

Our Ref: 66/29/33  
Your Ref: MEB/GH/SC

April, 1993.

Mr. Eugene F. Collins,  
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Re: Exhumation Licence for grave ground at High Park Convent

A Chara,

I wish to refer to your letter of 28 January, 1993 (and enclosures) regarding the above.

The General Register Office have informed the Department that deaths must be registered, either before or after burial. Accordingly, it is this Department's practice to request a death certificate in respect of the persons whose remains are to be exhumed.

It is noted that the General Register Office were unable to conduct a search of their records in respect of twenty-four persons as insufficient details were provided by you, and, that, in the case of a further thirty-four persons, registration of death could not be traced from the details supplied, which indicates that the procedures for the registration of deaths may not have been complied with in those cases.

The General Register Office have informed the Department that it is possible to have deaths registered retrospectively on the basis of statutory declarations being made to them in respect of the unregistered deaths. Accordingly, you are requested to pursue this matter further with the General Register Office in respect of the 58 remains for whom death certificates are not available to determine what additional information may be required to enable death certificates to be issued in these cases and to inform the Department of the outcome.

Please confirm also the total number of remains to be exhumed. Your letter of 28 January, 1993 refers to 133 remains while letter of 6 August, 1992 refers to 140 remains.

Mise le meas,

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Local Services Section.