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Our reference: BVFOI/070/15 re Edwin William Thomas Wren

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request**

You asked for the following information from the Treasury Solicitor's Department ("the Department"):

What information is held by the Treasury Dept regarding the death and separation of Josephine Purcell (Edwin's wife). For Edwin Wren to be registered as a widower, it is likely a record is held recording her death.

Your request will be dealt with by the Bona Vacantia Division ("the Division") under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Division holds some of the information that you have requested.

Information held on file refers to the deceased having been married and separated in 1929. There is no information held on file to indicate that the deceased was a widower or the name of his wife. The Bona Vacantia Division takes steps to ensure that the list remains as accurate as reasonably possible but, unfortunately, errors do occur. It seems that the estate you refer should not have stated that the deceased was a widower and our records will be amended shortly.