

Think!

What happened to the people of Sheffield after the Great Flood?
How did people continue with their lives or businesses?
What difficulties would they have faced?

People would have made compensation claims (money that is paid to someone in exchange for something being lost or damaged). This might have helped them re-build their homes or businesses.

We have attached a few claims and you will hopefully recognise the names of some of the people. Some of the claims were refused or withdrawn. Some were paid in full and some in part.

£1 in 1864 = £127 in 2020

Task

- Discuss the claims. (Some of the language is quite tricky)
- Have a think whether you would have claimed for the items that have been claimed for.
- Do you think the person deserved the full amount/more/less. Why?
- How much would you have paid the claimant?

(I will reveal how much the claimants were paid on a separate page. Then you can see whether you were correct in your predictions.)

Challenge: Look at the difference in the amount claimed for the drowned pigs compared to the drowned people. Why do you think they paid more for the pigs? Explain your answer.

Henry Whittles (His story was in Mrs Gould's video. He saved his family by holding them on a mattress).

No. of Claim	Name of Claimant	Description of Claimant	Address of Claimant
2796	Henry Whittles	File Cutter	Malin Bridge

Nature of Claimant's Interest	Particulars of Claim	Amount of Damages Claimed		
Damage to Personal Property	<i>Loss of and Damage to Furniture comprising, Feather Bed, Bolster, Pillow, Flock Bed, 2 Setts of Bedsteads - 2 Mattresses - 2 Pair of Blankets, 2 Pair Sheets - 2 Quilts - 4 Tables - 4 Chamber Chairs - 2 Fenders, Chimney Glass, Clock, Ornaments, 4 Pictures - 3 Rancheons, Wash Tub - Peggy - 4 Saucepans, Kettle, 2 Pudding Tins and Stands - Preserve Pan - Coffee Caddy, Water Can, 2 Buckets, Ash Pan - 2 Candlesticks - Breakfast Can - Wash Tin - 4 Waiters - Clothes Basket - Coal Basket - Pair of Scales & Weights and Measures - Tea Service, Crockery - Knives and Forks - German Silver Tea Spoons - Sweeping, Blacking, Scrubbing, Black Lead Hair & Hat Brushes and other Domestic Utensils</i>	£19	7s	8d
	<i>To loss of and damage to Wearing Apparel comprising 1 Suit of Clothes, pair of Boots, Coat and Vest, Trousers - 3 pair of Stockings, Silk Handkerchief, Black Stuff Dress - 2 print Dresses - Black Shawl - Woollen Shawl - 2 Pair new Boots - 2 Flannel Petticoats - 2 Shirts - 4 Flannels - 4 Children's Frocks - 6 Pair Stockings - 4 Pair Children's Boots, 2 Caps, 2 Bonnets and other Articles</i>	£8	5s	
	<i>Book Case and Books destroyed</i>	£2		
	<i>Coals - Potatoes and Provisions destroyed - Loss of and damage to Gas Fittings</i>	£1		
	<i>To loss of Wages by Claimant's Son in consequence of the Shop having been washed away, whereby the Claimant suffered damage to the amount of</i>	£7	16s	
		£38	8s	8d
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Mr and Mrs Eaton who tried to save the pig!

No. of Claim	Name of Claimant	Description of Claimant	Address of Claimant
449	Charles Eaton		Park Wood Springs, Sheffield

Nature of Claimant's Interest	Particulars of Claim	Amount of Damages Claimed
Brother & one of the next of kin of the deceased	[Redacted]	
	Body of John Eaton	12s
	2 Coffins 35/. Each	£3 10s
	Hire of Mourning Omnibus & 2 Cabs	£1 8s
	2 Graves at 13/4 each	£1 6s 8d
	Bearers	18s
	Damage to hair seated sofa	10s
	1 Hair seated Easy chair destroyed & lost	6s
	3 Hair seated chairs lost	6s
	Damage to 2 Tables	5s
	Hearth Rug etc.	4s
	22 Stone Pig drowned 22 stone @ 6/3	£6 17s 6d
	[Redacted]	£1
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No. of Claim	Name of Claimant	Description of Claimant	Address of Claimant
108	Henry Hiller	Fat Pig Dealer	No. 30 Wilkinson Street Sheffield

Nature of Claimant's Interest	Particulars of Claim	Amount of Damages Claimed
	11 Fat Pigs drowned by the flood 12th March 1864 in my yard in the Wicker Willey Street the cost price of these pigs	£46
	Expense for cleaning the yard & leading the refuse away	£1 5s
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		£47 5s
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No. of Claim	Name of Claimant	Description of Claimant	Address of Claimant
635	James Stanley	Labourer	Next door to Barrack Tavern Penistone Road, Sheffield, late of 122 Harvest Lane

Nature of Claimant's Interest	Particulars of Claim	Amount of Damages Claimed
Damage to Personal Property	Loss of & damage to Furniture	£6 7s 2d
	Loss of & damage to Wearing Apparel	£1 11s 6d
	Loss of Tools	£1
	Loss of Wages in consequence of the stoppage of the Works of Messrs. Naylor Vickers & Co. Mill Sands	13s 6d
	Removing Furniture	10s
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		£10 2s 2d
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