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1906 (23 July) Irish National Foresters, St. Laurence O'Toole Branch, membership certificate
Colour lithograph by Monson, Robinson & Co. Ltd. Dublin. An attractive certificate issued to Brother Thomas Dunne, admitting him to Branch No. 9 St. Laurence O'Toole. Scarce. Contained in a contemporary frame. 19½ x 17in. (48 x 43cm)
€100-€150 (€80-€130 approx)

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Doyle, Terence. Tullow Solicitor's Record & Account Books 1922-48
Folio. Hard Cover. 2 vols: March 1922 - July 1924, daily entries for November-December 1926 and 1927-48 Terence Doyle operated his business from Tullow. There is considerable number of entries including reference to the Special Carlow Courts and a variety of legal matters pertaining to life in and around Carlow county over a quarter of a century. Mr Doyle was placed under military arrest in July, 1921 and released from Carlow military barracks with no charges. A valuable record as primary resource for local historians.
€200-€300 (€170-€250 approx)

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1914-25. Fitz-Gerald Family. Khyber Pass House, Dalkey, County Dublin
Photograph Album with over 230 photographs relating to the Fitz-Gerald Family of Khyber Pass, Sorrento Terrace, Dalkey, Co. Dublin circa 1914-1925. Compiled by Violet Fitzgerald and inscribed by her in 1914. Includes: Lord Killanin's Spiddal House, Galway, with Guy Orme and Tim, Cornadrunn photos of her mother and Willie Ledwich, Jack & Dora Pegler & Violet Fitzgerald at Glendalough, Captain Beamish in Southampton, views of Khyber Pass House, Sorrento Terrace, Owenmore House, Crossmolina, Mayo, Biddy P. Knox Gore, Robert Orme on his bicycle, Ethel Martin & Edie with soldiers at Temple Hill Convalescent Home, members of the MacDermot family at Coolavin. Coolavin in 1919 including Dr. Douglas Hyde, Mrs. Kane, Una Hyde, Jack Neely & Bay, James Art Gormley & Redmondite Volunteers drilling, Percy & Cissie MacDermot in Malay, Major Crichton, Johnny Folan at Spiddal; Thomas Edward Fitz-Gerald as a boy; etc., various sizes ranging from about 5 x 4.5cms (approx 2 x 1.25 inches) to 12 x 9 cm (approx.4.75 x 3.5 inches). Fascinating collection and record of a family at a turbulent time.
€200-€300 (€170-€250 approx)

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1923 (15 January) Derry interest William Rooney execution hangman's letter
A signed typescript letter on headed paper sent by Colonel H. Irvine, Under-Sheriff at Omagh, to Robert Wilson of Manchester stating "Sir, The execution of this man is to place at Londonderry on the 8th of February 1923. I shall be glad to know if you will undertake this execution for me." William Rooney was executed as planned on 8 February; the next morning the Irish Times reported that "William Rooney, aged 36, of Cookstown was executed at Londonderry yesterday for the murder of Lily Johnston, aged 21 at Cookstown on November 2. Little public interest was taken in the affair...." A remarkable piece of ephemera.
€150-€200 (€130-€170 approx)

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St. George Hare RI ROI (1857-1933) oil painting of Princesses Madeleine and Olga Von Dembinska, Pretenders to the Polish Throne
The subjects of this double portrait were Polish sisters of the von Dembinski family who claimed direct lineage from King Canute and therefore a connection to the English Royal Family. Through the death of a co-lineal relative they purportedly inherited their titles and claim to the Polish throne (since beyond reclaim) and a large area of land in Poland which they believed was being denied to them by a French syndicate. They lived in Barrowgate Road, Westminster in London where they came into contact with a physicist John Fredrick Heard who rented accommodation from the family and recorded his time in their company in 1976.¹ In 2009 the Princesses' story became the subject of a television series, Heir Hunters, which endeavoured to seek out the rightful heirs to their unclaimed estate.
Footnote:

¹ Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Vol. 73, Collected Reminiscences of John Frederick Heard, *My Brush with Royalty*, p.195-197. Also with this lot a collection of photographs relating to the sitters and their families. 27 x 36in. (69 x 91cm)
€600-€800 (€500-€670 approx)

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1927-30 Ambassador William Fay collection of gold medals
Irish Ambassador to the USA 1964-1969, A collection of 9ct gold medals including University College Dublin President's Medal for First Year Speakers, 1927-28, Plunket Medal at King's Inns for Legal Debate, 1929-30, also to his wife Lilian Connolly 15ct gold medal of the Vandeleur Academy 1930, Feis Ceoil 9ct gold medals 1929 and 1930. (5).
€2,000-€2,500 (€1,670-€2,080 approx)

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1928 (13 April) First East West Flight commemorative medal and badge
Silver medal struck in commemoration of the first east west transatlantic flight. Obverse with two busts in flying helmets of Von Hünefeld and Kohl, reverse with Junkers W33 monoplane "Bremen" flying over ocean. Produced by the Bavarian State Mint. Also with an American pinback badge titled "Welcome Transatlantic Fliers" and with images of Fitzmaurice, Von Hünefeld and Kohl. (2 items)
€200-€300 (€170-€250 approx)

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1928 (13 May) Transatlantic Flight Milwaukee Dinner Menu signed by Fitzmaurice, Von Hünefeld and Köhl
First East-West Transatlantic Flight dinner menu held in honour of Baron von Hünefeld, Captain Köhl and Commandant James Fitzmaurice. Attractively decorated, 4pp, designed and printed by Olsen Publishing Company. With the signatures of all three aviators on front cover.
€200-€300 (€170-€250 approx)

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1928 First East West Flight - Commemorative Badge Collection
Four pinback American button badges including "OUR IRISH HERO", "WELCOME TRANSATLANTIC HEROES", "WELCOME TRANSATLANTIC FLIERS" etc. One with miniature aeroplane and USA flag attached. Attractive and scarce.
€150-€250 (€130-€210 approx)

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1928 (13 April) Von Hünefeld, Kohl and Fitzmaurice East West transatlantic medal
A commemorative silver medal produced in Germany to mark the first east to west transatlantic flight. 1½ x 1½in. (3 x 3cm)
€100-€150 (€80-€130 approx)

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1930-1933: Royal Ulster Constabulary correspondence relating to IRA activity
A collection of internal RUC notices relating to IRA activity in Tyrone. Includes intelligence on Republican meetings, orders to prevent Easter commemorations, information gathering on those "believed to be working for Mr. de Valera's party" during elections, information regarding a believed "Republican Chain" in Northern Ireland instigated by de Valera etc. A most interesting collection of correspondence. (7 items)
€100-€150 (€80-€130 approx)

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1929: Garda Síochána blue cloth night helmet
A blue cloth four panel cork night helmet, with blackened Garda helmet plate. The helmet with internal date markings for November 1929, number '7509', maker's paper label - Hobson and Sons London.
€300-€500 (€250-€420 approx)

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1938: Garda Síochána night cape
A fine example complete with fasteners and buttons and bearing date stamp internally.
€300-€500 (€250-€420 approx)