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complaint

Mrs T says she is not responsible for the repayment of an overdraft on a joint account with The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc.

background

Our adjudicators could find no evidence the debt had been repaid. So they did not uphold the complaint.

Mrs T asked for this review of her complaint by an ombudsman. She thinks the debt must have been repaid from the proceeds of sale of a property which was charged to the bank.

She also thinks it unfair the bank should now be pursuing her for the debt, as it is upsetting her retirement plans.

my findings

I have considered all the available evidence and arguments to decide what is fair and reasonable in the circumstances of this complaint.

I am sorry to disappoint Mrs T but I think the adjudicators reached the right conclusion in this case. There is simply no evidence the overdraft was repaid. I cannot fairly require the bank to write off a debt which is apparently still owing to it. This is so, I am afraid to say, regardless of the effect on Mrs T's retirement plans.

my final decision

I do not uphold this complaint.

Roger Yeomans ombudsman