

Court documents relating to the trial of George Henderson and Gertrude Hayes, 1931

PETTY SESSIONS (IRELAND) ACT, 1851, 14 & 15 VIC., CAP. 93.

(Form C.) Recognizance (to Appear, etc.)



THE KING,

Complainant; Petty Sessions District of Belfast,  
George Henderson }  
Defendant. } CITY OF BELFAST,  
County of the City of Belfast.

WHEREAS, the Defendant stands charged that he on the 20th. day of October 1930, at Belfast, with intent to defraud, feloniously obtained from Henry M. Selig £22 in money his property, upon a forged Promissory note, knowing the same to be forged.

The undersigned George Henderson residing at 20 Hare Street Holywood Street, in the City of Belfast, in the Parish of Belfast, in the said County of the City of Belfast, ~~Domestic~~ <sup>Domestic</sup> ~~Employee~~ <sup>Employee</sup> ~~Immate~~ <sup>Immate</sup> of said house, the principal Party to this Recognizance, hereby binds himself to perform the following Obligation—viz., to attend the next Commission Court of Oyer and Terminer to be held at Belfast, for the County of the City of Belfast, on the 19 day of November 1931, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and there to surrender himself to the keeper of the Gaol at Belfast, and plead to any indictment found against him for said offence, and take his trial for the same, and not to depart the Court without leave, and so from Recorder's Sessions to Recorder's Sessions, and from Recorder's Sessions to Commission Court of Oyer and Terminer, and from Commission to Commission, to which the trial may be postponed until this Recognizance shall be discharged by the Court.

And the said principal Party together with ~~residing at~~ <sup>residing at</sup> ~~in the said County of the City of Belfast,~~ <sup>Street, in the City of Belfast, in the Parish of Belfast,</sup> ~~Tenant of said house and~~

~~Street, in the City of Belfast, in the Parish of Belfast, in the said County of the City of Belfast,~~ <sup>residing at</sup> ~~Tenant of the said house, the undersigned Sureties,~~ hereby severally acknowledge themselves bound to forfeit to the Crown the sums following, viz.:—The said principal Party the sum of five Pounds, and the said Sureties the sum of ~~each~~ <sup>each</sup> Pounds, in case the said Principal Party fails to perform the above Obligation.



George Henderson Principal Party.  
Signed, Sureties.

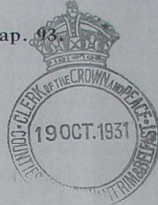
Taken before me this 15 day of October 1931 at Belfast Petty Sessions  
Signed,

I certify that the said has not performed the above Obligation.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_  
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 193

I order that the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ be levied off the Goods of the said \_\_\_\_\_ and the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ off the Goods of each of the said Sureties \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_  
Justice of said City.



The King at the prosecution  
of J. Roger Moore  
S.I. of R.I.B.  
Belfast.

George Henderson  
Gertrude Hayes

Complainant :

Petty Sessions District of Belfast.

CITY OF BELFAST,

Defendant s.

COUNTY OF THE CITY OF BELFAST

The Information of Ida Nell  
of 42 Mountcollyer Avenue Belfast.  
who saith on her oath that

I am employed as manggeress  
by Henry M. Selig, Registered moneylender of 12 High Street  
Belfast. In the forenoon of the 20<sup>th</sup> October 1930, George  
Henderson whom I had known previously as a client of  
my employer, called at the office. He was accompanied  
by a woman whom he said was his wife and who  
had accompanied him on a previous occasion when  
he received a loan. Henderson then said he wanted  
a renewal loan of about £10 or £11 but as he still  
owed £9 from a previous loan I told him he  
could not have a renewal until the £9 was paid.  
The two dependants then left the Office and later  
returned and Henderson paid me the £9 in settlement  
of the previous loan. He then requested a loan of £22  
which with interest amounted to £30. After having  
explained the terms of repayment to him I asked him  
to signed the Promissory Note produced and marked "A".  
He then signed the note produced and gave his address

And the said Informant binds h — self to attend when and where called on,  
to prosecute and give evidence against the said Defendant —, for the said  
Offence, or otherwise to forfeit to the Crown the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Signed

*Ida Nell*

Informant.

Taken before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year One

Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty \_\_\_\_\_ at Belfast in the said City.

Signed,

*MT*

Justice of the said City.

No. 19, PS.



*The King at the Prosecution of*  
*Roger Moore*  
*S. of the High Court*  
*Recorder.*



Complainant : *George Henderson* Petty Sessions District of Belfast.  
 CITY OF BELFAST,  
 Defendant : *Gertrude Hayes* COUNTY OF THE CITY OF BELFAST

The Information of *Ida Neill* contains

of  
 who saith on h—oath that *as 267 North Queen Street Belfast.*

*I then asked the woman who accompanied him and whom he said was his wife to sign also. The woman signed the note as Clara Henderson, wife of George Henderson. I then signed the note as a witness and handed Henderson £22. Defendant Henderson paid the first instalment when it became due but after that he failed to keep up his payments according to the agreement and finally ceased making any payments at all leaving a balance due of £24 5-0. I communicated with Henderson by letter but receiving no reply I called at 267 North Queen Street. I found that Henderson was not living at that address but I saw a woman there. I later made enquiries and as a result of those enquiries I have ascertained that the woman I saw at 267 North Queen Street is Henderson's legal wife but is not the woman who accompanied Henderson to my Office on the 20 October 1930 and signed the Promissory note as 'Clara Henderson'.*

And the said Informant binds h—self to attend when and where called on, to prosecute and give evidence against the said Defendant, for the said Offence, or otherwise to forfeit to the Crown the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Signed *Ida Neill.*

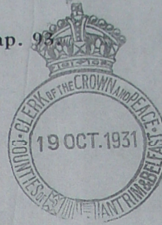
Informant.

Taken before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year One

Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty \_\_\_\_\_ at Belfast in the said City.

Signed,

Justice of the said City.



*Being at the prosecution of*  
*J. Roger Moore*  
*S. J. Ridd*  
*Belfast.*

*George Henderson*  
*Gertrude Hayes*

Complainant :

Defendant :

Petty Sessions District of Belfast.

CITY OF BELFAST,

COUNTY OF THE CITY OF BELFAST

The Information of

*Ida Neill continued*

of

who saith on h — oath that

*On the 18 August 1931 I went to the Belfast Tramway Depot at Salisbury Avenue where I saw dependant Henderson. I asked him what he was going to do about his account and told him that as a result of my enquiries I believed that the woman he had got to sign the Promissory note as Clara Henderson was not his wife. He said:—"no that woman was not my wife and if her husband got to know she had signed he would murder the both of us". On the 1 September 1931 as a result of my enquiries I went to 20 Shore Street Hollywood where I saw the two dependants. During a conversation I had with dependants George Henderson said that his wife was taking divorce proceedings against him and that she was the cause of him having to borrow money. The woman then said "you know I have helped him all I could". I then said:—"Are you not Mrs Hayes?" and she replied "Yes that's right. My husband is dead. I signed for*

And the said Informant binds h — self to attend when and where called on, to prosecute and give evidence against the said Defendant —, for the said Offence, or otherwise to forfeit to the Crown the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Signed

*Ida Neill*

Informant.

Taken before me, this — day of — in the year One

Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty — at Belfast in the said City.

Signed,

*MT*

Justice of the said City.

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(Form A a) Information.



Weking at the proccution of  
R. G. Magee  
S. J. D. Kelly  
Belfast.

Complainant: George Henderson  
Defendants: Gertrude Hayes  
Petty Sessions District of Belfast.  
CITY OF BELFAST,  
COUNTY OF THE CITY OF BELFAST

The Information of Ida Neill continued  
of  
who saith on h oath that

that loan to help him. I  
have now ascertained that this woman's correct  
name is Gertrude Hayes.

And the said Informant binds her self to attend when and where called on,  
to prosecute and give evidence against the said Defendant, for the said  
Offence, or otherwise to forfeit to the Crown the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Signed Ida Neill

Taken before me, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October Informant.  
September 15

Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty one at Belfast in the said City.

Signed,

A. T. O'Connell  
Justice of the said City.



No. 19. PS.