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Murdoch letter to make more than \$6,000

Apr 26 2012 by Andrew McNair, Galloway News

TODAY is the last chance to bid for a letter written by Dalbeattie's RMS Titanic hero William Murdoch.

But buyers will need to fork out more than 6,000 US dollars for the piece of history.

The 39-year-old, who was first officer on the doomed ship's journey in 1912, wrote the correspondence to a "Miss Nancy" in 1909 when he was serving as first officer aboard the Adriatic. It is one of only three known letters in Murdoch's hand.

The auction has been running since last Wednesday and is due to finish today at the New Hampshire based auctioneers.

Meanwhile Murdoch's home town of Dalbeattie continued its centenary commemoration year with a Titanic Ball at the Easterbrook Hall in Dumfries.

More than 270 people attended the event during which each person was issued with

a scroll with details about a passenger or

crew member travelling on the Titanic and their fate that night. Dalbeattie High School students performed at the event.

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