers, 31 Threadneedle Street and 6 Drapers Gardens, Throgmorton Avenue, London in respect of the sale of £200 5% War Loan 1929/47 by order and for account of The National Bank Limited, Dundalk branch.

23 Mar 1921 – 14 Feb 1927

Item

8pp

PP00201/001/004

Two memoranda from AR Skuce, manager of the National Bank Limited, Dundalk to Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company Limited: the first addressed to Miss Toale advises that the Dundalk Disaster Fund account is credited £175.1.6 from sale of £200 5% War Loan and the manager requests that hereafter she sends all cheques on the account to the manager for signing before sending them to the payees; the second addressed to Charles F Little, advises that £200.11.6 is credited to the Disaster Fund account from sale of £200 5% War Loan.

22 Nov 1921, 16 May 1923

Item

2pp

PP00201/001/005

Typescript letter from the honorary secretary to AR Skuce, National Bank Limited, Dundalk informing that he has been speaking to the Chairman of the Disaster Fund who agrees to sell a further £200 War Loan.

21 Oct 1925

Item

1p

PP00201/001/006

Receipt from Beamish & O'Kelly, stock & share brokers, 1 Drapers Gardens, London in respect of the sale of £200 5% War Loan 1929/47 with accompanying memorandum from AR Skuce, National Bank Limited, Dundalk to CF Little advising on the amount credited to the Disaster Fund account from sale of war loan.

23 Oct 1925 – 25 Nov 1925

Item

2pp

PP00201/001/007

Typescript letter and copy letter from [Charles F Little, Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company Limited, Steam Packet Quay, Dundalk] to John M Cox, Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth in relation to the sale of 200 war stock of the Dundalk Disaster Fund. He requests Cox to complete an enclosed transfer (not available).

02 Jan 1927

Item

2pp

PP00201/001/008

A scrap of paper from the Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company Limited with note 'Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth'.

[02 Jan 1927]

Item

1p

PP00201/001/009

Typescript copy letter from honorary secretary (of the Dundalk Disaster Fund) to AR Skuce esquire, National Bank, Dundalk requesting the sale of the SS Dundalk Disaster Fund's £200 War Stock held in the names of P O'Connell, John M Cox, and Very Reverend Father McKeown.

16 Dec 1927

Item

1p

PP00201/001/010

Copy handwritten letter (very faint) from Charles F Little, Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company to Father McKone requesting him to sign the enclosed transfer and return as early as possible.

30 Dec 1927

Item

1p

**PP00201/002/**

**Disaster Fund Committee: financial aid files**

**1920 – 1929**

**Series**

**6 sub-series containing 5 files and 8 items**

**PP00201/002/001/**

**Johnston Family correspondence**

**1920, 1928**

**Sub-series**

**5 items**

PP00201/002/001/001

Receipt from Dundalk Iron Works to Miss S Toale, secretary for the SS Dundalk Disaster Fund Committee in respect of £20 for the apprenticeship of Edward P Johnstone [Johnston].

27 Aug 1920

1p

PP00201/002/001/002

Handwritten letter (with envelope) from John M Cox writing from the De Vere Hotel, Kensington, London W8 to Mr Little, Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet (Company), Dundalk requesting cheques to be sent on for signature and enclosing a letter sent to him (John M Cox) from Mrs E Johnston, Mary St House, Dundalk, widow of Edward Johnston, chief engineer of the SS Dundalk regarding payment of a monthly allowance from the Dundalk Disaster Fund. She explains how she received her last allowance in November 1927 and has not received it since noting the various dates on which she followed it up. She explains that she was told by Mr Little that the cheques were unsigned as Mr Cox was away and she requests Mr Cox to inform her on the state of the Fund and the reason for the delay of her allowance.

22 Feb 1928 – 24 Feb 1928

Item

3pp

PP00201/002/001/003

Copy handwritten letter (faint) from Charles F Little to Mrs Johnstone (Johnston) referring to enclosure of cheque for December (£2.10) and explaining that after their meeting that night the January and February cheques will be sent in due course. He apologises for the delay.

01 Mar 1928

Item

1p

**PP00201/002/002**

**Mathews Family correspondence**

**1920**

**Sub-series**

**1 item**

PP00201/002/002

Handwritten letter from Mary A Mathews, 46 Broughton Street (Dundalk) to Miss Toal, secretary of the Disaster Fund regarding her son's placement as a carpenter with Mr McDonald Builder. Mathews seeks an allowance towards the purchase of a carpenter's kit of tools which 'at the present time would cost sixty five pounds' (p2). She requests her case to be brought before the Disaster Fund Committee. Includes a list of tools bought by Mathews.

13 Dec 1920

Item

4pp

**PP00201/002/003**

**Halpenny Family correspondence**

**1921 – 1928**

**Sub-series**

**1 file containing 13 items**

Halpenny Family Correspondence: the dependants of Joseph Halpenny, fireman. File containing items relating to the funeral expense for Joseph's wife, Josephine and medical expenses for the fitting of a surgical boot for one of Joseph Halpenny's children. Includes:

- (1) Invoice from WJ Rimmer Limited, funeral furnishers and general carriage proprietors, 299 Kensington, Liverpool to the Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company, Collingwood Dock, (Liverpool), regarding funeral and internment expenses of the late Josephine M Halpenny who was interred at Ford Cemetery on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1921 (receipt from the Steam Packet Company is attached). 07 Jan 1921, 1p
- (2) Invoice from Thomas Williamson, Dundalk Steam Saw Mills to Miss Toale, Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company with receipt attached in respect of item purchased for Mrs Halpenny under the SS Dundalk Fund account. 26 Sep 1921 – 07 Nov 1921, 1p
- (3) Receipt from Dr Gill, Jocelyn Place, Dundalk for consultation with Halpenny child, c/o Mrs Halpenny, Point Road on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1921. 12 Dec 1921, 1p
- (4) Copy handwritten letter from Charles F Little to AR Skuce, Dundalk referring to an enclosure of transfer of £200 War Loan (not available). Letter includes a later note that Mrs Halpenny informed him that she would go to Dublin on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1928 with the little girl Halpenny in relation to a boot. 05 Jan 1927, 12 Jan 1928, 1p
- (5) Copy handwritten letter from Charles F Little to Mrs Halpenny requesting to hear from her about the little girl going to Dublin to be fitted with a surgical boot. 06 Dec 1927, 1p
- (6) Two copy typescript letters from the honorary secretary of the Dundalk Disaster Fund to Messrs Fannin & Company, 41 Grafton Street, Dublin informing that the Halpenny child will be taken by her grandmother, Mrs Halpenny on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January to be fitted with a surgical boot. Attached is copy typescript letter to Mrs Halpenny, Point Road informing her about Messrs Fannin & Company fitting her daughter with a surgical boot on 18<sup>th</sup> January. 13 Jan 1928, 3 items
- (7) Typescript reply letter from Fannin & Company Limited, surgical & veterinary instrument makers, to the honorary secretary confirming that they are happy to take the measurements for the Halpenny child. 14 Jan 1928, 1p
- (8) Typescript letter from Fannin & Company Limited to the honorary secretary providing details of their proposal for a boot for the Halpenny child. 19 Jan 1928, 1p
- (9) Two invoices from Fannin & Company to Charles F Little with receipt of payment attached in respect of boot for the Halpenny child. 20 Mar 1928 – 18 May 1928, 2 items
- (10) Receipt from Dr Gill, Jocelyn Place, Dundalk to Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company for [examination and report] on Mrs Halpenny's child. 19 Mar 1928, 1p

1921 – 1928

File

13 items

**PP00201/002/004/**

**Melia Family Correspondence**

Melia Family Correspondence: the dependants of Patrick Melia, second mate.

Items relate to Patrick Melia's son, Patrick, his daughter Nellie, and his wife Ellen Monica Melia. Items discuss the apprenticeship of Patrick Melia, the completion of declarations and the securing of allowances from the Board of Trade, the advancement of allowances and assistance to Mary Theresa Clarke and the matter of their legal guardian (Sir Thomas Callan Macardle acted as legal guardian of the children until his death on 18 Dec 1925, after which Mary Theresa Clarke, elder sister of the children acted as legal guardian).

**1922 – 1929**

**Sub-series**

**3 files containing 90 items and 1 single item**



PP00201/002/004/001

Receipt from T Martin, motor engineer, Quay Street, Dundalk to Dundalk Disaster Fund for the £25.0.0 premium for the apprenticeship of Patrick Melia.

15 Feb 1922

Item

1p

PP00201/002/004/002

File of correspondence from the Mercantile Marine Department, Board of Trade, 3 Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London to Charles F Little, honorary secretary, Dundalk Disaster Fund, c/o Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company Limited, Dundalk regarding the allowances to Patrick and Ellen Melia under the War Risks Compensation Scheme (award number reference MP 10065) and the matter of their legal guardian. The correspondence provides details of how and when the payment of allowances will be made and instructions which must be followed (10 Oct 1922) and details on reductions made on allowances. Ellen Melia received an allowance up to [1929] and Patrick Melia up to 1925. File includes copy reply letters from Charles F Little to the Mercantile Marine Department; copy of statement by Thomas Martin, motor engineer, Quay Street, Dundalk regarding Patrick Melia's apprenticeship for Form P10; a copy of Form P10; copy declarations for mercantile pension (form P7) completed by Thomas Callan Macardle KBE, DL, St Margaret's Dundalk who is acting as guardian of the children of the late Patrick Melia, 2nd Officer of the SS Dundalk in order for Melia children to obtain allowances; and award made by Board of Trade to Macardle on 12 Nov 1925.

24 Aug 1922 – 15 Jan 1926

File

50 items

Fair – good condition

PP00201/002/004/003

File of correspondence relating to the administration of the allowances for the Melia children. Includes copy letters sent from Charles F Little to Thomas Callan Macardle, Reverend J McKeone, Thomas Martin, motor engineer, Miss Connolly of Annville Terrace, Chapel Street, Dundalk and Mr Murray (authorized person to certify Form P7); letter from TC Macardle to Little; letter from Dickie, Coulter and Hamill, solicitors who act for the Melia children enquiring about the money invested and a copy reply letter in relation to same; letter from C Connolly to Little regarding standard that Ellen Melia has obtained in arithmetic; photocopy of letter from EH Hall, Matron of Surrey County Sanatorium, Godalming, Surrey to Mr Little requesting a reference for Nellie in support of her application as probationer (student nurse) with photocopy of typescript reply letter from Mr Little to Matron containing a reference on Nellie; and a photocopy of handwritten letter from John M Cox, auctioneer and stock broker, Dundalk to Mr Little noting enclosure of cheque for £10 payable to Nellie Melia writing 'I hope she will do Dundalk credit and appreciate the kindness of the Disaster Fund'.

28 Aug 1922 – 06 Sep 1928

File

14 items

PP00201/002/004/004

File of correspondence from the honorary secretary of the Dundalk Disaster Fund to Mrs MT (Mary Theresa) Clarke, Barrack Street, Dundalk (elder sister and legal guardian of Patrick and Nellie Melia). Includes:

- (1) Copy typescript letter from the honorary secretary to Mrs Clark referring to a copy of a letter he has enclosed which he received from the Board of Trade and requesting a meeting with her (25 Apr 1925, 1p).
- (2) Handwritten letter from M Clarke, 112 Barrack Street, Dundalk to Mr Little enquiring if he can talk to Sir Thomas Macardle about a school outfit and bedclothes for Nellie. She refers to the Committee investing money for the family (11 Aug 1925, 2pp).

- (3) Copy handwritten letter from the honorary secretary to Mrs Clarke referring to the cheque for July and non-advancement of payments. He advises that her sister (Nellie) attend the local Technical school or St Vincent's and he explains the matter of investments from the Fund (13 Aug 1925, 2pp).
- (4) Handwritten letter from M Clarke, c/o Mrs McGuinness, The Square, Blackrock to Mr Little informing him that she could not meet the fee of Balriggeran Convent and has sent Nellie to Pitman's School (Miss Connelly) since August 1<sup>st</sup> ([11 Sep 1925], 1p).
- (5) Copy handwritten letter from the honorary secretary to Mrs Clarke informing her of receipt of her letter with Form P10 and advising that the certificate she supplied will not do. It notes that Miss Connolly's School is neither a technical institute nor a secondary school and suggests that she send her sister to the local technical school where she could obtain a recognized certificate (12 Sep 1925, 1p).
- (6) Handwritten letter from M Clarke, 1 St Kevin's Terrace, Newry Road, Dundalk to Mr Little requesting an advancement of her monthly allowance which she states she will return when she goes to Blackrock where she left her cash ([Oct 1925], 1p).
- (7) Handwritten letter from M Clarke, St Kevin's Terrace, Dundalk to Mr Little requesting an advancement of £2 of the monthly allowance for a belt for baby (09 Nov 1925, 1p).
- (8) Handwritten letter from M Clarke, 1 St Kevin's Terrace, Newry Road, Dundalk to Mr Little requesting an advancement of £2 of the monthly allowance for a winter coat for Nellie ([Nov 1925], 1p).
- (9) Handwritten letter from M Clarke, 1 St Kevin's Terrace, Newry Road, Dundalk to Mr Little explaining how she sent a young boy down to his office to enquire about the ships carrying passengers and her reason why she wants to know which is about Peter [her brother] coming home from America (01 Dec 1925, 1p).
- (10) Handwritten reply letter from the honorary secretary to Mrs Clarke noting that he never got the message from the boy and explaining that they don't carry passengers but if Peter sees the master of the ship in Liverpool that he will take him across (02 Dec 1925, 1p).
- (11) Handwritten letter from the honorary secretary to Mrs Clarke requesting the dates that her sister Nellie will leave Miss Connolly's and start Balriggeran (08 Dec 1925, 1p).
- (12) Handwritten letter from the [honorary secretary] to Mrs Clarke requesting the date that her sister Nellie will commence in the Loretto school as the Board of Trade require the information (31 Dec 1925, 1p).
- (13) Handwritten reply letter from M Clarke, 1 St Kevin's Terrace to Mr Little explaining due to Nellie's ill-health that she has not yet commenced boarding school and it will probably be after the summer holidays. Clarke also requests an advancement of £2 (02 Jan 1926, 1p).
- (14) Handwritten letter from M Clarke, 1 St Kevin's Terrace to Mr Little referring to enclosed form and requesting allowance to be given to bearer of letter. Contains note written by M Clarke stating that Mr Murray (authorized to certify form) will not sign form until pension award is produced (15 Jan 1926, 1p).
- (15) Handwritten letter from M Clarke, Clermont Park, Dundalk to Mr Little applying for an allowance for shoes for Nellie. She explains that as 'Paddie is now married in America she cannot get anything out of him' (23 Aug 1928, 2pp).
- (16) Photocopy of typescript reply letter (and three photocopies of same) from [the honorary secretary], Drogheda to Mrs Clarke, Clermont referring to allowance agreement and noting that he will look into it in a few days (24 Aug 1928, 1p).
- (17) Photocopy of handwritten letter from M Clarke, Clermont Park, Dundalk to Mr Little noting that Nellie has got a post as a probationer and enquiring if the Disaster Fund will grant her an allowance for clothing and shoes (04 Sep 1928, 2pp).
- (18) Handwritten letter from M Clarke, Clermont Park, Dundalk to Mr Little thanking him and the Committee for the letter and cheque of £10.0.0. She expresses that 'the amount is much more than I expected, and will enable Nellie to get necessary clothing for the position' (10 Sep 1928, 1p).
- (19) Handwritten letter from M Clarke, Clermont Park, Dundalk to Mr Little informing him that the vacancy that Nellie applied for in Liverpool Home has been filled up and that she is still looking for work so enquires about the Disaster Fund ([Sep 1928], 2pp).
- (20) Photocopy of typescript letter from [the honorary secretary] to Mrs Clarke referring to enclosed £10.0.0 cheque (not available) for Nellie. He writes 'I sincerely hope it will be the means of sending her safely on

her way. I wish her every success and I hope she will let me know from time to time how she is getting on'  
(07 [Sep] 1929, 1p).

19 May 1924 – 07 [Sep] 1929

File

26 items

**PP00201/002/005**

**Cocks Family correspondence**

**1923**

**Sub-series**

**1 item**

PP00201/002/005

Note from the Dundalk Disaster Fund Committee to Miss Maud Cocks, 36 Fitz[warren] Street, Pendleton, (England) referring to cheque enclosed for £20.0.0 in payment of account for funeral and other incidental expenses.

07 Mar 1923

Item

1p

**PP00201/002/006**

**O'Neill Family correspondence**

**1925, 1928**

**Sub-series**

**1 file containing 4 items**

PP00201/002/006

File containing handwritten letter from Annie O'Neill, 3 Kelso Terrace, St Mary's Road, Dundalk to JW Little, secretary of Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company asking him to thank the Disaster Fund Committee for the renewal of her allowance for another year. She hopes her daughters will by then have begun to earn and refers to an enclosed reply letter from the secretary of the General Post Office. She asks Little if he can suggest how she might get her daughter into the Post office and expresses her gratitude if he hears of any junior clerk vacancy in any other office (26 Jan 1925, 2pp).

Attached is a typescript reply letter from the secretary, General Post Office, Dublin to Mrs Annie O'Neill informing her that the scheme of competitive examinations for entrance to the department (post office) has not yet been devised (17 Jan 1925, 1p).

Also includes copy handwritten letter to Mrs O'Neill referring to enclosure of cheque for December 1927 and noting that after their meeting that night the January and February cheques will be sent in due course (01 Mar 1928, 1p).

17 Jan 1925 – 26 Jan 1925, 01 Mar 1928

File

4 items

**PP00201/003**

**Disaster Fund Committee: minutes**

**1922**

**Series**

**2 items**

PP00201/003

Typescript letter to AR Skuce, Dundalk (manager of National Bank Limited, Dundalk) enclosing a copy of minutes as he was not able to attend the meeting of the Disaster Fund Committee.

Attached is the first page of minutes of the Dundalk Disaster Fund Committee dated 27<sup>th</sup> July 1922. It records Sir TC McArdle, Reverend Father McKeone, JM Cox, esquire, B Hamill, esquire and J Hamill, esquire as being present. Items include Mrs Hogan's resignation; Mr Little appointed honorary secretary; Melia family where it is noted that they interviewed the uncle Francis Rooney and state the children they believe they should support noting that the matter will be fully considered at a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1922; and finance stating cash at bank and noting that Mr Skuce is 'authorized to realize £200 War Loan 15<sup>th</sup> September 1922.'

27 Jul 1922

Item

2pp

**PP00201/004/**

**Disaster Fund Committee: cheques and other banking matters correspondence**

**[1922] – 1929**

**Series**

**17 items**

PP00201/004/001

Handwritten letter from Charles F Little, Dundalk & Newry Steam-Packet Company Limited to Sir Thomas Callan Macardle requesting his signature on ten Disaster Fund cheques. He informs Macardle that he has received the declaration form which he signed in relation to Melia but as it is not in order, he provides instructions on a new form to sign.

[1922 – 1925]

Item

1p

PP00201/004/002

Two receipts issued to AR Skuce from National Bank Limited regarding Dundalk Disaster Fund account.

15 Mar 1927 – 26 Jun 1928

Item

2pp

PP00201/004/003

Two notes from the National Bank, Limited, Dundalk requesting delivery of cheque books to Charles F Little.

14 May 1927 – 15 May 1929

Item

2pp

PP00201/004/004

Memorandum from the National Bank Limited, Dundalk to CF Little asking him to sign enclosed (not available) and return.

22 Dec 1927

Item

1p

PP00201/004/005

Statements from Dundalغان Press, printers and publishers, Dundalk to Dundalk Disaster Fund c/o AR Skuce, Seatown Gardens, Dundalk for overprinting cheque books. Attached is a receipt from the National Bank Limited, Dundalk for payment to Dundalغان Press.

16 Feb 1928 – 06 Jun 1930

File

5 items

PP00201/004/006

Handwritten letter from The National Bank Limited, Dundalk to CF Little, esquire, Dundalk thanking him for his instructions in relation to the SS Dundalk Disaster Fund and stating that they will have their 'best attention'.

02 Mar 1928

Item

1p

PP00201/004/007

Two copy handwritten letters (very faint) signed by Charles F Little regarding the SS Dundalk Disaster Fund. One letter is addressed to the National Bank Limited and explains that Mr Cox is still away and that the committee has instructed P O'Connell to act as chairman for the purposes of signing cheques. Second letter is addressed to P O'Connell and it requests O'Connell sign nine cheques as he is sending payments for January and February as agreed by the Committee.

02 Mar 1928

Item

2pp

PP00201/004/008

Handwritten letter from the National Bank Limited, Dundalk to Charles F Little requesting to know if Mr Cox is no longer acting as chairman of the SS Dundalk Disaster Fund and if Mr O'Connell's name should appear on cheques with Mr Skuce.

02 Mar 1928

Item

1p

PP00201/004/009

Copy typescript letter from the honorary secretary of the SS Dundalk Disaster Fund to the manager of the National Bank Limited, Dundalk requesting that the Fund's pass book be written up and returned to him.

18 Feb 1929

Item

1p

PP00201/004/010

Packet with 'Paid Cheques year 1929' written on it (nothing enclosed)

1929

Item

1p

**PP00201/005**

**Disaster Fund Committee: statements of accounts**

**1923 – 1925**

**Series**

**1 file containing 7 items**

PP00201/005

Statements of accounts of the SS Dundalk Disaster Fund detailing receipts and expenditure.

30 Sep 1923 – 31 Dec 1925

File

7 items

**PP00201/006**

**Disaster Fund Committee: memorial stained glass window file**

**1924**

**Series**

**1 file containing 4 items**

PP00201/006

File of correspondence on the memorial stained glass window. Includes:

- (1) Typescript letter from Thomas Callan Macardle, The Dundalk Brewery to Charles F Little esquire, Dundalk & Newry Steampacket Company Limited, Dundalk enclosing cheques and two vouchers for the Disaster Fund and explaining how to lodge the vouchers and dispense the cheques. He comments on the 'Melia minors', advises on the accounts and discusses the cost of the window writing 'I did not think it would be so much'. He advises Little on how to reply to Father Hurson's letter (12 Dec 1924, 1p).
- (2) Copy handwritten letter to Reverend C Hurson Administrator, Dundalk (from Charles F Little) dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 1924 regarding stained glass window in St Patrick's requesting that he advises on the exact cost when he receives the particulars (13 Dec 1924, 1p).
- (3) Copy of minute 2512 from 25th May 1920 stating that the Board agree to subscribe £75 towards the cost of the SS Dundalk memoriam window and plate in St Patrick's Dundalk [c13 Dec 1924, 1p].
- (4) Handwritten letter from (Reverend) C Hurson, St Patrick's, Dundalk to Mr Little enclosing bill for memorial stained glass window in St Patrick's church. The letter includes a breakdown list of the cost (15 Dec 1924, 1p).

12 Dec 1924 – 15 Dec 1924

File

4 items

**PP00201/007**

**Disaster Fund Committee: cheques for the Disaster Fund**

**1927 – 1930**

**Series**

**1 file containing 160 items**

PP00201/007

File containing bundles of cheques issued from the National Bank Limited, Dundalk branch for the steamship "Dundalk" Disaster Fund. Cheques are signed on the back by the person to whom it was made payable. These include Mrs Annie O'Neill, 3 Kelso Terrace, St Mary's Road, Dundalk; Mrs Mary Elizabeth Johnston, Mary St House; Miss B Creegan, Point Road; Mrs Mary Murphy; Mrs Mary Theresa Clarke, Clermont Park; Mr William Stowell, Barrack Street; Mrs Mary Hughes, Lisdoon; Mrs Annie Roddy; Mrs (Josephine) Morgan, 8 Castletown Road; Mrs Anne Halpenny (Halpenny), Point Road; Miss Nellie Melia, Clermont Park; Charles F Little; and P O'Connell. Cheques are arranged in cheque number and date order.

15 Sep 1927 – 14 May 1930

File

160 items

**PP00201/008/**

**Research material**

**1918, 2004**

**Series**

**3 files containing 15 items**

PP00201/008/001

File containing photocopies from the Dundalk Democrat newspaper regarding the sinking of the SS Dundalk. One article is entitled 'Appeal. SS "Dundalk" Disaster' and refers to a meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October to set up a fund and includes a list of subscriptions to date. Another article talks about 'the "Dundalk" Disaster'.

26 Oct 1918

File

8 items

PP00201/008/002

File containing photocopies of Dundalk Democrat articles in PP00201/...above.

26 Oct 1918

File

4 items

PP00201/008/003

File containing photocopies of some research notes by Charles McCarthy. Includes information on John J Higgins war medal (edge of wording partly missing); a list of officers of the TSS Dundalk from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1917 – 13<sup>th</sup> October 1918 (Captain Hugh O'Neill, James Higgins, Michael McGee, Patrick Melia, John J Higgins, Edward Higgins and Peter Mathews); and information on Captain Hugh Higgins.

2004

File

3 items

**PP00201/009/**

**Additional material**

**2018**

**Series**

**1 item**

PP00201/009/001

Electronic jpeg image of a painting entitled the 'SS Dundalk' depicting the scene of the ship sinking with two life-boats in the foreground and another ship in the distant background. The original was painted by Brendan Duffner of Dundalk in 2012. The original is held by the depositor of the collection.

2018

Item

1 item