

WILLIAM HENRY CORLETT KNEEN *
(1948)



PROBATE GRANT REVOKED

FURTHER STAGE IN “DEAD” MAN CASE

Further proceedings in the petition of William Henry Corlett Kneen, formerly of Ballaugh, who seeks to restore his legal status after being presumed dead in 1939, were heard in the High Court at Ramsey on Monday, before Deemster Johnson.

Mr Gordon Bell recalled that the petitioner went to Los Angeles in 1912 and was presumed dead by his brothers and sister in the Isle of Man after all efforts to trace him by radio, newspaper and police, had failed. The order presuming death had been annulled in the Chancery Division and this petition was to revoke the order of probate granted in respect of petitioner’s will which was made before he left for America.

The Deemster granted the required order.

“Probate Grant Revoked: Further Stage in ‘Dead’ Man Case.” *Isle of Man Examiner* 1948: 5f.

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Yet another example of the link between the Island and America through emigration. But a shock to one and all, no doubt: to be thought dead is one thing—but to be declared legally dead, when one is alive, is definitely another.

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