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**Éamon de Valera doll by Lillian ('Lily') & Frances Whelan**

A handmade doll with miniature chair and table. Frances and Lily Whelan were the elder sisters of artist Leo Whelan and lived with him at the family home (which doubled as a hotel) at 65 Eccles Street, Dublin. The Whelan sisters were artists in their own right and designed, among other items, dolls, puppets, miniature costumes, cushions, quilting, fire-screens, table lamps, shades and mirrors. Their craftwork was the subject of a very well received exhibition at the United Arts Club, 3 Upper Fitzwilliam St., Dublin in June 1958 where, among the items shown, was the Éamon de Valera doll offered in this lot. The show's success is recorded in newspaper cuttings and was described as an outstanding exhibition of really fine craftsmanship" (Evening Main, 28 June 1958) and "A delightful exhibition of works" (Irish Independent, 28 June 1958). See lots 374-377 for other dolls by the Whelan sisters.

8 x 4in. (20 x 10cm)

€300-€500 (€250-€420 approx)

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**1921: Signatory to The Treaty: Robert Barton letter**

Robert Childers Barton (March 1881-1975), an officer in The Royal Dublin Fusiliers, was stationed in Dublin during the 1916 Easter Rising and resigned in protest at the heavy-handed government suppression of the revolt and joined the republican movement.

At the 1918 general election he was elected as Sinn Féin member for West Wicklow. He was appointed Minister for Agriculture in Dáil Éireann, later of Economic Affairs. Barton was one of the delegates, along with his cousin Erskine Childers, to travel to London for the Treaty negotiations. He reluctantly signed the Treaty on 6 December 1921, defending it "as the lesser of two outrages forced upon me and between which I had to choose." He nevertheless was firmly committed to the Irish Republic and despite signing the Treaty rejected it. This letter "to my dear Hamilton" concerns an appointment of a judge - "there are not many who jeopardised their future by giving judgement on a National issue adverse to the Cosgrave party's standpoint at a time when the dice appeared to be loaded in Cosgrave's favour".

€300-€400 (€250-€330 approx)

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**1922. Payment for Michael Collins' aeroplane**

1922 (12 June) Dáil Éireann cheque to Charles Russell, Director of Civil Aviation for £82.14s.2d signed by General Richard Mulcahy, Chief of Staff of the Provisional Government Army. This was to cover the provision of an aeroplane. During the Anglo-Irish Treaty talks of 1921, a Martinsyde Type A Mark II biplane was purchased and put on 24-hour standby at Croydon Airport to allow Michael Collins to escape back to Ireland if the talks failed. The plane was not needed for this mission, and it became the first aircraft of the new National Army Air Service arriving in June 1922. A unique document relating to the talks.

€500-€700 (€420-€580 approx)

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**1922 (7 July) Michael Collins' Proclamation of War against the Anti-Treaty Forces**

An tÓglac "STOP PRESS" letterpress broadsheet poster with "To Arms" proclamation written by Collins, and announcing the setting up of new Commands of the National Army as well as other announcement by the Provisional Government. 20 x 15in. (51 x 38cm)

€100-€150 (€80-€130 approx)

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**circa 1922: Large framed photograph of Michael Collins in uniform**

A large framed photograph of Michael Collins in Irish Free State Army uniform. An attractive piece, contemporary to the period of his death. 17 x 14in. (43 x 36cm)

€150-€200 (€130-€170 approx)

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**1926: Michael Collins and The Making of A New Ireland by Piaras Beaslai**

Original green cloth gilt. In two volumes 458pp and 484pp. First edition

published in 1926 by Phoenix Publishing Co. The first definitive and authoritative biography of Collins by his comrade in arms Piaras Beaslai. Also with Collected Works of Pádraic H. Pearse, The Phoenix Publishing Co. Ltd, Dublin, 236pp. Plays Stories Poems by P. H. Pearse, Talbot Press, 1950, 340pp. Man & Superman. A Comedy and a Philosophy by Bernard Shaw, Constable and Co., London, 1928, 244pp. (5 items)  
€250-€350 (€210-€290 approx)

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**1922: Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith memorial booklet**

62pp, Martin Lester, Dublin, 1922. A commemorative booklet published shortly after the deaths of both men, profusely illustrated. In the original Harry Clarke pictorial wrappers.

€80-€100 (€70-€80 approx)

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**1922: Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith memorial booklet and funeral print**

62pp, Martin Lester, Dublin, 1922. A commemorative booklet published shortly after the deaths of both men, profusely illustrated. In the original Harry Clarke pictorial wrappers. Also with a large print showing the funeral of Michael Collins passing College Green, issued with 'The Christmas Lady of the House' 1922.

€80-€100 (€70-€80 approx)

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**1922. Cormac Ua Dalaigh, ("Charly" Daly), former commander of the 2nd Northern Division IRA, "An Appeal to My Comrades"**

Two foolscap page mimeograph detailing offences by Free State troops colluding with the "Orange Government" etc. "What is the difference between Mick Collins and James Craig? Both are out to maintain the Empire" etc. Also with this is Leo Whelan's handwritten (on back of a cigarette pack) account of "the evening of the attack on the Four Courts" during which he met de Valera to arrange a sitting for a portrait. (2)

€80-€120 (€70-€100 approx)

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**1922-23: Irish Civil War interest illustrated newspapers and postcard**

3 European illustrated newspapers with images relating to the Civil War period. Comprising Le Petit Journal 2 July 1922 (Assassination of Henry Wilson), La Tribuna Illustrata 7 May 1922 and La Domenica del Corriere (21-28 January 1923). Also with a postcard of S.S. Cambria (later TSS Arvonian). (4 items)

€80-€100 (€70-€80 approx)

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**1920s: Republican publications including The Nation, The Fenian etc.**

A collection of publications comprising of The Fenian War Issue No. 76, The Nation 14 October 1922, Daily Bulletin 20 October 1922, Poblacht na h-Éireann War News No. 9. Also with a printed propaganda broadside comparing the numbers of 'Soldiers of the Irish Republic' executed by the British government and the Irish Free State, a printed copy of the 1916 Proclamation, United Irishman Vol 7 No. 10 October 1955 and An Poblacht edition Vol VIII No. 39 4 November 1933.

(8 items)

€100-€150 (€80-€130 approx)

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**1922 (22 January) I.R.A. raffle tickets for a suitcase**

A pair of raffle tickets for "A Suit Case or its value £3 to be raffled for a very deserving national cause on 22nd January 1922. Tickets 3d. each. Winning No. in Evening Papers on 24th January" Marked lower left "I.R.A." (2 items) 2 x 3¼in. (5 x 8cm)

€80-€100 (€70-€80 approx)

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**1922 (22 March) Poblacht na hÉireann War News Issue**

Two single framed sheets from this issue and a single framed facsimile sheet from the same issue. Also War News Nos. 25, 27 and 45, Anti Treaty forces news sheets, all framed. (6 items)

€150-€250 (€130-€210 approx)