

Letters 1916-1923

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Part II

Researching the 1916-1923 Period

For these case studies, you will use, in addition to Letters 1916-1923, other digital resources such as the 1911 Irish census records. For this part of the treasure hunt, you will need to figure out where to find the information you need.

Case Study - Austin Stack

Austin Stack was a key member of the **Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB)** and the **Irish Volunteers** in **County Kerry**. Using **Wikipedia**, you can find out information about Stack's life before 1916 and after. In the **Bureau of Military History** records you can read first-hand accounts about Stack, written by people who knew him and fought alongside him. With **Letters 1916-1923**, you can track Stack's thoughts and locations as he writes. You will need Austin Stack's **Wikipedia** entry and **Úna C Stack's witness statement (Bureau of Military History)** to complete the questions below.

1. How many letters are there in the Letters of 1916 collection that concern Austin Stack? _____
2. Where was Austin Stack born? _____
3. Stack died in 1929, where is he buried? _____
4. Where does Stack write to Mabel Fitzgerald on 4 June 1916 from?



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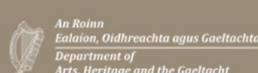
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5. What date was Stack sentenced for his part in the Easter Rising?

6. What role did Stack hold in the First Dáil (1919-1921)? _____

7. What side did Stack take during the Civil War and what was his role during the conflict?

8. Who is 'Ireland's unworthy son,' according to Stack's letter of 18th June?



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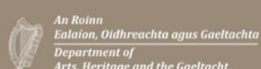
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Challenge Questions

9. What year was Austin Stack sworn into the Irish Republican Brotherhood and who swore him in?

10. Where did Pádraig Pearse tell Stack that guns would be landed on Easter Sunday?

11. Why did Stack oppose rescuing Sir Roger Casement?

12. Did Stack's wife know that he was a member of the IRB?



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