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1922 (20 June). Cheque signed by President Arthur Griffith
Drawn on the Land Bank, (Bann na Talmhan) founded by Michael Collins, in the amount of £5 to W. Hogan. Griffith was founder of Sinn Féin and was head of the Irish delegation to negotiate the Treaty in 1921. He was President of Dáil Éireann and The Provisional Government of Ireland from January 1922 until his death in August of that year.
€300-€400 (£250-£330 approx)

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1922 Collection of cheques signed by leading officers of the National Army during the Civil War
Includes Seán MacEoin (5), Eoin O'Duffy (4), Joseph Nize, Lt. Joseph Williams, Bantry (4 on rare overprinted "On His Majesty's Service" printed cheques), Col. F. Cronin, etc. (36)
€1,500-€2,000 (£1,250-£1,660 approx)

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1922 (31 August) Ballincollig Police Station "burned down"
A registered envelope to "The Head or other Constable in charge of Ballincollig Police Station", returned to Cork with manuscript " police station burned down".
For a time, Ballincollig served as the principal police training facility for the province of Munster. In 1922, Ballincollig Barracks was formally handed over by the War Department to the new Irish State. During the ensuing Civil War, the barracks was burned and was only reopened in 1940 when it was named Murphy Barracks in memory of a former Officer Commanding 3rd Btn. 1st Cork Brigade, who saw active service during the War of Independence and was killed in action at Waterfall on 22nd June 1921. Various historical figures including Sir Robert Baden Powell, who founded the Boy Scouting Movement in 1908, were stationed at Ballincollig during their Military careers.
€200-€300 (£170-£250 approx)

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1923: "Tin Town" (Curragh Internment Camp) Prisoner Art
Decorative cow bone harp shaped engraved prisoner art engraved Tin Town, Curragh Camp 1923 and with the names of the artists on the reverse J. Hynes, W. Kelly & M. Newell. 10½ x 8½in. (25 x 20cm)
€300-€400 (£250-£330 approx)

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Republican Prisoners Mountjoy Jail. The Mountjoy Hell Attempt to Break Prisoners' Morale September 14th, 1923 Circular Handbill
Dublin: 1923. Good. The detailed notice reports how the effort to break the Republican prisoners in Mountjoy Jail came to a crisis. The content contains seven paragraphs, the first of which is an introduction followed by three sections headed: GOVERNOR LEADS BATON CHARGE, REVOLVERS AND LEWIS GUN, DAN BREEN T.D. BEATEN SENSELESS. Top right edge has damp stain and there is a tear along right edge towards centre. Pasted to blank reinforcing page. Good overall. Rare civil war ephemeral item.
12.5 x 7.5in. (32 x 19.5cm approx)
€80-€100 (£70-£80 approx)

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1923 An t-Óglac (Free State Army journal)
Vol. 1 Nos. 18-21 November-December 1923, also 1940 Howth Tactical Exercises by The Local Defence Forces 8pp programme.
€80-€100 (£70-£80 approx)

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Sinn Féin. Daily Sheets October-December 1923
Dublin: Sinn Féin, 1923 Daily Sheets issued by Sinn Féin Headquarters during the Civil War - 6 different October to December 1923, including issues 6, 15, 36, 39, 40 and 43. Good content of anti-Government rhetoric and propaganda including "People of Ireland express your will release the prisoners for Christmas; To all Free State T.D.'s; A Labour Government in England; Ernie O'Malley T.D.; Sean Buckley T.D.; Delays and Dangerous; Is a Military Doctor a Medical Man at all?; Law and Order; The Dáil Bonds; The Voice of the People; Labour Moves; The Hunger

Strike 29th Day; Northern Prisoners; Terrorism in Sligo; Statement of Miss Christina Roche; Ald. Charles Murphy, T.D." etc. (6)
13 x 8in. (33 x 20cm)
€150-€200 (£130-£170 approx)

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1934-1936: Cumann na mBan Executive minute book and ephemera
Includes a list of all the officers - President Eithne ní Cumhaill (Eithne Coyle - and then minutes from "the first meeting of the new Executive held on 27 September 1934" to the last recorded meeting on 12 November 1936. Much interesting material relating to organisation, training, police raids, support of prisoners, fund raising, agreements with other Republican organisations, and suggested amalgamation with the IRA. Also a number of printed items including Cumann na mBan Constitution, "Six County Elections", also some letters, including a passionaye letter of resignation from a member "since 1917" , correspondence relating to the Betsy Gray Cumann in Belfast, list of members and addresses etc. An important primary source on the workings of Cumann na mBan in the turbulent mid 1930s. Cloth bound, quarto, pp150 of which 100 approx. are filled. (16 items)
Eithne Coyle O'Donnell (1897-1985) joined Cumann na mBan in 1917 and became active in fundraising, anti-conscription campaigns and the 1918 general election campaign for Sinn Féin. She was active in assisting the IRA in Longford and Roscommon in 1919-21 and was arrested and sentenced to 3 years prison in 1921, but escaped from Mountjoy in October 1921. She supported the Anti-Treaty forces in the Civil War, was arrested several times and released but was finally, in September 1922, imprisoned in Ballyshannon, where she was the first to go on hunger strike and later moved to Mountjoy, where she joined the other women prisoners there in hunger strikes and protests. She escaped in 1923 but was rearrested, and eventually released in 1924. Coyle was elected as President of Cumann na mBan in 1926, a post she held until her resignation in 1941. She married Bernard O'Donnell, a Donegal IRA man, in 1935.
€1,000-€1,500 (£830-£1,250 approx.)

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1920s-30s: Irish Free State collection including Saorstát Éireann Official Handbook
Hely's Ltd., Dublin, 1932. Also with 1936 Irish Free State lines brochure, 1926 Great Southern Railways 'Holiday Resorts in the Irish Free State' pamphlet, 1925 Irish Tourist Association booklet and unused Saorstát Éireann Customs & Excise envelope. (5 items)
€80-€100 (£70-£80 approx)

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20th Century: Irish Government official harp metal plaque
Large cast metal plaque with the harp emblem of the state. As used on exteriors of government offices, post offices, military buildings, etc. Scarce. 22 x 17in. (56 x 43cm)
€250-€350 (£210-£290 approx)

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1919-1934: Order of Buffaloes and Tea Blending award certificates
Two framed certificates. The first a large colour lithograph certificate admitting Alfred E. Powell as a member of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, Grand Lodge of England, on 15 March 1934. The second a Grocery, Provision, Oil & Italian Warehouse and Allied Trades' Exhibition & Market Royal Agricultural Hall, London colour lithograph certificate awarding a bronze medal to J. Munn Jnr. of Glasgow for tea blending, dated 26 September 1919. (2 items) 21 x 16½in. (53 x 41cm)
€150-€250 (£130-£210 approx)

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1924 (6 October) Irish National Foresters, St. Laurence O'Toole Branch, membership certificate
A colour lithograph certificate by Monson, Robinson & Co. Ltd. Dublin. 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)