

App. 1. 75 death certs

34 N/T (Surnames + Firstname)

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Ian,

this is the anticipated follow up from Ms Raftery.

I will not be able to do much, if anything, with it today.  
Michael

PS we have retrieved the file from Limerick with the 1990 Circular on it (see Q1 below).

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Talked to Dan Pender  
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That's his area.  
Unsettled or abuse  
font settlement  
care unit  
Aund. etc.

Michael,

More questions from Mary Raftery.

Mgt.

Dear Margaret,  
Dan Pender asked me to email any further queries I had relating to the exhumation of the Magdalen women from St Mary's graveyard, High Park convent in 1993. They are as follows:

1. With regard to the 1990 circular issued by the Department, can you explain what is meant by a death certificate being "inordinately difficult to obtain"? In a case where this might relate to the antiquity of the death, can you specify the rough timeframe involved, i.e. are we talking about 10 years ago, or 50 years, or 100 years?

2. Can you confirm the granting of an exhumation licence, dated 25th May 1993, by the Minister for the Environment to Sister Ann Marie Ryan with respect to the 133 names listed in the schedule attached to the order, remains which up to then were interred in St Mary's graveyard, High Park convent?

3. Were death certs available and provided to the Department for all of the 133 listed individuals? If not, how many death certs were unavailable, and what were the reasons given for this?

4. Can you confirm that no names were provided to the Department for 24 of these individuals, and that they appeared

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YES.

TAB 1

YES.  
Anaise religious  
names  
provided

Appendix 3  
Tab 2.

on the list supplied by the nuns as Appendix 3, under what were called their "quasi religious" names, e.g. Magdalen of St

Peter, Magdalen of St Cecilia, etc?

5. Can you indicate the nature of the response of the applicant for this exhumation licence to questions 5, 8, 9 and 13 on the application form(s)?

See covering letter from Solicitor  
App form not completed in respect of each person

6. Can you confirm the granting of a further exhumation licence, dated 31st August 1993, by the Minister to Sister

YES.

Ryan, to exhume "all human remains" from St Mary's graveyard, High Park?

7. Can you indicate why a second exhumation licence was applied for and granted? ✓

8. Can you indicate the answers to questions 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 13 on the application form(s) for this additional exhumation licence?

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above

9. Was any additional information sought with regard to the application for this additional licence, and was any additional information provided? If so, what was the nature of this information?

- Apart from DoE redrafting, Solicitor's letter

10. In the case of both licences, was there a single application form filled out for each exhumation, or was one form filled out in respect of each individual listed in the Schedule?

Covering letter: Schedule.

11. In the case of this exhumation, did the Department make any recommendation or direction as to whether the remains should be either cremated or re-buried intact? No

Order provides for either returned or cremation asap after exhumation

I would be most grateful for a response to these as soon as possible.

All the best and with thanks

Mary Raftery.

- Connection to a member